



**Poets & Patrons 63rd Annual
CHICAGOLAND POETRY CONTEST**

Deadline: September 1, 2019 (postmark)

PRIZES: \$50, \$30, \$20, plus three Honorable Mentions in each category, except for Category 1. Members and persons living within 100 miles of Chicago may enter all categories. Other poets may enter only categories 1-13. Entry fee is \$12 for members, \$15 for non-members, and covers 1 poem per category. If you wish to enter more than one poem in a category, the fee for additional poems is \$1 per poem for members, \$2 each for non-members. Poets cannot win more than one award per category.

CONTEST CATEGORIES:

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| #1 | Military Veterans
(open to all) | 1st Place: \$200, 2nd: \$100, 3rd: \$50. Three Hon. Mentions.
In Memory of Private Lindberg Stokes, Korean War Vet.
Sponsor: Poets & Patrons Board Member Myron Stokes. |
| #2 | Free Verse
(open to all) | In Memory of Gert Rubin and John Dixon.
Sponsor: Linda Wallin, Past President of Poets & Patrons. |
| #3 | Formal Verse
(open to all) | In Memory of the Poetry Teachers of Her Youth.
Sponsor: Poets & Patrons member Kate Hutchinson. |
| #4 | Humorous Poem
(open to all) | Sponsors: P&P Board Members Judith Tullis and Curt Vevang. |
| #5 | Social Conscience
(open to all) | |
| #6 | Miniature Poem
(open to all) | In Memory of Margarete Cantrall.
Sponsors: Board Member Wilda Morris
and Poets & Patrons Member Donna Pucciani. |
| #7 | Nature
(open to all) | In Memory of Russell F. W. Smith and Wiltrude Lee Smith.
Sponsor: Jared Smith, Past President of Poets & Patrons. |
| #8 | Poem of Reconciliation
(open to all) | |
| #9 | What I Learned in Kindergarten
(open to all) | |
| #10 | Fairy Tales or Myths
(open to all) | In Memory of Dr. Lemuel Bowden.
Sponsors: P&P Members Tom Roby and Jenene Raveslout. |
| #11 | Illness and / or Healing
(open to all) | In Memory of Mary Oliver.
Sponsor: Poets & Patrons President Caroline Johnson. |

- #12 **Poem inspired by Walt Whitman**
(open to all) In Memory of Sr. Jean Hughes, OP.
Sponsor: Poets & Patrons member John Gordon.
- #13 **Automobiles**
(open to all) In Memory of Her Husband's 1969 AMX.
Sponsor: P&P member Maureen T. Flannery.
- #14 **Chicago, Any Aspect** In Memory of Mary Winklebleck. Sponsor: Barbara Blanks.
(open to P&P members and persons living within 100 miles of Chicago).

CONTEST RULES:

Send 2 copies of each poem on standard 8 ½ x 11" paper. Please indicate the category number and title of the poem at top right of both copies. Type ID (name, address, email address, and phone number) at top left of first copy. No ID on second copy. If poem is 2 pages long, please staple top left.

Please organize your entries in order of categories listed here, 1-14.

Poems must be in English, unpublished, and must not have won previous cash awards from Poets & Patrons. Please, no unusual fonts or graphics. You may not enter the same poem in more than one category. Line limit: 60 lines (counting epigraph, section numbers and blank lines between stanza, if any). Miniature poem: 12 lines.

Please remember to enclose your check, made payable to Poets & Patrons. Winners will be posted at www.poetsandpatrons.net. An Awards Ceremony will be held in late October near Chicago where winning poems will be read.

Send entries to Caroline Johnson, Poets & Patrons Contest Co-Chair, P.O. Box 469, Willow Springs, IL 60480 USA. Winners will be notified in mid-October 2019. Poet retains all rights. Poems will not be returned. The decisions of judges are final.

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