



**Helen Schaible International Sonnet Contest 2018
Winners' List 2017**

Dear Poet,

Have you ever wondered what it might be like to write a great sonnet, like Petrarch, Sir Philip Sidney, or even Shakespeare himself? Well, you will never know unless you give it a try. You might surprise yourself!!! Enter our Sonnet Contest and see!!!

We had some great sonnets this year. The results of the 2017 Sonnet Contest are as follows:

- 1st Barbara Blanks, "Along the Ridge Trail," Garland, TX
- 2nd Betsy M. Hughes, "September Twilight Song," Dayton, OH
- 3rd Dalene Stull, "After Seven Years," Danville, OH

- 1st HM Jerri Hardesty, "Conduit," Brierfield, AL
- 2nd HM Charlotte Digregorio, "The Will to Write," Winnetka, IL
- 3rd HM Janice Fuller, "A Love Lost," Webster, WI

Special Recognitions:

Candace Armstrong, "Revisitation," Murphysboro, IL
Catherine Moran, "The English teacher pauses," Little Rock, AR
Beth Staas, "Because," Oak Brook, IL

Congratulations to the winners, and many thanks to all who entered. A special thank-you to our judge, Joyce Shiver. There were many wonderful poems.

We hope you will enter this year. Please send two copies of ONE poem, a Shakespearean or a Petrarchan sonnet, to Barbara Eaton, Poets & Patrons, P.O. Box 936, Downers Grove, IL 60515-0936. One copy should have ID (name, address, phone no. and email of poet) and one copy should be unidentified. There is no entry fee. The deadline is September 1, 2018. Winners will be notified by November 1, 2018. Good luck and happy writing!!!