

LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA POETS

28th Annual Contest Results October 12, 2012

1. Lorraine Schwanke Mueller

Memorial Grand Prize Award

Judge: Diane Glancy, Monrovia, California

First: Cheryl Weibye Wilke, Bloomington, MN
“The essence of home”

Second: Constance Snyder, East Thetford, VT “Like a Dimmed Room”

Third: Cheryl Weibye Wilke, Bloomington, MN “Sacred Dog”

Honorable Mention:
Christina M. Flaughter, Mapleton, MN
“To Reach My Brother”

Awards of Merit:

1. Charmaine Pappas Donovan, Brainerd, MN “For Mary, Wherever She Sleeps”
2. Valerie Bump, Fallbrook, CA “What Is Your Status”
3. Florence Bruce, Memphis, TN “Witness”
4. Laura L. Hansen, Little Falls, MN
“Today, the River with its Strange Dark Gifts”
5. Meg Eden, Gambrills, MD “The Carpenter”

Citation:

1. Jan Chronister, Maple, WI “Baby Boom”
2. Nicole Borg, Wabasha, MN “Trolling”
3. Nicole Borg, Wabasha, MN “Balboa Park, 1999”

2. Woodtick Poets Award Judge:

Cathy Tenzo, Seattle, WA

First: Vera Ogden Bakker, West Bountiful, UT “Losing it”

Second: Jan Chronister, Maple, WI
“For Katie”

Third: Ruth Schmidt-Baeumler, Two Harbors, MN “Catch and Release”

Honorable Mention:

Cheryl Weibye Wilke, Bloomington, MN
“Hook, Line & Sinker”

Awards of Merit:

1. Dennis Herschbach, Sartell, MN “Movie Artist”
2. Robert La Fleur, Ponsford, MN “wait here”
3. Juanita Watts, Layton, UT “Much Ado”

3. Stevens Family Award Judge:

Catherine L'Herrison, Garland, TX

First: Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines, IA “Now The Child”

Second: Mary Willette Hughes, Waite Park, MN “Anger”

Third: Christina M. Flaughter, Mapleton, MN “Daytime Music Lessons”

Honorable Mention:

Dennis Herschbach, Sartell, MN “April Magic”

Awards of Merit:

1. Laura L. Hansen, Little Falls, MN “You Go First”
2. Peggy Trojan, Brule, WI “Assurance”
3. Robert La Fleur, Ponsford, MN “A Bar Of Soap, A Towel”
4. Von S. Bourland, Happy, TX “A Portrait of Friendship”
5. LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK “At Parting”

Citations:

1. Virginia Mortenson, Des Moines, IA
“Patient Love and Impatiens”
2. Linda Parks, Sarasota, FL “The Man That Got Away”
3. Vera Ogden Bakker, West Bountiful, UT
“In the Parking Lot at Wal-Mart”

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4. Writ in Water Award Judge: ***Madelyn Eastlund, Beverly Hills, FL***

First: Dennis Herschbach, Sartell, MN
“To a Mentor”

Second: Doris Stengel, Brainerd, MN
“Homage”

Third: Robert La Fleur, Ponsford, MN
“Child Waiting”

Honorable Mention: Charmaine Pappas Donovan, Brainerd, MN
“Ambivalence”

Awards of Merit:

1. Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL “I Am”

2. Peggy Trojan, Brule, WI “Poems
Crowd My Mind”

3. Laura L. Hansen, Little Falls, MN
“Wanting More”

4. Ruth Schmidt-Baeumler, Two Harbors, MN “Writing Flows”

5. Von S. Bourland, Happy, TX
“Conception”

Citation:

1. Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT
“Cutting Out the Angel”

2. Mary Willette Hughes, Waite Park, MN
“The Muse Comes To Me”

5 Southern Minnesota Poets

Award Judge: Budd Powell ***Mahan, Dallas, TX***

First: Shirley Smith Franklin, Arden Hills, MN “Pieta”

Second: Mary Willette Hughes, Waite Park, MN “Stray Bullet”

Third: Peggy Trojan, Brule, WI “Betty Blue”

Honorable Mention:

Sandy Beach, St. Louis Park, MN
“Waiting Room”

Awards of Merit:

1. Doris Stengel, Brainerd, MN “A Mickey Mouse Life”

2. Tom Spencer, Lowell, IN “Oligarchy of Oil”

3. John Calvin Rezmerski, Mankato, MN “Cassie’s Journal”

4. Juanita Watts, Layton, UT “Good Night—A Ghost Story”

5. Madelyn Eastlund, Beverly Hills, FL
“Double, Hop, Step...”

Citations:

1. Susan McMillan, Rochester, MN
“Happy Memory”

2. Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL
“Chance Meeting”

6. Helen Pappas Memorial Award

Judge: Clarence P. Sowell, ***Ogden, UT***

First: Sandy Beach, St. Louis Park, MN
“Sepia Memorium”

Second: Linda Parks, Sarasota, FL
“Milling About With the Ancients”

Third: Kate Halverson, Lake City, MN
“Lost Treasures”

Honorable Mention:

Mary Willette Hughes, Waite Park, MN
“My Mother”

Awards of Merit:

1. Meredith R. Cook, Blue Earth, MN “The Golden Link”

2. Charmaine Pappas Donovan, Brainerd, MN
“Remembrance”

3. Ruth Hill, Chetwynd, BC, Canada “Were You There, and Did You Do?”

4. Christina M. Flaughner, Mapleton, MN. “Poem for My Mother”

5. Luke Anderson, Battle Lake, MN “The Plowman Passes”

Citations:

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1. Dennis Herschbach, Sartell, MN “Linked by a Thread”
2. Sr. Rafael Tilton, Rochester, MN “My Dad Was an Irrigator”

7. Florence Hynes Willette

Memorial Award Judge: J. Paul Holcomb, Double Oak, Texas

First: Constance Snyder, East Thetford, VT “And None Will Pretend They Don’t See Him”

Second: Charmaine Pappas Donovan, Brainerd, MN “Hunger & Insults: Impetus For War”

Third: Meredith R. Cook, Blue Earth, MN “Next To Godliness”

Honorable Mention: Von S. Bourland, Happy, TX “Color Blind”

Awards of Merit:

1. Dennis Herschbach, Sartell, MN “Against the Odds”
2. Susan McMillan, Rochester, MN “Inauguration 2009”
3. Peggy Trojan, Brule, WI “Overdue Mail”
4. Clarence P. Socwell, Ogden, UT “The Street Drummer”
5. John Calvin Rezmerski, Mankato, MN “The Old Minister Rethinks Divorce”

Citations:

1. Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines, IA “Too Close To The Trees”
2. Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT “What Burns”

8. Roy B. Moore Memorial Award

Judge: Kathryn Clement, Mesa, AZ

First: Laura L. Hansen, Little Falls, MN “My Father’s Eyes”

Second: Charmaine Pappas Donovan, Brainerd, MN “The Big Six-O”

Third: Charles K. Firmage, Kuna, ID “Faith And Defiance”

Honorable Mention: Ruth Schmidt-Baeumler, Two Harbors, MN “Housewarming Blessing”

9. Lilian Osborn Memorial Award

Judge: Laurel Winter, Asheville, North Carolina

First: Robert La Fleur, Ponsford, MN “One-Eyed Sneaky And Sooooo Singing”

Second: Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT “Consider the Composition”

Third: Clarence P. Socwell, Ogden UT “Refraction”

Honorable Mention:

Laura L. Hansen, Little Falls, MN “Aspiration”

Awards of Merit:

1. John Calvin Rezmerski, Mankato, MN “August Day At The Lake”
2. Doris Stengel, Brainerd, MN “Ode To The Chokecherry”
3. Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines, IA “Nightwatch”
4. Charmaine Pappas Donovan, Brainerd, MN “Stream Of Seasons”
5. Cheryl Weibye Wilke, Bloomington, MN “Cruise Ship Queen”

Citations:

1. Susan McMillan, Rochester, MN “Night Light”
2. Charles Johnson, Brainerd, MN. “Cool Jazz, Real Jazz, Hot Jazz”

10. Blizzard Writers Award Judge: Rita Bowles, Washougal, WA

First: Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines, IA “At Winter’s Edge”

Second: David Simms, Berryville, VA “In the Camp of Dirty Men”

Third: Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT “While My Computer Defragments”

Honorable Mention:

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Charmaine Pappas Donovan, Brainerd,
MN “Adaptation”

Awards of Merit:

1. Meredith R. Cook, Blue Earth, MN
“A Gray Area”
2. Meg Eden, Gambriells, MD “Production
Costs”
3. Mary Willette Hughes, Waite Park, MN
“St. Luke’s Nursing Home”
4. Linda Parks, Sarasota, FL “Can You
Hear Me Now?”
5. Maureen D. Baldwin, Rochester, MN
“Don’t Touch Me”

Citations:

1. Valerie Bump, Fallbrook, CA “Signs of
Living”
2. LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK “At
The Seniors’ Dance”
3. Lee Ann Russell, Springfield, MO
“Taking Turns”

11. You Go, Christina! Award Judge: **Elaine Christensen, Sandy, Utah**

First: Laura L. Hansen, Little Falls, MN
“Ways to Call Them Home”

Second: Linda Parks, Sarasota, FL
“Scars and Medals”

Third: Shirley Smith Franklin, Arden
Hills, MN “Sweet Sixteen”

Honorable Mention:

Jan Chronister, Maple, WI “Painting
Myself into a Corner”

Awards of Merit:

1. Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines, IA
“December”
2. Peggy Trojan, Brule, WI, “Phone Call”
3. Charmaine Pappas Donovan, Brainerd,
MN “What Color Is Your Hair?”
4. Kate Halverson, Lake City, MN “S’Cuse
Me”
5. Dennis Herschbach, Sartell, MN, “After
the Funeral”

Citations:

1. Meredith R. Cook, Blue Earth, MN
“Advance Disclosure”
2. Ruth Schmidt-Baeumler, Two
Harbors, MN “Standing in Need”

12. Southeastern Mn Poets Award

**Judge: Russell Strauss, Memphis,
Tennessee**

First: Pauline Mounsey, Sun City West,
AZ “Another Tornado”

Second: Virginia Mortenson, Des
Moines, IA “Word Pirate”

Third: Vera Ogden Bakker, West
Bountiful, UT “The Homeless Wind”

Honorable Mention: Charmaine
Pappas Donovan, Brainerd, MN “Storm
Phobia”

Awards of Merit:

1. Tom Spencer, Lowell, IN “Pleasant
Moon”
2. Sr. Rafael Tilton, Rochester, MN
“The Truth”

13. Critters Award Judge: Jim Barton, Huttig, Arkansas

First: Laura L. Hansen, Little Falls, MN
“If I Named You”

Second: Dennis Herschbach, Sartell,
MN “The Spiral Wonder”

Third: John Calvin Rezmerski,
Mankato, MN “Chien Du Chine”

Honorable Mention: Peter Stein,
Coon Rapids, MN “Anima”

Awards of Merit:

1. Sr. Rafael Tilton, Rochester, MN
“Lessons from Nature”
2. Juanita Watts, Layton, UT “Respect
of Crows”
3. Ruth Hill, Chetwynd, BC, Canada
“Awe”

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4. Doris Stengel, Brainerd, MN “Going Batty”
5. Susan McMillan, Rochester, MN “Hunting”

Citations:

1. Sandy Beach, St. Louis Park, MN “Turtle Trauma: A Real Life Drama”
2. Barbara J. Funke, Chesterton, IN “Burlesque Burlesque”

14.Hat Off to Jo Award Judge: *Cindy Stupnik, Watertown, South Dakota*

First: Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL
“Borrowed Light”

Second: John Calvin Rezmerski,
Mankato, MN “Fullness”

Third: Nicole Borg, Wabasha, MN
“Dear Jean”

Honorable Mention: Doris Stengel,
Brainerd, MN “Exploring The New
World”

Awards of Merit:

1. Von S. Bourland, Happy, TX “Keep It Sharp!”
2. Mary Willette Hughes, Waite Park, MN
“In Our Neighborhood”
3. Ruth Hill, Chetwynd, BC, Canada
“Walking with a Cow Calf Pair”
4. Rose Ann Spaith, Columbus, OH “Earth
Moves A Day Closer to its Death”
5. Laura L. Hansen, Little Falls, MN “Once
Again I Fail the Flowers”

Citations:

1. Dennis Herschbach, Sartell, MN
“Throwaways”
2. Cheryl Weibye Wilke, Bloomington, MN
“Losing Touch”

15.Louise Wear Memorial Award

Judge: *Kolette Montague,
Centerville, Utah*

First: Susan McMillan, Rochester, MN.
“A CROSS WORD”

Second: Laura L. Hansen, Little Falls,
MN “mother verse; A Magnetic Poetry
Poem”

Third: Dennis Herschbach, Sartell, MN
“I Win!”

Honorable Mention: Doris Stengel,
Brainerd, MN “Crossword Mania”

Awards of Merit:

1. Robert La Fleur, Ponsford, MN
“Someone Is Stealing This Poem”
2. *Poet forgot to put name on poem,
please id yourself for certificate* “The
Ditty Scoop”
3. Charmaine Pappas Donovan, Brainerd,
MN “Our Last Names Started with P”
4. Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL
“Whetstones”
5. Beverly Stanislawski, Crown Point, IN
“Puzzle Pro”

16.Stepping Off the Cliff Award

Judge: *Jeremy Downes, Auburn,
Alabama*

First: Nicole Borg, Wabasha, MN
“Small Grievs”

Second: Doris Stengel, Brainerd, MN
“Beached”

Third: Susan McMillan, Rochester,
MN. “Thorns”

Honorable Mention: Peter Stein,
Coon Rapids, MN “I Dream of Death”

Awards of Merit:

1. Robert La Fleur, Ponsford, MN “Thick
Soup”
2. Jan Chronister, Maple, WI “Back-to-
School Shopping at J.C. Penny’s”

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3. Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT “So Often, Sunsets Go Unnoticed”
4. Laura L. Hansen, Little Falls, MN “Other Rooms”
5. Juanita Watts, Layton, UT “If Winter Comes”

Citations:

1. Barbara J. Funke, Chesterton, IN “The Need to Jump”
2. Virginia Mortenson, Des Moines, IA “A Reading Woman”

17.Sonnet Award Judge: Naomi Simmons, Fort Worth, Texas

First: Lynda La Rocca, Twin Lakes, CO “If Only”

Second: Pauline Mounsey, Sun City West, AZ “You could...”

Third: Virginia Mortenson, Des Moines, IA “Life In The Last Lane”

Honorable Mention: LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK “A Fowl Situation”

Awards of Merit:

1. Caroline Walton, Crystal River, FL “Liquidation of an Existence”
2. Sr. Rafael Tilton, Rochester, MN “Adopted Son”
3. Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL “Polar”
4. Beverly Stanislawski, Crown Point, IN “Sea Battle”

18. Bridges Award Judge: Steven Concert, Harveys Lake, Pennsylvania

First: Von S. Bourland, Happy, TX “Walking on Air”

Second: Doris Stengel, Brainerd, MN “Almost Spring”

Third: Charmaine Pappas Donovan, Brainerd, MN “Where Traveled Roads Took Us”

Honorable Mention: Kate Halverson, Lake City, MN “Brief Encounters”

Awards of Merit:

1. Linda Parks, Sarasota, FL “Mistress of Ceremonies”
2. Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL “Progress”
3. Clarence P. Socwell, Ogden, UT “Route To Freedom”
4. Christina M. Flaughner, Mapleton, MN “Afternoon Sightseeing”

19.Haiku Award Judge: Gail Teachworth, Crystal River, Florida

First: Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT “caught in the eddy”

Second: Eric H. Read, Brigham City, UT “summer rain”

Third: Timothy Russell, Toronto, OH “dead of winter”

Honorable Mention:

Meredith R. Cook, Blue Earth, MN “In summer stillness,”

Awards of Merit:

1. Vera Ogden Bakker, West Bountiful, UT “scarlet maple leaves”
2. Dennis Herschbach, Sartell, MN “alabaster pose”
3. Lee Ann Russell, Springfield, MO “airborne in the wind”
4. Caroline Walton, Crystal River, FL “robins at sunset”
5. Christina M. Flaughner, Mapleton, MN “One dried corn husk blows”

Citation:

1. Maureen D. Baldwin, Rochester, MN “through her tears she smiles”
2. Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines, IA “cicada, seventeen years strong,”