

Hi, Everyone.

There is much to share with you so far this month, and there will be more as the month goes on.

*****First of all, I want to ALERT you to the fact that the December Members Only Contest**

poems are due to be postmarked in 6 days: November 15th. We need your entries to make for a great contest.

Florence Bruce is the sponsor, Subject: Any, Form: Blank verse narrative, Lines: 40 max

Mail to Monthly Contest Chair, Ann Carolyn Cates, 7471 Greenbrook Pkwy, Southaven, MS 38671.

The detailed rules for poetry entries can be found at www.poetrytennessee.org under "Contests."

The Winners of the November Contest (Sponsor: Lori Goetz, Subject: The hunter or the hunted,

Form: Any, Lines: 24 max) are as follows:

1st place, Monty Payne, Bartlett, TN "Old Tom"

2nd place Lisa Kamolnick, Blountville, TN " Before Me, A Blank Page"

3rd place Greer Litton Fox, Knoxville, TN. "Remedy"

And the Honorable Mentions are:

IHM Sara Gipson, Scott, AR, "A Hunter's Spare for Bear"

2HM Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX " On the Prowl"

3HM Dr. Emory D. Jones, Iuka, MS "The Hunt"

Congratulations!!

January Members Only Contest, due no later than December 15th is:

Sponsor: Carol Roberts, Subject: Any, Form: Ghazal, Lines: 10-24

Please consult www.poetrytennessee.org under Florence's Blog, a description of different forms of poetry (Ghazal)

*****Secondly, our Monthly Poetry Reading through Google Meet will be on Tues. evening, November 17, 7:00-8:30 Central Standard Time Join with Google**

Meet: <https://meet.google.com/sis-deok-fdk>.

Bring some of your poems to read or just come to listen and meet other poet

*****Thirdly, Russell's Challenge for December, as part of the December PST West meeting:**

#21 Poetry Society of Indiana Award

Subject: A Daily Ritual. Form: any. 40 line limit.

If you are outside of the TN West PST group, you may still submit a poem and attend the meeting on Dec. 5th.

Instructions for submitting and/or joining the meeting will be sent in a reminder later in the month along with

the agenda. There is also detailed information on Russell's Challenges and critiquing sessions on our website,

www.poetrytennessee.org under "Russell's Challenges."

PST West had a great virtual meeting Saturday, November 7th, with a couple of members from other parts of the

State joining us. Lori Goetz, our president, had a very informative technical training on the Blackberry Peach

Contest and how to enter. If you are interested in receiving the information on this Spoken Word Poetry Contest,

please email me, and I'll forward you Lori's training information.

The second part of the session was spent critiquing poems for Russell's

November Challenge from Arizona State Poetry

Society, "When the Door Opens." We had some great poems and the critiquing was very productive.

Thank you, Russell.

One announcement made was that part of our West PST virtual December meeting (which anyone may attend by emailing

Lori Goetz at poetrytennessee@gmail.com to let her know you will be there) was that we will have a **Winter Poetry event**

(find a winter poem you like, write a poem, and come prepared to share both!

If you have any questions, please email me at dogmama19@gmail.com. As I mentioned before, I will be sending out

more information and reminders later on.

Until then,

Elizabeth Shelley,

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