

Hello PST Poets!

63rd Annual Festival and Contest

Reminder that you now have approximately 4 weeks left before Festival Contest poems are due (postmarked by 8/20). Time to wrap up those poems, proofread, and submit! All Festival poems and submittal fees are due to Lori Goetz, Contest Coordinator, 2153 Wood Creek Dr., Germantown, TN 38138.

Questions on any of the forms? Please see Florence Bruce's Blogspot, <http://poemsamples.blogspot.com/>.

Also, remember that several of our contests are funded by the contributions of members (including contest #1 and the oral poetry contests to be held the day of the Festival). Please send your contributions to Janet Qually, 4030 Summer Ave, Apt. 15, Memphis, TN 38122.

Plan to attend Festival on 10/19; registration is due by 9/20. Send registration and fees to JoAn Howerton, 2563 Twin Woods Cove, Memphis, TN 38134. Our schedule includes our speaker, Budd Powell Mahan; our oral poetry contests (traditional and performance poetry categories); and our readings and awards for the poetry contests.

Festival and Contest details are available on our website, <https://www.poetrytennessee.org/annual-festival-and-contest.html>.

Monthly Members-Only Contests

All PST members-only monthly contests are now posted. See our contest schedule below:

- September — Sponsor, Gail Denham; Subject: First Line Contest. Pick a first line of a poem by a favorite poet. Begin your poem with that line. Your poem will be totally different. Credit the poet for that line. Any form; 30 lines max; \$15/\$10/\$5
- November — Sponsor, PST-Knoxville; Subject, It's all relative — about a relative OR 2 or more related things. 25 lines; Form: Any. \$15-10-5
- December — Sponsor, JoAn Howerton; Subject: Memories of Christmas, Shakespearean sonnet; \$15/\$10/\$5
- January — Sponsor, Florence Bruce; Subject, any; Pantoum; 36 lines max; \$15/\$10/\$5
- February — Sponsor, Russell Strauss; Keep Your Sunny Side Up (a humorous poem or a poem about humor); \$15/\$10/\$5
- March — Sponsor, Lori Goetz; Subject: yellow; Free Verse; 20 lines max; \$15/\$10/\$5
- April — Sponsor: PST-NE; Subject: Any; Form: Any; 40 line max; \$25/\$15/\$10
- May — Sponsor: Howard S. Carman, Jr.; Subject: Science (any field); Form: Rhymed; 40 line max; \$25/\$15/\$10

All monthly contests are due the 20th of the preceding month. So, September's contest is due August 20th. This is a received by date. Monthly contest rules are shown on our website. Monthly members-only contests should be sent to Ann Carolyn Cates, 7471 Greenbrook Pkwy, Southaven, MS 38671.

West Tennessee Monthly Programs

PST-NE and PST-Knoxville websites/Facebook pages should be consulted for their upcoming programming.

PST-West Tennessee announces its programs through December 2019, below:

- August 14 (Wednesday) — reading at Café Eclectic, 6-8 (results of the Annual Summer Contest will be announced)
- September 7 (Saturday) — White Station Public Library, 2-4, poetry form by Russell Strauss and a read-aloud contest ("You Be The Judge" – have a poem and \$1 to contribute to the "pot"!)
- October 5 — White Station Public Library, 2-3, board meeting – no poetry today, members welcome
- October 19 — Southwest Tennessee Community College, 9-4, Festival
- November — White Station Public Library, 2-4, poetry terminology by Florence Bruce; a discussion of the new US Poet Laureate, Joy Harjo – find a poem she has written, bring it to share and discuss
- December — holiday party, location to be announced

Note to all West Tennessee members: we are revising meeting format! Attendees, we will hold open readings at each meeting (bring your own work to read!!!); we will also hold Russell's Critiquing Challenges during the meeting, in addition to the programs outlined above. We will summarize business prior to breaking for refreshments and then adjourn the poetry-related portion of the meeting. The board will hold a brief business meeting after refreshments; members are welcome to attend, if they wish. Otherwise, business will be summarized in meeting minutes and at the next meeting.

Congratulations (Again) to NFSPS Winners and Judges

I sent this before, but wanted to congratulate everyone again. I haven't had any corrections, so these are our PST winners from NFSPS. For next year, if you belong to multiple societies, don't hesitate to list more than one so I can find you faster!

Poet	Contest	Award
Barbara Blanks	1 (NFSPS Founders)	1HM
	6 (Donald Stodghill Memorial)	1 st
	11 (Florida)	4HM
	13 (Land of Enchantment)	7HM
	17 (Minnesota)	3 rd
	21 (William Stafford Memorial)	4HM
	25 (Poets Roundtable of Arkansas)	3 rd
	31 (Illinois)	6HM
	40 (Oklahoma)	1 st
	47 (Maine)	1HM
49 (Poets Northwest)	3 rd	
Von S. Bourland	36 (Jesse Stuart)	7HM
	40 (Oklahoma)	3HM
Howard Carman, Jr	17 (Minnesota Poets)	2HM
Ann Carolyn Cates	21 (William Stafford Memorial)	6HM
	33 (Minute Award)	7HM
Gail Denham	20 (Nevada)	3 rd
	45 (Wyopoets)	7HM
	49 (Poets Northwest)	1 st
Sara Gipson	4 (Margo Award)	2HM
	19 (Indiana)	1HM
	37 (Humorous)	2HM
	39 (Alice Mackenzie Swaim)	2HM
Lori Goetz	25 (Poets Roundtable of Arkansas)	3HM
	29 (Utah)	7HM
Fay Guinn	27 (Freeda Murphy)	2 nd
Mark Hudson	27 (Freeda Murphy)	1HM
Emory Jones	24 (Morton & Elise Prouty)	3HM
	45 (Wyopoets)	6HM
Rose Klix	2 (Diamond T)	2HM
Rita Moritz	18 (Jessica C. Saunders)	7HM
Harvey Stone	9 (Children's Hour)	1 st
	48 (Miriam K. Strauss)	4HM
Russell Strauss	13 (Land of Enchantment)	3HM
	16 (Mildred Vorpahl Bass)	4HM
	18 (Indiana)	6HM
	37 (Humorous)	3HM
	39 (Alice Mackenzie Swaim)	4HM
	43 (Tennessee)	5HM

Corrected list of Judges:

Finally, a big thank you to all of our PST members who judged for NFSPS: Rita Moritz, Rose Klix, Janice Hornburg, Ann Carolyn Cates, Florence Bruce, Janet Qually, Russell Strauss, Tamara Baxter, and Sharon Fox.

And many thanks to JoAn Howerton, for all of her work with NFSPS.