### 2015 MPS Spring Poetry Competition Adult Winner’s List

#### Mississippi Poetry Society 2015 Award  
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<td>“The Spirit Moves You: A Sestina”</td>
<td>Emory Jones</td>
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<td>“The Mississippi Version of the ‘Bell Witch’ Legend”</td>
<td>Janice Canerdy</td>
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<td>“The Guardian of Lochinvar Plantation”</td>
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<td>“Ghosts of the Slave Cabins”</td>
<td>Cherie J. Clark</td>
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<td>“The story of Stuckey’s bridge”</td>
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<td>“The Ghost in Mississippi”</td>
<td>Stedmond Ware</td>
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#### Category 1  
**MPS President/Past President Award  
Sponsor:** Judy Davies and Brenda Finnegan

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<td>“Stretching for Children”</td>
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<td>“If I Could Be a Bird”</td>
<td>Ruth Richmond</td>
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**MPS South Branch Award  
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<td>“Escape From Detroit”</td>
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<td>“I’ll Stay”</td>
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<td>“Welcome To Our Town”</td>
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<td>“Death of a Small Town”</td>
<td>Judy Davies</td>
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<td>“The Way It Used To Be”</td>
<td>Michael Shelton</td>
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**MPS Central Branch Award  
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<td>“Weeping Lu”</td>
<td>Vera Ogden Bakker</td>
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<td>“The Ballad of Four-Eyes Drifter Mose”</td>
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<td>“When Crime Paid”</td>
<td>Dalene Stull</td>
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<td>“Ballad of the Buffalo”</td>
<td>Von S. Bourland</td>
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<td>“The Witch of Plum Hollow”</td>
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<td>“Reunion Ballad”</td>
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**MPS North Branch Award  
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<td>“Practice Will Make it Better”</td>
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<td>“The Greatest Love”</td>
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<td>“An Ordinary Night”</td>
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<td>“Live for Today”</td>
<td>Beverly Stanislawski</td>
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<td>“Whispers”</td>
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Category 5  Winklebleck’s Choice Award: (In Memory of Mary Winklebleck)  Sponsor: Barbara Blanks
1st Place:  “Don’t Put My Old Dog Down”  Lee Pelham Cotton
2nd Place:  “Paper Hearts”  Colleen Mowrey
3rd Place:  “Sometimes I Could Just Scream”  Becky Alexander
1st HM:  “The Dance of Creation”  John Paul Hartnedy
2nd HM:  “At the Seniors Dance”  Lavern Spencer McCarthy
3rd HM:  “Through a Glass Darkly”  Jim Barton

Category 6  Carolyn McDermott Memorial Award  Sponsor: Elaine McDermott
1st Place:  “Ted Kooser Paints his Grandmother With Words”  Jim Barton
2nd Place:  “Vaudeville Lil”  Lee Pelham Cotton
3rd Place:  “It Might Have Been Yesterday”  Linda Banks
(no HM)

Category 7  Richmond Award, Sponsor Ruth Richmond
1st Place:  “Following the Trails”  Catherine M. Moran
2nd Place:  “Trails”  Grace Fletcher
3rd Place:  “Columbia Winds”  Gail Denham
1st HM:  “Turnings”  Linda W. Owen
2nd HM:  “Frost’s Footprints”  Beverly Stanislawski
3rd HM:  “Wrong Turn”  Philip L. Levin

Category 8  Quincy Long (Master Gardner) Memorial Award  Sponsor: Betty Malone
1st Place:  “Silent Cutting”  Catherine M. Moran
2nd Place:  “Tomato Vines”  Elizabeth Howard
3rd Place:  “Spring Loaded”  Barbara Blanks
1st HM:  “Almost Here”  Becky Alexander
(no 2nd or 3rd HM)

Category 9  Cumberland Award  Sponsor: Elizabeth Howard
1st Place:  “Falling”  Jim Barton
2nd Place:  “Trapped in the Wreckage of That Day”  Brenda Finnegan
3rd Place:  “Prairie Mountain Range”  Linda Banks
1st HM:  “Unveiling”  Sandra H. Bounds
2nd HM:  “Woodward Opera House”  Dalene Stull
3rd HM:  “Mission Bells”  Ann Carolyn Cates

Category 10  CSA Memorial Award  Sponsor: Taylor-Wright Corp.
1st Place:  “Jefferson Davis, Man of Pain”  Barbara Blanks
2nd Place:  “A Tribute to Senator Major General Edward Cary Walthall”  Linda W. Owen
3rd Place:  “Beauvoir”  Michael Shelton
1st HM:  “Honoring Heroes”  Ann Carolyn Cates
2nd HM:  “Edward Cary Walthall”  Sara Gipson
Category 11  Narrative Poem Award  Sponsor: Janice Canerdy
1st Place:  “The Ballad of Barefoot Hill”  Jim Barton
2nd Place:  “Ice Cream for the Queens of Clean”  Lee Pelham Cotton
3rd Place:  “Dally Up”  LaVern Spencer McCarthy
1st HM:  “My Only View of Paris”  Sara Gipson
2nd HM:  “The Ballad of Barn Raising”  Dalene Stull
3rd HM:  “Mammoth of Mexico”  John Paul Hartnedy

Category 12  Charles and Dorothy Little Memorial Award  Sponsor: Tommy Little
1st Place:  “In Passing”  Barbara Blanks
2nd Place:  “Blue Ball Mason Jars”  Gail Denham
3rd Place:  “Rain Wouldn’t Come”  Philip L. Levin
1st HM:  “Schoolwork Setting Defined”  Liz Ferguson
2nd HM:  “A Time to Live and Then Depart”  Judy Davies
3rd HM:  (entry withdrawn)

Category 13  Dave Butkovitch Memorial Award  Sponsor: Patty Butkovitch
1st Place:  “Lady”  Linda W. Owen
2nd Place:  “Jelly Roll Jazz”  Barbara Blanks
3rd Place:  “Soul Song”  Emory Jones
1st HM:  “The Jazz Man”  Michael Shelton
2nd HM:  “All That Jazz”  Judy Davies
3rd HM:  “Life Celebrated on the Up Beat”  Caroline Walton

Category 14  Cherokee Heritage Award  Sponsor: Von S. Bourland
1st Place:  “A Stain in History”  Sara Gipson
2nd Place:  “The Trail of Tears”  Barbara Blanks
3rd Place:  “The Place Where They Cried”  Ann Carolyn Cates
1st HM:  “The Cherokee Dirge”  Philip L. Levin
(No 2nd or 3rd HM)

Category 15  Poets Anonymous Award  Sponsor: Jim Booth
1st Place:  “Whale’s Dance”  Von S. Bourland
2nd Place:  “Ancient Mariners”  Barbara Blanks
3rd Place:  “See View”  Emory Jones
1st HM:  “Deep Waters”  Philip L. Levin
2nd HM:  “Navigating”  Janice Canerdy
3rd HM:  “A Spring Façade”  Dorothy Rogers
Category 16  The Caden Award Sponsor:  Mick Dennington and Ann Carolyn Cates  
(for convention attendees only)
1st Place:  “Grandpa’s Barn” Judy Davies
2nd Place:  “Careless” Linda W. Owen
3rd Place:  “My Dreams” James E. O’Loughlin
(no HM)

Category 17  George and Lois Estes Memorial Award  Sponsor:  Wynne Huddleston
1st Place:  “Remembered Love” LaVern Spencer McCarthy
2nd Place:  “Dreams Do Come True” Caroline Walton
3rd Place:  “Wind Chimes” Sara Gipson
(no HM)

Category 18  Gulf Coast Writers Award  Sponsor:  Gulf Coast Authors
1st Place:  “The Muppet Man” Marilyn Joyner
2nd Place:  “Opera’s Enchantress” Linda W. Owen
3rd Place:  “Thomas Holt, a Postwar Merchant in Natchez” Sara Gipson
1st HM:  “Yazoo City Salesman, Zig Ziglar” Barbara Blanks
2nd HM:  “Our ‘Million Dollar Baby’ ” Ann Carolyn Cates
3rd HM:  “Walter Inglis Anderson” Judy Davies

Category 19  Barron and Dessie Caulfield Memorial Award  Sponsor:  Dorothy Wiman
1st Place:  “Garden Club” Ann Carolyn Cates
2nd Place:  “Lover’s Quarrel” Jim Barton
3rd Place:  “He Plays a Flute in Istanbul” LaVern Spencer McCarthy
1st HM:  “Clocks” Judy Davies
(no 2nd or 3rd HM)

Category 20  Grandfathers Award  Sponsor:  Emory D. Jones
1st Place:  “Blue Sky and Green Leafy Trees” Patricia Butkovich
2nd Place:  “Granddad’s Girl” Linda W. Owen
3rd Place:  “First Grandchild” Gail Denham
1st HM:  “Vassals” Sandra H. Bounds
2nd HM:  “Grandpa’s Revival” LaVern Spencer McCarthy
3rd HM:  “Riding 4 Seated Bike in August Circa 1948” Liz Ferguson
Category 21  The Student Awards
Level 1- Grades 1-3
1st place - Aaliyah Allen - “The Snowman that Drank Hot Cocoa” $15
2nd place - Mikala Townsend - “My Winter Goats” $10
3rd place - Christopher Isom, Jr. - “Mommy” $5
HM1 - Brianna Cook - “Five Little Snowflakes”
HM2 - Emily Terrell - “The First Time at the Ocean”
HM3 - Levi Holliman - “Winter Skating”

Level 2 - Grades 4-5
1st place - Cade Mangum - “Winter Fun” $15
2nd place - Keenan Selman - “My Colorful Snowball” $10
3rd place - Eva Swann - “Winter Woods” $5
HM1 - Chelsea Durr - “Food”
HM2 - Ethan Bunty - “My Soccer Moment”
HM3 - Alyssa McMullan - “A Winter Day”

Level 3 - Grades 6-8
1st place - Christian Glover - “Satan” $15
2nd place - Dustin Burkhardt - “T’Rex” $10
No other entries in category

Level 4 - Grades 9-12
1st place - John Paul Hartnedy - “As I Walk with the Moon” $25
No other entries in category

Level 5 - College Undergraduates
1st place - Brittany Phillips - “How Does the Raven Fly” $25
2nd place - Ciera Anthony - “Nevermore” $15
3rd place - Jasmine N. McGhee - “Lament” $10
No other entries in category