

**Poetry Society of Tennessee  
65th Annual Festival Contest Results**

Place	Title	Poet	City	State
<b>Best of the Fest</b>				
<p>\$250 is contributed by Marilyn Denington in memory of Michael R. (Mick) Denington. The first place winners in all Festival contests (except contest #2, which allows published poems) will be collected and sent to a special outside judge who will decide which one of the winning poems in this year' s Festival deserves this special award.</p> <p>Judge: Jeff Hardin</p> <p>Number of Entries: 26</p>				
BOF	Singing the Roaring Twenties	Russell Strauss	Memphis	TN
<b>Contest 1: Benefactor's Award</b>				
<p>Sponsor: Poets of PST</p> <p>Judge: Dennis Patton</p> <p>Number of Entries: 25</p>				
1	Rejected	Russell Strauss	Memphis	TN
2	tsunami warning	Lisa Kamolnick	Blountville	TN
3	Flame of Friendship	Patricia Hope	Oak Ridge	TN
4	Finding Gratitude	Connie Jordan Green	Lenoir City	TN
5	A Mixture of Ingredients	Janet Qually	Memphis	TN
HM	Knocking Holes into the Darkness	Russell Strauss	Memphis	TN
<b>Contest 2: Poet's Field Day Award</b>				
<p>Judge: Jerri Hardesty</p> <p>Number of Entries: 39</p>				
1	Family Portrait -- 1961	Cynthia Storrs	Nolensville	TN
2	Shapes of Comfort	Gretchen McCroskey	Bristol	VA
3	Peaches	Gail Denham	Sunriver	OR
1HM	She Sings Her Blues in Shades	Russell Strauss	Memphis	TN
2HM	While She Slept	Nick Sweet	Shepherd	TX
3HM	The Starry Messengers	Connie Jordan Green	Lenoir City	TN
<b>Contest 3: Ann Carolyn Cates Award</b>				
<p>Sponsor: Marilyn Dennington celebrating Ann Carolyn Cates' 50 years of membership in PST</p> <p>Judge: Ann Carolyn Cates</p> <p>Number of Entries: 25</p>				
1	Lonely	Christian Shute	Cheyenne	WY
2	Portrait of an Evening Coast	Tanya Whitney	Sorrento	LA
3	Driftwood Days	Jerri Hardesty	Brierfield	AL
1HM	Tempest and Triangle	Russell Strauss	Memphis	TN
2HM	Don't Go Near	Steven Leitch	West Jordan	UT
3HM	Lighthouses	Fay Smalling Guinn	Jonesboro	AR
<b>Contest 4: PST-Northeast Chapter Prize</b>				
<p>Sponsor: PST-Northeast Chapter</p> <p>Judge: Matthew Gilbert</p> <p>Number of Entries: 37</p>				
1	the act of wounding	Terry Jude Miller	Richmond	TX
2	Pedaling	Gretchen McCroskey	Bristol	VA
3	A Feeder Dance for Cardinals	Lorraine Jeffrey	Orem	UT
HM	Substitute Mothers	Beth Staas	Oak Brook	IL
<b>Contest 5: Tennessee Life Award</b>				
<p>Sponsor and Judge: Howard S. Carman, Jr.</p> <p>Number of Entries: 16</p>				
1	1950 Bell Buckle, Tennessee	Budd Powell Mahan	Dallas	TX
2	Harmless Fantasy	Jerri Hardesty	Brierfield	AL
3	Moonlight in Tennessee	Greer Litton Fox	Knoxville	TN
HM	Tennessee Bus Ride, 1965	Russell Strauss	Memphis	TN

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<b>Contest 6: ...But I Know What I Like</b>				
<b>Sponsor: Kamolnick Kreative</b>				
<b>Judge: Lisa Kamolnick</b>				
<b>Number of Entries: 19</b>				
1	Mann Gulch, 1949	Howard Carman, Jr.	Blountville	TN
2	Bringing in the Maple Sugar	Terry Jude Miller	Richmond	TX
3	Her Violet Eyes	Budd Powell Mahan	Dallas	TX
1HM	A Townsman of Bergen, 1945	Steven Leitch	West Jordan	UT
2HM	Inescapable	Jerri Hardesty	Brierfield	AL
3HM	Rose-Colored Limbo	Lori Goetz	Germantown	TN
<b>Contest 7: The Dolly Parton Honorary Awards</b>				
<b>Sponsor and Judge: Dr. Diane Clark</b>				
<b>Number of Entries: 19</b>				
1	Collateral Damage	Tanya Whitney	Sorrento	LA
2	"Lady of Spain" and Musical Destiny	Russell Strauss	Memphis	TN
3	Daddy's Old Fiddle	Linda Garrett Hicks	Livingston	TN
1HM	Music for Listening	Gail Denham	Sunriver	OR
2HM	First Circle	Jerri Hardesty	Brierfield	AL
3HM	Maple Leaf Rag on the Player Piano	Christine Isley-Farmer	Murfreesboro	TN
<b>Contest 8: Silken Dust</b>				
<b>Sponsor: Eileen Spears</b>				
<b>Judge: Gretchen McCrosky</b>				
<b>Number of Entries: 21</b>				
1	Purple Thistle	Budd Powell Mahan	Dallas	TX
2	Monarchs	Barbara Blanks	Garland	TX
3	The Silken Dust	Michael Bass	Conway	AR
1HM	Sitting in the Dust of Your Memory	Catherine Moran	Little Rock	AR
2HM	Silken Dust	Terry Jude Miller	Richmond	TX
3HM	The Barn	Christian Shute	Cheyenne	WY
<b>Contest 9: PST-West Tennessee Chapter Prize</b>				
<b>Sponsor: PST-West Tennessee Chapter</b>				
<b>Judge: Rita Moritz</b>				
<b>Number of Entries: 19</b>				
1	Buyer Beware	Laura Bridges	Sherwood	AR
2	His Final Stage	Budd Powell Mahan	Dallas	TX
3	bandana	Terry Jude Miller	Richmond	TX
1HM	Cover-Up	Janet Qually	Memphis	TN
2HM	Picasso's Blue Nude	Cynthia Storrs	Nolensville	TN
3HM	Lost and Found	Beth Staas	Oak Brook	IL
<b>Contest 10: Where the Seasons Meet</b>				
<b>Sponsor: Connie Green</b>				
<b>Judge: Ann Thornfield-Long</b>				
<b>Number of Entries: 23</b>				
1	After the Harvest	Barbara Blanks	Garland	TX
2	Joint Celebration	Russell Strauss	Memphis	TN
3	Life Changes (Seasons of Freedom)	Fay Smalling Guinn	Jonesboro	AR
1HM	Winter's Hush	Beth Staas	Oak Brook	IL
2HM	On the Cusp of Change	Janet Qually	Memphis	TN
3HM	November	Trina Lee	Oklahoma City	OK

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<b>Contest 11: Looking Within</b>				
<b>Sponsor and Judge: Ruby Jones</b>				
<b>Number of Entries: 31</b>				
1	A Soldier's Respite	Steven Leitch	West Jordan	UT
2	A look within	Catherine Moran	Little Rock	AR
3	Self-Storage	Barbara Blanks	Garland	TX
1HM	Brain Drain	Patricia Hope	Oak Ridge	TN
2HM	Inscape	Emory Jones	Iuka	MS
3HM	I am Gone	Christian Shute	Cheyenne	WY
<b>Contest 12: It's Not Prose</b>				
<b>Sponsor and Judge: Lori Goetz</b>				
<b>Number of Entries: 16</b>				
1	Poetic Banquet	Emory Jones	Iuka	MS
2	Learning Stillness	Budd Powell Mahan	Dallas	TX
3	Ladies' Night Out for the Linville Ladies' Book Club	Lisa Kamolnick	Blountville	TN
1HM	The Itch	Janice Freytag	Souderton	PA
2HM	Watching the Moon Shine Through My Pines	Gail Denham	Sunriver	OR
3HM	The Hawk, The Chickadee, and The Squirrel: A Fable	Cathy Hollister	Hermitage	TN
<b>Contest 13: PST-Knoxville Prize</b>				
<b>Sponsor: PST-Knoxville Chapter</b>				
<b>Judge: Ann Thornfield-Long</b>				
<b>Number of Entries: 14</b>				
1	Late Night Walk	Russell Strauss	Memphis	TN
2	Kitsune	Jerri Hardesty	Brierfield	AL
3	An Oxymoron	Harvey Stone	Johnson City	TN
1HM	Autumn Hike in Woods	Sara Gipson	Scott	AR
2HM	The Alley	Trina Lee	Oklahoma City	OK
3HM	Touches of Nature	Janet Qually	Memphis	TN
4HM	Courtesy in the City	Barbara Blanks	Garland	TX
<b>Contest 14: Trust</b>				
<b>Sponsor and Judge: Greer Fox</b>				
<b>Number of Entries: 21</b>				
1	Tutorial	Sherry Poff	Ooltewah	TN
2	Firsts	Connie Jordan Green	Lenoir City	TN
3	Born into Trust	Russell Strauss	Memphis	TN
HM	Swimmer	Patricia Hope	Oak Ridge	TN
<b>Contest 15: Wombat Award -- Golden Shovel Poems</b>				
<b>Sponsor and Judge: Gail Denham</b>				
<b>Number of Entries: 14</b>				
1	Integers Are Us	Barbara Blanks	Garland	TX
2	Finally My First Muse Inspires a Poem	Russell Strauss	Memphis	TN
3	Dawn of Autumn	Sara Gipson	Scott	AR
1HM	Sleeping Sparkles	Cathy Hollister	Hermitage	TN
2HM	Beyond Me	Lorraine Jeffrey	Orem	UT
3HM	The Augury of Green Sky	Budd Powell Mahan	Dallas	TX

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<b>Contest 16: Tennessee Resident-Only Contest</b>				
<b>Sponsor: Anonymous</b>				
<b>Judge: Barbara Blanks</b>				
<b>Number of Entries: 12</b>				
1	How You Might Count the Stars	Connie Jordan Green	Lenoir City	TN
2	The First Geologist	Lori Goetz	Germantown	TN
3	Pot of Dying Tulips	Cynthia Storrs	Nolensville	TN
1HM	City Tree	Harvey Stone	Johnson City	TN
2HM	At the Edge and Beyond	Janet Qually	Memphis	TN
3HM	Squiggling	Cathy Hollister	Hermitage	TN
<b>Contest 17: Why Art?</b>				
<b>Sponsor: Southaven Arts Council</b>				
<b>Judge: Shuly Cawood</b>				
<b>Number of Entries: 14</b>				
1	While I Visit an Art Gallery, Archaeologists Discover a Painting That May Be the Oldest Artwork in the World	Lisa Kamolnick	Blountville	TN
2	Housekeeping	Patricia Hope	Oak Ridge	TN
3	A bigger picture	Mark Hudson	Evanston	IL
<b>Contest 18: Truth and Reconciliation</b>				
<b>Sponsor and Judge: Lori Goetz</b>				
<b>Number of Entries: 13</b>				
1	Change	Patricia Hope	Oak Ridge	TN
2	Strange Shoot	Russell Strauss	Memphis	TN
3	I Am Just Like You	Ruth Avegail Capapas	Cleveland	MS
1HM	Five Who Wore Dallas Blues	Barbara Blanks	Garland	TX
2HM	Normal	Howard Carman, Jr.	Blountville	TN
3HM	A Question of Conviction	Budd Powell Mahan	Dallas	TX
<b>Contest 19: Modern Sestina</b>				
<b>Sponsor and Judge: Sharon Sweeney</b>				
<b>Number of Entries: 13</b>				
1	Singing the Roaring Twenties	Russell Strauss	Memphis	TN
2	After & Before	Lisa Kamolnick	Blountville	TN
3	The Hemingway Hero	Cynthia Storrs	Nolensville	TN
1HM	Railway Reverie	Janice Freytag	Souderton	PA
2HM	Outside the Box	Jerri Hardesty	Brierfield	AL
3HM	The Prince of Night	Sara Gipson	Scott	AR
<b>Contest 20: Lori Goetz Honorary Contest</b>				
<b>Sponsor: Elizabeth Shelley</b>				
<b>Judges: Elizabeth Shelley and Marilyn Denington</b>				
<b>Number of Entries: 20</b>				
1	Woman in Red	Budd Powell Mahan	Dallas	TX
2	A Sailor's Choice	Barbara Blanks	Garland	TX
3	For Sharbat Gula	Janice Freytag	Souderton	PA
1HM	Edward Hopper's "House by the Railroad"	Connie Jordan Green	Lenoir City	TN
2HM	Venus - After the Bath	Cynthia Storrs	Nolensville	TN
3HM	Looking at Winged Victory	Catherine Moran	Little Rock	AR

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<b>Contest 21: Traditional Sonnet</b>				
<b>Sponsor and Judge: Connie Green</b>				
<b>Number of Entries: 21</b>				
1	Loveless and Alone	Michael Bass	Conway	AR
2	Game Boy	Beth Staas	Oak Brook	IL
3	I've been to the Mountain	Fay Smalling Guinn	Jonesboro	AR
HM	Dandelion ( <i>Taraxacum officinale</i> )	Cynthia Storrs	Nolensville	TN
HM	Cast Iron Skillet	Russell Strauss	Memphis	TN
HM	Poet's Winter	Steven Leitch	West Jordan	UT
<b>Contest 22: Pantoum Award</b>				
<b>Sponsor and Judge: Florence Bruce</b>				
<b>Number of Entries: 14</b>				
1	Skid	Russell Strauss	Memphis	TN
2	Uncertain	Jerri Hardesty	Brierfield	AL
3	Tapestry of a Pantoum	Barbara Blanks	Garland	TX
1HM	Good Friday Email	Cynthia Storrs	Nolensville	TN
2HM	Rain on Saturday	Mark Hudson	Evanston	IL
<b>Contest 23: Joan T. and Sheron B. Strauss Award</b>				
<b>Sponsor and Judge: Russell Strauss</b>				
<b>Number of Entries: 20</b>				
1	If Shakespeare Wrote Lines for the Popcorn Boxes at Globe Theatre	Randy Schwartz	Ann Arbor	MI
2	Tomorrow: a Love Song	Beth Staas	Oak Brook	IL
3	Her Perfect Match	Budd Powell Mahan	Dallas	TX
1HM	Nature Sonnet	William Hill	Southaven	MS
2HM	Witch Way	Barbara Blanks	Garland	TX
3HM	Oysters in a Stew	Becky Alexander	Cambridge, ON	Canada
<b>Contest 24: Animals Friends or Foes</b>				
<b>Sponsor: Anna's Pet Sitting</b>				
<b>Judge: William Hill</b>				
<b>Number of Entries: 27</b>				
1	Bobcat on a Lawn	Budd Powell Mahan	Dallas	TX
2	Cat Found Beneath a Holly Bush	Sara Gipson	Scott	AR
3	Barking Dogs Don't Lie	Patricia Hope	Oak Ridge	TN
1HM	Seemed Like a Good Idea at the Time	Barbara Blanks	Garland	TX
2HM	To Condo Cat	Trina Lee	Oklahoma City	OK
3HM	(haiku - A night owl flies)	Walter Zane Akers	Collierville	TN
<b>Contest 25: Bobbie Drobeck Award</b>				
<b>Sponsor and Judge: Russell Strauss</b>				
<b>Number of Entries: 18</b>				
1	Polenta	Lorraine Jeffrey	Orem	UT
2	Breakfast	Emory Jones	Iuka	MS
3	Ranch Cookin'!	Barbara Blanks	Garland	TX
1HM	To Good Times	Laura Bridges	Sherwood	AR
2HM	Chitterlings	Howard Carman, Jr.	Blountville	TN
3HM	Snow Ice Cream	Sara Gipson	Scott	AR
<b>Contest 26: Etheree Award</b>				
<b>Sponsor and Judge: Florence Bruce</b>				
<b>Number of Entries: 17</b>				
1	Yesterday's Music Challenges Today	Russell Strauss	Memphis	TN
1HM	The Trowel and the Toad	Becky Alexander	Cambridge, ON	Canada
2HM	Do Not Judge	Lori Goetz	Germantown	TN
3HM	Tremors	Janice Freytag	Souderton	PA
<b>Contest 27: Remembrance Award</b>				
<b>Sponsor: PST-West Tennessee Members</b>				
<b>Judge: Joe Cavanaugh</b>				
<b>Number of Entries: 26</b>				

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1	The Place Beneath Heaven	Terry Jude Miller	Richmond	TX
2	Life Springs from Death	Sara Gipson	Scott	AR
3	Whispering Winds	Steven Leitch	West Jordan	UT
1HM	Camouflage	Gretchen McCroskey	Bristol	VA
2HM	Once a Week at Unit 216 in Lemon Yellow, 1974	Lisa Kamolnick	Blountville	TN
3HM	Pandemic Year	Patricia Hope	Oak Ridge	TN
4HM	How she stays in my life	Catherine Moran	Little Rock	AR
5HM	The Book	Tanya Whitney	Sorrento	LA
6HM	To Roy for His 100th Birthday	Nick Sweet	Shepherd	TX

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Be well, and write poetry!  
- Lori Goetz, Contest Chair

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