

32th Annual Contest Results

October 15th-16th, 2016

1. Claire van Breemen Downes Memorial Grand Prize

Award: *Judged by Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer, CO*

1st place- **Conflagration**, Colin Chambers,
Good Thunder MN

2nd place- **Planning a Poetry Party with a Cheese Head
of Billy Collins**, Susan Stevens Chambers,
Good Thunder MN

3rd place- **Floating in Federal Setting Level Four**,
Mary Jo Robinson-Jamison, St. Paul MN

(Honorable Mentions)

1st- **Bronze Deer**, Deborah Rasmussen, Duluth MN

2nd- **Medical History**, Nicole Borg, Wabasha MN

3rd- **Empty Nesters**, Charmaine Pappas Donovan,
Brainerd MN

(Awards of Merit)

1st- **Personal Confession**, Dennis Herschbach, Sartell MN

2nd- **Lieutenant's Wife**, Margaret Anderegg, Odessa TX

3rd- **Lockdown Villanelle**, Micki Blenkush St Cloud MN

2. Stevens Family Award:

Judged by Cynthia Nankee, MI

1st place- **Seven Card Studs**,
Murray McCartan, Richfield MN

2nd place- **Isolation - Echo Sonnet**,
Barbara Blanks, Garland TX

3rd place- **In Your Wake**, Alan Perry, Eden Prairie MN
(Honorable Mentions)

1st- **Spiderweb**, Patricia Barnes, Wynadotte MI

2nd- **Exchange**, Lynda La Rocca, Twin Lakes CO

3rd- **People Say Good Things - after Karin Gottshall**,
Lauren Carlson, Dawson MN

(Awards of Merit)

1st- **Irreconcilable Similarities**,
Larry Voeller, Roseville MN

2nd- **An Inconstant Love**,
LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair OK

3rd- **The Door (after Leonard Cohen)**,
Jan Chronister, Maple WI

4th- **My Father's Lunchbox: A Pantoum**,
Joyce Stockton, New Brighton MN

3. Banfill-Locke Art Writing Award:

Judged by Madelyn Eastlund, FL

1st place- **Mysteries of the Singing Waters**,
Caroline Walton, Crystal River FL

2nd place- **Through Birds, Through Fire but Not
Through Glass**, Morgan Grayce Willow, Minneapolis MN

3rd place- **Blue Morning Glories – 1938 Georgia
O'Keefe**, Christina Flaughter, Mapleton MN

(Honorable Mentions)

1st- **To Vincent**, Becky Alexander, Cambridge ON

2nd- **Visiting Dali**, Doris Stengel, Brainerd MN

3rd- **Change was Coming**, Charles Firmage, Boise ID

4. Blizzard Writers Award:

Judged by Budd Powell Mahan, TX

1st place - **Nothing is New Under the Sun**,
Charmaine Pappas Donovan, Brainerd MN

2nd place - **Wearing Mother's Genes**,
Laura Hansen, Little Falls MN

3rd place - **Grape Ivy**,
Morgan Grayce Willow, Minneapolis MN

(Honorable Mentions)

1st- **Maturity**, Peggy Trojan, Brule WI

2nd- **The Horizon Won't Sit Still**,
Murray McCartan, Richfield MN

3rd- **The Invisible Old**,
LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair OK

(Awards of Merit)

1st- **Still Trying to Grow**,
Catherine Moran, Little Rock AR

2nd- **Classic**, Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield AL

5. Woodtick Poets Award:

Mary-Ann Westbrook, GA

1st place - **Bouquet of Decay**, Brian Volz, Stuart IA

2nd place - **How the Night Moves**,
Laura Hansen, Little Falls MN

3rd place - **All the Little Creatures**,
LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair OK

6. Southern MN Poets Society Award:

Judged by Polly Opsahl, MI

1st place- **November Nightmare**,
Susan McMillan, Rochester MN

2nd place- **Her Misread Sign**,
Dennis Herschbach, Sartell MN

3rd place- **Lost**, Sally Clark, Fredricksburg TX

(Honorable Mentions)

1st- **Flinging Penance**, Christina Flaugher, Mapleton MN

2nd- **For Five Short Days**, Sandy Bot-Miller, St. Cloud MN

3rd-**Consolidation**,

Cheryl Weibye Wilke, Bloomington MN

(Awards of Merit)

1st- **Enchanted**, Mary O'Connor, Minneapolis MN

2nd- **Refuge**, Kathryn Knudson, Minneapolis MN

3rd- **A Chronicle of Letters**, Ellen Lager, Robbinsdale MN

4th- **The Major of St Lo**, Doris DiSavino, Lanchester PA

7. Grand View Award: *Judged by Eleanor Berry, OR*

1st place- **Maggie Kelly's Gift**,

Nancy Cook, St. Paul MN

2nd place- **Shame**, Victor Klimoski, St. Paul MN

3rd place- **Is It Time?**,

Mary Willette Hughes, Waite Park MN

(Honorable Mentions)

1st- **A Grand Piano**, Doris Stengel, Brainerd MN

2nd- **Boots on the Ground**, Micki Blenkush, St Cloud MN

3rd- **Spell**, Mary O'Connor, Minneapolis MN

(Awards of Merit)

1st- **The Elephant in the Poems**,

Linda Eve Diamond, Port Orange FL

2nd- **Reservations**, Kathryn Knudson, Minneapolis MN

3rd- **Liberating the Mower**, Sara Gipson, Scott AZ

4th- **Who Sinned?**, Ruben Rivera, Minneapolis MN

8. Lillian Osborne Memorial Award:

Judged by Barbara Funke UT

1st place- **Saturday Mail Delivery**,

Robert La Fleur, Ponsford MN

2nd place- **Poet's Confession**, Nicole Borg, Wabasha MN

3rd place- **The Gospel of Bulldog**,

Ruben Rivera, Minneapolis MN

(Honorable Mentions)

1st- **At the Loom**, Murray McCartan, Richfield MN

2nd- **Make Do or Do Without**,

Sally Clark, Fredricksburg TX

3rd- **Cirrus**, Colin Chambers, Good Thunder MN

(Award of Merit)

1st- **April**, M.B. LaWent, Ishpeming MI

9. John & Helen Pappas Memorial Award: *Judged by*

Marilyn Baszczyński, IA

1st place- **Americana, Brazil**, Jessica Temple, Madison AL

2nd place- **Danish Dumplings**, Deborah Rasmussen,

Duluth MN

3rd place- **Flying Father Home**, Laura Hansen,

Little Falls MN

(Honorable Mentions)

1st- **Speechless**, Victor Klimoski, St. Paul MN

2nd- **Resting with Ancestors**, Murray McCartan,

Richfield, MN

3rd-**Rusty Crawford's Family Tree**, Doris DiSavino,

Lancaster PA

(Awards of Merit)

1st- **Derricks & Dreidls**, Davi Walders, Chevy Chase MD

2nd- **One Irish Muses**, JeanMarie Purcell, Eugene OR

3rd- **Genealogy (For Sis)**, Wilda Morris, Bolingbrook IL

10. Florence Hynes Willette Memorial Award:

Judged by Julie Cummings, CO

1st place- **Young Boy on Television**,

Wilda Morris, Bolingbrook IL

2nd place- **Prayer for Nothing**,

Ruben Rivera, Minneapolis, MN

3rd place- **This Is Not A Protest Poem**,

Nicole Borg, Wabasha MN

(Honorable Mention)

1st- **Testimony**, Laura Hansen, Little Falls MN

2nd- **The New Colossus**, Ruth Berman, Minneapolis MN

3rd- **Child's Song**, Cheryl Weibye Wilke, Bloomington MN

(Awards of Merit)

1st- **Morpheme Blues**, Sandra Howlett, Stillwater MN

2nd- **Another Soldier**, Tanya Whitney, Sorrento LA

3rd- **When A Child Asks Again**,

Micki Blenkush, St. Cloud MN

4th- **Chances**, Peggy Trojan, Brule WI

11. Musica Award: *Judged by Kolette Montague, WY*

1st place- **Galway Jamming**, Nancy Cook, St. Paul MN

2nd place- **Practicing on an Old Opright**,

Sandy Bot-Miller, St. Cloud MN

3rd place: **Water**, Kathleen Pettit, Bloomington MN

(Honorable Mentions)

1st- **Ode to an Anglo Concertina**, Mary O'Connor,

Minneapolis MN

2nd- **Downtown Dancer**,

Jennifer Hernandez, New Hope, MN

3rd- **October Shines**, Barbara Blanks, Garland TX

(Awards of Merit)

- 1st- **Blues Moon**, Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield AL
2nd- **Blast from the Past**, Nick Sweet, Shepherd TX
3rd- **Insomnia in Joplin, MO**,
Mary Willette Hughes, Waite Park MN
4th- **Jazz Postlude**,
Susan Stevens Chambers, Good Thunder MN

12. You Go, Dennis! Award:

Judged by Grace Curtis, OH

- 1st place- **If I Live**, Steven Vogel, Rochester, MN
2nd place- **Until the Cows Come Home**,
Pauline Mounsey, Sun City West, AZ
3rd place- **On the Nature of Goodness and Gratitude**,
Laura Hansen, Little Falls MN

(Honorable Mentions)

- 1st- **Dear Mrs. Bethune**, Davi Walders, Chevy Chase MD
2nd- **A Good Poem**, Sandy Bot-Miller, St. Cloud MN
3rd- **The Trailblazers**,
Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines IA

(Awards of Merit)

- 1st- **The Professor**,
Mary Willette Hughes, Waite Park MN
2nd- **An Outdoor Wedding in May**,
Sara Gipson, Scott AZ
3rd- **Trees**, Mardi Knudson, St. Cloud MN
4th- **Doings At Our Old Folks Home**, JeanMarie Purcell,

13. Southeastern MN Poets Award:

Judged by Laural Winter, OR

- 1st place- **The Trail**, Patricia Barnes, Wyandotte MI
2nd place- **Prophesied Conclusions**,
Christina Flaughter, Mapleton, MN
3rd place- **Stay Awake**, Victor Klimoski, St. Paul MN

(Honorable Mentions)

- 1st- **Sailing Back from Madagascar**,
Micki Blenkush, St. Cloud MN
2nd- **Destination**, Jan Chronister, Maple WI
3rd- **Thinking of Robert Frost on a Winter Walk**,
Barbara Blanks, Garland TX

(Awards of Merit)

- 1st- **Black Hole**, Ruben Rivera, Minneapolis MN
2nd- **I Awake**, Mardi Knudson, St. Cloud MN
3rd- **Finding My Way Home**,
Steven Concert, Harveys Lake PA
4th- **Frost's Footprints**, Beverly Stanislawski, Crown Pt IN

14. Lost in Translation Award:

Judged by Lisa Salinas, TX

- 1st place- **Chopsticks**, Steven Vogel, Rochester MN
2nd place- **Subway Languages**, Sara Gipson, Scott AZ
3rd place- **Japanese Trip**,
Charmaine Pappas Donovan, Brainerd MN

(Honorable Mentions)

- 1st- **Chrestomathy**,
Susan Stevens Chambers, Good Thunder MN
2nd- **Margin Notes**, Victor Klimoski, St. Paul MN
3rd- **Depaysement**, Jessica Temple, Madison AL
(Awards of Merit)
1st- **Two Conversations**, Shirley Ensrud, Blue Earth MN
2nd- **East Meets West**, Dennis Herschbach, Sartell MN
3rd- **I've Lost the Language**, Laura Hansen, Little Falls MN
4th- **Kick the Bucket**,
Ruth Schmidt-Baeumler, Two Harbors, MN

15. Stepping Off the Cliff Award:

Judged by Russel Strauss, TN

- 1st place- **Selkie Wife**, Becky Alexander, Cambridge ON
2nd place- **Moving Day**, Christine Kallman, Northfield MN
3rd place- **After the Quarrel**,
LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair OK

(Honorable Mentions)

- 1st- **Winthrop Park—Yesterday**,
Madelyn Eastlund, Beverly Hills FL
2nd- **Ode to Fire**, Sandy Bot-Miller, St. Cloud MN
3rd- **Halfway Home**, Rick Turdik, Glenwood MN

(Awards of Merit)

- 1st- **I Always Wondered**, Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield AL

16. Heartland Poets Award:

Judged by B.J. Alligood, FL

- 1st place- **Fruitful**, Alan Perry, Eden Prairie MN
2nd place- **Still Air**, Mary Rudbeck Stanko, London ON
3rd place- **Art Project at the County Jail, A Collage
Titled "Happy People"**,
Doris Stengel, Brainerd MN

(Honorable Mentions)

- 1st- **Resignation**, Cheryl Weibye Wilke, Bloomington MN
2nd- **My Neighbor's New Garage**,
Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines IA
3rd- **Three Brothers**, Jennifer Hernandez, New Hope MN
(Awards of Merit)

- 1st- **The Hackensack Trio**, Bettye Cannizzo, Hartselle AL
2nd- **Winter Solstice**, Tanya Whitney, Sorrento LA
3rd- **The Cycle?**, Mary Willette Hughes, Waite Park MN
4th- **Fly Waking From Hibernation Mid-March**,
Jennifer Jesseph, Pine Island MN

17. Bring Back the Prairies Poetry Award:

Judged by Lucille Morgan Wilson, IA

- 1st place- **Sand Hills of Wheeler County, Nebraska**,
Susan Stevens Chamber, Blue Earth MN
2nd-place- **Blue Earth**, Steven Vogel, Rochester MN
3rd place- **A Letter From the Prairie, 1878**,
Deborah Goschy, Eagle Lake, MN

(Honorable Mentions)

- 1st- **Drop By Drop**, Barbara Blanks, Garland TX
2nd- **Lesson At Pipestone Quarry**,
Dennis Herschbach, Sartell MN
3rd- **Prairie Madness**, Mary Rudbeck Stanko, London ON

18. Minnesota Pen Women Award: *Judged by Lynda*

La Rocca, CO

- 1st place- **The Ticking of the Clock**,
LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair OK
2nd place- **Blues Man**, Dr. Emory Jones, Luka MS
3rd place- **Signs of a Prairie Town**,
Dennis Herschbach, Sartell MN

(Honorable Mentions)

- 1st- **Blizzard**, Margaret Daphne Anderegg, Odessa TX
2nd- **Grounds Keepers**, Vera Ogden Bakker, Bountiful UT
3rd- **The Goddess**, Jane Callahan, Rochester MN

(Awards of Merit)

- 1st- **Plowing Season**, Cynthia Weber Nankee, Canton MI
2nd- **Woe! to Faux**, Barbara Blanks, Garland TX
3rd- **Cosmic Wanderlust**,
Steven Concert, Harveys Lake PA
4th- **Conservation Easements**,
Julie Cummings, Conifer CO

19. Oh! Minnesota Award:

Judged by Melissa Downes, PA

- 1st place- **A Stroll in Below Freezing Temperatures**,
Sandy Bot-Miller St. Cloud MN
2nd place- **Some Saving Grace**,
Sr. Rafael Tilton, Rochester MN
3rd place- **Land of the Tough**,
Deborah Goschy, Eagle Lake MN

(Honorable Mentions)

- 1st- **Crow Wing Wild**,
Mary Rudbeck Stanko, London Ontario
2nd- **The River Marks the End of the World**,
Lauren Carlson, Dawson MN
3rd- **Oh! Minnesota**, Susan McMillan, Rochester MN
(Awards of Merit)

- 1st- **Transplants**, Nicole Borg, Wabasha, MN
2nd- **South of Forbes**, Jan Chronister, Maple WI
3rd- **Call of the Loon**, Michael Escoubas, Bloomington IL

20. Mississippi Valley Poets & Writers Haiku Award:

Judged by Steven Concert, PA

- 1st place- **Black Autumn Branches**,
Meredith Cook, Blue Earth MN
2nd place- **Tiny Tasseled Hats**,
Robert La Fleur, Ponsford MN
3rd place- **Daggers slash curtains**,
Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines IA

(Honorable Mentions)

- 1st- **Moonflowers Blossom**,
Pauline Mounsey, Sun West City AZ
2nd- **Redwing Blackbird Sings**,
Susan Stevens Chambers, Good Thunder MN
3rd- **Aromatic White**, Von S. Bourland, Happy TX

(Awards of Merit)

- 1st- **Aspen Leaves Flutter**,
Vera Ogden Bakker Bountiful UT
2nd- **Red Berriesbush**, Doris Stengel, Brainerd MN
3rd- **Daffodils Shimmer**, Dr. Emory D. Jones, Luka MS
4th- **Lady April Brings**, Doris DiSavino, Lancaster PA

21. Let Love Show Award: *Judged by Joe Cavanaugh, FL*

- 1st place- **Unsaid**, Deb Goschy, Eagle Lake MN
2nd place- **I Am Your Light You Can Read By**,
Jennifer Jesseph, Pine Island MN
3rd place- **Me Te Amo**,
Susan Stevens Chambers, Good Thunder MN

(Honorable Mentions)

- 1st- **Daybreak Meditation**,
Christina Flaughter, Mapleton, MN
2nd- **Carnival Ride**, Susan McMillan, Rochester MN
3rd- **New Life**, Dennis Herschbach, Sartell, MN

(Awards of Merit)

- 1st- **Lacking You, I Lack All**, Ruth Hill,
Chetwynd British Columbia