

**Poetry Society of Tennessee
63rd Annual Festival and Contest Results
October 2019**

Contest	Place	Poet	State	Poem Title	Member/ Non-Member
Best of Fest Sponsor: Marilyn Denington Judge: Budd Powell Mahan		Beth Staas	IL	Final Words	N
Benefactor's Award Sponsor: Poetry Society of Tennessee Judge: Jerri Hardesty	1	Harvey Stone	TN	Three Unknowns	Y
	2	Emory Jones	MS	Reverie at Slack Time	Y
	3	Florence Bruce	TN	At the Bedside	Y
	4	Russell Strauss	TN	Voice from God's Garden	Y
	5	Florence Bruce	TN	Reaction	Y
	1HM	Florence Bruce	TN	Things Not to Talk About	Y
Poet's Field Day Award Judge: Dr. Diane Clark	1	Janet Qually	TN	Patterns in Life	Y
	2	Emory Jones	MS	Soul Song	Y
	3	Florence Bruce	TN	Dream Father	Y
	1HM	Fay Guinn	AR	Christian Creek	Y
	2HM	Barbara Blanks	TX	Shifting Gears	Y
	3HM	Nick Sweet	TX	Moore, Oklahoma 2013	Y
Dr. Wanda Rider Memorial Award Sponsor & Judge: Marilyn Denington	1	Rikki Santer	OH	Leveler	N
	2	Budd Mahan	TX	Whirlwind in Jerusalem	N
	3	Howard Carman, Jr.	TN	Thank You, Rembrandt	Y
	1HM	Barbara Funke	UT	Passport to Where?	N
	2HM	Robert Blenham	FL	Farewell, Hong Kong!	N
	3HM	Barbara Blanks	TX	Visiting St. Stephen's Green	Y
Unrequited Contest Sponsor & Judge Bill Howerton	1	Catherine Moran	AR	Remembering	N
	2	Charles Firmage	TX	Roses in the Rain	Y
	3	John Ottley Jr.	GA	All Passengers to the Boats	N
	1HM	Lori Goetz	TN	Unhappy Hour	Y
	2HM	Florence Bruce	TN	Unrequited	Y
	3HM	Harvey Stone	TN	Old Glory	Y
PST-NE Chapter Prize Sponsor: PST-NE Judge: Shuly Xochitl Cawood	1	Nancy Cook	MN	Common Ancestry	N
	2	Howard Carman, Jr.	TN	Remembering Tomorrows	Y
	3	Lori Goetz	TN	River Stages	Y
	1HM	Gail Denham	OR	We Three	Y
	2HM	Dena Gorrell	OK	A Ghostly Story	N
	3HM	Barbara Funke	UT	Adam's Curse Now Eve's	N
On a Deceased Favorite Poet Sponsor & Judge: William Huettel	4HM	Barbara Blanks	TX	Cross-Eyed Over Crosswords	Y
	1	Russell Strauss	TN	Rendezvous Poet	Y
	2	Budd Mahan	TX	Edward Arlington Robinson	N
	3	Mark Hudson	IL	Thomas Gray (1716-1771)	Y
Rose Klix Award Sponsor: Howard Carman, Jr. Co-Judges: Howard Carman, Jr. & Benjamin Dugger	1	Barbara Blanks	TX	The Quilters	Y
	2	Nancy Cook	MN	Places of Worship	N
	3	Catherine L'Herisson	TX	The Open Door	N
Connections Award Sponsor & Judge Bill Howerton	1	Patty Dickson Pieczka	IL	At the Lake	N
	2	Robert Blenham	FL	A Stranger no More	N
	3	Becky Alexander	Canada	Lives Relived	N
	1HM	Fay Guinn	AR	I Heard a Bird Today	Y
Citizens Climate Lobby Challenge Sponsor: Citizens' Climate Lobby of Northeast Tennessee Judge: Dennis Patton	1	Sara Gipson	AR	A Global Warming Cost	Y
	2	Jonathan Bennett	TN	Tide	Y
	3	Rita Moritz	AL	Footprints	Y
	1HM	Fay Guinn	AR	Crazy Woman from Arkansas	Y
	2HM	Becky Alexander	Canada	Heat Wave	N
John R. Benish Memorial Award Sponsor & Judge: Dr. Diane Clark	1	Harvey Stone	TN	Rich Gloves, Poor Mittens	Y
	2	Budd Mahan	TX	Blue Bouquet	N
	3	Gail Denham	OR	Myna's Gloves	Y
	1HM	Christine Riddle	AL	My Mother's Gloves	N
	2HM	Charles Firmage	TX	The Fixer	Y
	3HM	Tanya Russell Whitney	LA	The Case of the Missing Gloves	N
Winklebleck Challenge Award Sponsor & Judge: Barbara Blanks	1	Catherine Moran	AR	A Measure of Shedding	N
	2	Russell Strauss	TN	Dark Spots on the Moon	Y
	3	Von S. Bourland	TX	A Wish Fulfilled	Y
	1HM	Dennis Patton	AR	The Slash and Switch of Birch	N
	2HM	Budd Mahan	TX	On the Morning of Angioplasty	N
	3HM	Robert Blenham	FL	The Four Last Songs	N
In Honor of My 11 Grandchildren Sponsor & Judge: JoAn Howerton	1	Gail Denham	OR	Plow Deep Through That Fog	Y
	2	Linda Hoagland	VA	Golden Years	Y
	3	Russell Strauss	TN	Grandma's Sewing Table	Y
	1HM	Fay Guinn	AR	Where He Shouldn't Have Been	Y
	2HM	Janine Mah	TN	An Empty House	Y
	3HM	Curt Vevang	IL	To My Grandchildren	N
Letting Go Award Sponsor & Judge: Von S. Bourland	1	Beth Staas	IL	Final Words	N
	2	Patty Dickson Pieczka	IL	A Landscape Paints the Day	N
	3	Tanya Russell Whitney	LA	Never Let Go	N
	1HM	Charles Firmage	TX	Goodbye to Summer	Y
	2HM	Frances Cowden	TN	Awakening to the Dream	Y
	3HM	Rita Moritz	AL	I Might Find Peace If I Let Go	Y

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14 The Undercover Contest Sponsor: Anonymous Judge: Nancy Baass	1	LaVern Spencer McCarthy	OK	When the Light Goes	N
	2	Janet Qually	TN	Wanted: Crops with Positive Outcomes	Y
	3	Curt Vevang	IL	I Just Talked with an Old Friend	N
	1HM	Linda Hoagland	VA	The Noisemaker	Y
	2HM	John Ottley Jr.	GA	An Agnostic Tees Up	N
	3HM	Emory Jones	MS	Playfull Spring: A Kyrielle	Y
15 Try Something New Award Sponsor & Judge: Lori Goetz	1	Russell Strauss	TN	Excerpts from a Nisei Diary, 1942	Y
	2	Janet Qually	TN	My Overdue Action	Y
	3	Barbara Funke	UT	Flag Day Wedding	N
	1HM	Nancy Cook	MN	Kawaki	N
	2HM	Sara Gipson	AR	Morning Invasion	Y
	3HM	Emory Jones	MS	Warm Spring Day	Y
16 Pat Smith Memorial Award Sponsor & Judge: Florence Bruce	1	Russell Strauss	TN	Flight to Dakota	Y
	1HM	Janet Qually	TN	Until that Future Time	Y
17 Bobbie Drobeck Award Sponsor & Judge: Russell Strauss	1	Robert Blenham	FL	The Knight's Quest	N
	2	Becky Alexander	Canada	Breakfast in Wonderland	N
	3	Barbara Blanks	TX	A Woman Scorned Needs an Agent	Y
	1HM	LaVern Spencer McCarthy	OK	My Demise	N
	2HM	Jerri Hardesty	AL	Lightweight	N
	3HM	Rita Moritz	AL	Nobility Uncrowned	Y
18 Family Ties Award Sponsor: Anna's Pet Sitting Judge: Gail Denham	1	Christine Riddle	AL	Phoning My Sister	N
	2	Barbara Blanks	TX	Relatively Speaking	Y
	3	John Ottley Jr.	GA	Rain got in on Mama	N
	1HM	Rita Moritz	AL	Like Empty Chatter	Y
	2HM	Janice Hoffman	VA	Kindness	N
	3HM	Florence Bruce	TN	Missed Message	Y
19 In Memory of Jo Elliott Sponsor & Judge: Pete Harris	1	Becky Alexander	Canada	Scrabbled	N
	2	Barbara Blanks	TX	If She and He Are They, Who Are We?	Y
	3	Florence Bruce	TN	Pet Boa	Y
	1HM	Budd Mahan	TX	Retriever	N
	2HM	Fay Guinn	AR	My Mother at 92	Y
	3HM	Howard Carman, Jr.	TN	Looking for Feedback	Y
20 PST-Knoxville Award Sponsor: PST-Knoxville Judge: Ann Thornfield Long	1	Budd Mahan	TX	Bewitched	N
	2	Janet Qually	TN	A Homesick Man Contemplating the White Water Lilies by Claude Monet	Y
	3	Russell Strauss	TN	On the Edmund Pettus Bridge, 1965	Y
	1HM	Robert Blenham	FL	Christina's Two Worlds	N
	2HM	Gail Denham	OR	When Men Came West	Y
21 Dorsimbra Contest Sponsor: JoAn Howerton Judge: Crystal Robbins Czerwinski	1	Charles Firmage	TX	Nights in the Swamp	Y
	2	Jonathan Bennett	TN	Each Holiday	Y
	3	Barbara Blanks	TX	The Family Meeting	Y
	1HM	Russell Strauss	TN	Dressed for Achievement	Y
	2HM	Jerri Hardesty	AL	Ritual	N
	3HM	Frances Cowden	TN	The Farmer's Wife	Y
22 Joan T. and Sheron B. Strauss Award Sponsor & Judge: Russell Strauss	1	Howard Carman, Jr.	TN	"too slow"	Y
	2	Rose Klix	TN	"hunters"	Y
	3	Dena Gorrell	OK	"sweet karen says"	N
	1HM	Sara Gipson	AR	"a lass"	Y
	2HM	Rita Moritz	AL	"use your wits"	Y
	3HM	LaVern Spencer McCarthy	OK	"if your whiskers"	N
23 Fibonacci Poem Award Sponsor & Judge: Gail Denham	1	Russell Strauss	TN	Pamphlet Offer from My New Telephone Friend in India	Y
	2	Rose Klix	TN	Funny, huh?	Y
	3	Jonathan Bennett	TN	Laundry Day	Y
	1HM	Budd Mahan	TX	Sliding Home	N
	2HM	Charles Firmage	TX	Proud Mama	Y
	3HM	Catherine L'Herisson	TX	Medusa	N
24 Time to Reflect Award Sponsor & Judge: Lori Goetz	1	Gail Denham	OR	Slow Steps	Y
	2	Frances Cowden	TN	Seeing Purple Moons	Y
	3	Jonathan Bennett	TN	Quotient	Y
	1HM	Barbara Blanks	TX	Enough	Y
	2HM	Russell Strauss	TN	Dining Darkly	Y
	3HM	Jerri Hardesty	AL	All the Same	N
25 Personification Contest Sponsor & Judge: Florence Bruce	1	LaVern Spencer McCarthy	OK	Gossiping Hinges	N
	1HM	Von S. Bourland	TX	The Locust Speaks Out	Y
26 In Memory of Dotty Katz Sponsor & Judge: Lynnise Mirvis	1	Rikki Santer	OH	Walking with My Mother	N
	2	Catherine Moran	AR	Saving the Purple	N
	3	Harvey Stone	TN	Her Life in Purple	Y
	1HM	Lori Goetz	TN	Her Wedding Colors	Y
	2HM	Jerri Hardesty	AL	Purple's Personality	N
	3HM	Barbara Blanks	TX	Channeling Pansies	Y
4HM	Charles Firmage	TX	Grackle	Y	