

Hello again, Poets. I hope you had an enjoyable and productive June writing poetry for the August Members-Only Contest and also for the 64th Annual Poetry Contests.

It has been very different for many of us this year, not being able to take summer vacations or enjoy many favorite outside activities. The positive element of the contest for August is that it is about past vacations and road trips. Through your writing, you can re-experience that time, momentarily and mentally, taking yourself out of isolation and into that favorite adventure. Hopefully, you will participate.

Members-Only Contest for August:

Road Trip: my favorite vacation, any form, 40 lines max

Please remember to have your poem postmarked by July 15th and mailed to the Monthly Contest Chair:

Ann Carolyn Cates, 7471 Greenbrook Pkwy, Southaven, MS 38671

Contests' Winners - NFSPS

Once again, congratulations to all PST members who won/placed in the NFSPS National Contest:

- Sara Gipson 3 (3), 23 (3HM), 47 (7HM)
- Von Bourland 3 (1HM), 7 (5HM), 9 (3HM), 22 (5HM), 42 (3), 44 (6HM)
- Janet Qually 3 (2HM)
- Russell Strauss 3 (5HM), 9 (5HM), 25 (7HM), 24 (5HM), 44 (7HM), 47 (6HM), 50 (7HM)
- Harvey Stone 3 (6HM), 14 (3)
- Barbara Blanks 5 (2HM), 12 (4HM), 15 (2HM), 34 (3), 36 (3HM), 38 (5HM), 40 (2), 49 (1)
- Lori Goetz 7 (2)
- Charles Firmage 13 (2), 17 (7HM)
- Jonathan Bennett 16 (2HM), 35 (2)
- Ann Carolyn Cates 22 (1)
- Gail Denham 26 (7HM), 35 (2HM), 37 (5HM)
- Emory Jones 35 (5HM), 37 (3), 50 (2)
- Fay Guinn 36 (2), 45 (2HM)

Thank you to everyone from PST who judged: Ann Carolyn Cates, Lori Goetz, Florence Bruce, Rose Klix, Rita Moritz, Janet Qually, Russell Strauss, and Barbara Blanks.

2020/2021 Members-Only Contests

We have announced/posted our 2020/2021 Monthly Members-Only Contests. These are all posted on our website:

- September — Sponsor: Pamela Watson, Subject: Any, Form: Iambic pentameter, rhymed or blank verse, Lines: 40 max
- November — Sponsor: Lori Goetz, Subject: The hunter or the hunted, Form: any, Lines: 24 max
- December — Sponsor: Florence Bruce, Subject: Any, Form: Blank verse narrative, Lines: 40 max
- January — Sponsor: Carol Roberts, Subject: Any, Form: Ghazal, Lines: 10-24
- February — Sponsor: Russell Strauss, Subject: “Get a Job” — on the subject of jobs, work or retirement from work, Form: Any, Lines: 10-30 lines
- March — Sponsor: Ruby Jones, Subject: Justice, Form: Any, Lines: 40 max
- April — Sponsor: PST NE, Subject: Any, Form: Any, Lines: 40 max
- May — Sponsor: Howard Carman, Jr., Subject: Any, Form: Petrarchan Sonnet, Lines: 14

Submission rules:

- **Submit 2 copies:** one with the name of the contest in the upper left; the second with the name of the contest in the upper left, and the poet's ID information in the upper right (name, address, phone, email). An address label/sticker is acceptable. Poems 2 pages or longer must be stapled, and must have ID on both pages of the IDed copy.
- Poems must be typed or computer generated in 11 or 12 point font. No onion skin paper. No hand-written poems.
- All poems must be postmarked no later than the 15th of the prior month; for example, if you are submitting a poem for the January contest, poems must be postmarked no later than December 15th.
- We are very sorry, but we do not accept electronic submittals at this time; all monthly entries must be submitted in hardcopy as described above.
- Send all entries to the Monthly Contest Chair: Ann Carolyn Cates, 7471 Greenbrook Pkwy, Southaven, MS 38671.

Student Contests

PST's 2020/2021 Student Contest is posted on our website and on PST's Facebook page. I've attached the brochure below.

Summer is a great time to circulate this information to parents, students, teachers, home school associations, librarians, thespian or forensics clubs,

and anyone else who can integrate PST's contest into their plans for next year. Please reach out to your contacts, so that we can spread the word!

Festival/Contest

Time to remind everyone you have FIVE WEEKS LEFT to finish your poems for our 64th Annual Contest. Lost the brochure? You can find another copy on our website, or email our Contest Coordinator, Lori Goetz at plmegoetz@bellsouth.net. All submissions are due August 10th. You have 21 great contests to pick from! And don't forget Contest #8, which is for Young Adults ages 16-23 – spread the word, because I'm sure they have a lot to say on the topic ("Social Issues facing Youths in 2020").

July PST Poetry Reading Invitation from Lori

Please respond in the invitation to Yes – Maybe - No

You have been invited to the following event.

PST Poetry Reading
When Tue Jul 14, 2020 7pm – 8:30pm Central Time - Chicago

Joining info Join with Google Meet
meet.google.com/pki-naxe-okh

Calendar plmegoetz@bellsouth.net

Who

- poetrytennessee@gmail.com - organizer
- plmegoetz@bellsouth.net

[more details »](#)

Going (plmegoetz@bellsouth.net)? [Yes](#) - [Maybe](#) - [No](#) [more options »](#)

Invitation from [Google Calendar](#)

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To stop receiving these emails, please log in to <https://www.google.com/calendar/> and change your notification settings for this calendar.

Forwarding this invitation could allow any recipient to send a response to the organizer and be added to the guest list, or invite others regardless of their own invitation status, or to modify your RSVP. [Learn More](#).

Our readings each month have been great!! It's been good to see poets from different parts of the State and listen to some great poetry that is inspiration to keep writing. It's really worth the effort.

If you need help figuring out how to be a part of it, please contact Lori (email address above) or myself. (Elizabeth Shelley - dogmama19@gmail.com)

We will have 1 ½ hours for the reading, so grab 1 or 2 poems and join us. You may also join us and just listen.

Winners of the July Members Only Contest, "Of Thee I Sing"

Checks Go To:

- **1st place Barbara Blanks Garland, TX On Hearing Satchmo for the First Time**
- **2nd place James Baxley Bristol, TN Of Thee I Sing**
- **3rd place William Hill Southaven, MS The Preacher III**

Certificates Go To:

Honorable Mentions to:

- **1 HM to Lori Goetz, Germantown, TN Craving Grace**
- **2 HM to Russell Strauss Memphis, TN Dream Song**

Congratulations!!!

Elizabeth Shelley

Corresponding Secretary, PST West