2018 MPS SPRING POETRY ADULT CONTEST WINNERS' LIST

2018 Best of the Fest Award: Judy Davies

Category #1 – Mississippi Poetry Society 2018 Award (24 entries)
1st Place: “Mississippi Soul” Faith Garbin
2nd Place: “Down from the Hills” Doris Jones
3rd Place: “A Taste of Mississippi Music and Dance” Janice Canerdy
1st HM: “Mississippi Couple” Mary Beth Magee

Category #2 – President's Award (26 entries)
1st Place: “Trees for Me” Mary Lee Terry
2nd Place: “Through the Eyes of a Child” Von S. Bourland
3rd Place: “A Woman with Joie de Vivre” Barbara Blanks
1st HM: “Morning” Elaine McDermott
2nd HM: “Story of the White Picket Fence” Ann Carolyn Cates

Category #3 – Past Presidents' Award (16 entries)
1st Place: “Poems Left Behind” Ann Carolyn Cates
2nd Place: “Seasons” Linda W. Owen
3rd Place: “The Caregiver Difference” Mary Beth Magee
1st HM: “Ruth's Piety” Patricia Butkovich
2nd HM: “Off-Season” Lori Ann Goetz
3rd HM: “Herodias' Revenge” Elaine McDermott

Category #4 – MPS North Branch Award (13 entries)
1st Place: “Stumbling into love once more” Catherine Moran
2nd Place: “On Wings of Eagles” Von S. Bourland
3rd Place: “Deceptions” Barbara Blanks
1st HM: “Revisiting the Farm” Ann Carolyn Cates
2nd HM: “Sonnet of the Gift of Creation” Brenda Brown Finnegan
3rd HM: “Kleptokitty” Judy Davies

Category #5 – MPS Central Branch Award (23 entries)
1st Place: “Capricious Muse” Elaine McDermott
2nd Place: “Memory's Journey” Linda W. Owen
3rd Place: “Rusted Memories” Ann Carolyn Cates
1st HM: “Earth on Fire” Dorothy Rogers
2nd HM: “Winter Warmth” Doris Jones

Category #6 – MPS Central Branch Belhaven Award (28 entries)
1st Place: “A Late Whipping” Tommy Little
2nd Place: “The Sacred and Profane” Dorothy Rogers
3rd Place: “Mistaken Affinity” Linda W. Owen
1st HM: “Walking His Path” Sara Gipson
2nd HM: “Awakening” Mary Beth Magee
3rd HM: “While Sitting in My Yard” Joyce Boyd

Category #7 – MPS South Branch Award (22 entries)
1st Place: “The Rage is On” Ann Carolyn Cates
2nd Place: “Change is for Coke Machines” Barbara Blanks
3rd Place: “Crossword Interference” LaVern Spencer McCarthy
1st HM: “One of Those Flights” Lori Anne Goetz
2nd HM: “Looking at teens” Catherine Moran
3rd HM: “We'll Never Know” Joyce Shiver

Category #8 – Grands Award (29 entries)
1st Place: “Rainbows” Dennis R. Patton
2nd Place: “Fairy Tales” Jerri Hardesty
3rd Place: “Keeping Eyes on the Prize” Ann Carolyn Cates
1st HM: “The Final Cut” Jeanne S. Kelly
2nd HM: “Grandpa's New Life” LaVern Spencer McCarthy
3rd HM: “Grandma's Off Her Rocker” Barbara Blanks

Category #9 – Ekphrastic Award (31 entries)
1st Place: “Girl at Sewing Machine” Faith Garbin
2nd Place: “Panel 47E” Steven Leitch
3rd Place: “Persephone” Mark Hudson
1st HM: “Laundresses by a Stream” Elaine McDermott
2nd HM: “Aristocracy Challenged” Judy Davies
3rd HM: “The Old Man and His Grandson By the Sea” Ruth F. Richmond

Category #10 – Kathy McCall Memorial Award (21 entries)
1st Place: “In Quiet Moments” Doris Jones
2nd Place: “Looking back” Catherine Moran
3rd Place: “What I Remember Where I Grew Up” Dennis R. Patton
1st HM: “What I Love About the South” Avie Anna Massey
2nd HM: “Capturing the South” Judy Davies

Category #11 – Quincy Long Memorial Award (23 entries)
1st Place: “How to Bury a Garden” Sara Gipson
2nd Place: “Debut” Philip Levin
3rd Place: “Near the edge” Catherine Moran
1st HM: “Spring Pruning” Lori Anne Goetz
2nd HM: “Hoe-Hoe Down a Row” Von S. Bourland

Category #12 – Burnham Drugs Award (38 entries)
1st Place: “Jonesborough” Jeanne S. Kelly
2nd Place: “Something Special” LaVern Spencer McCarthy
3rd Place: “Moore, Oklahoma 2013” Nick Sweet
1st HM: “Bagpipes at My Funeral” Stephen Leitch
2nd HM: “Lake of the Pines”  
3rd HM: “Baker Street” 

Category #13 – It's A Beautiful Morning! (39 entries)
1st Place: “I Will Dox You”  
2nd Place: “The Stars of Her Galaxy” 
3rd Place: “Sometimes Silence”  
1st HM: “Moonlight and Shrimpboats”  
2nd HM: “Beauty, Beauty” 
3rd HM: “Church Steeples” 

Category #14 – Ruth Richmond Award (26 entries)
1st Place: “Give Me Books or Give Me—More Books”  
2nd Place: “The Companionship of Books”  
3rd Place: “Coffee Shop Observation”  
1st HM: “Escape Ticket”  
2nd HM: “Best Friends”  
3rd HM: “Favorite Two Books” 

Category #15 – Narrative Poem Award (22 entries)
1st Place: “Paddy's Pub”  
2nd Place: “While Waiting to Elope”  
3rd Place: “The Last Room at the Inn”  
1st HM: “Revengeing the Deaths”  
2nd HM: “Ballad of Katrina” 
3rd HM: “The Price Of My Tomato” 

Category #16 – Coastal Insurance Award (12 entries)
1st Place: “My Tropical Vacation”  
2nd Place: “Coasting”  
3rd Place: “Close Encounters of the Best Kind”  
1st HM: “Call of the Coast”  
2nd HM: “Visiting the Coast” 

Category #17 – Winklebleck's Choice Award (47 entries)
1st Place: “Those Grimm facts of life”  
2nd Place: “Dust”  
3rd Place: “Scent”  
1st HM: “Imagine Impatiens”  
2nd HM: “The Nature of the Beast”  
3rd HM: “Words” 

Category #18 – James George/Jefferson Davis Award (13 entries)
1st Place: “Robert E. Lee and Traveller”  
2nd Place: “Lessons Lost in Time”  
3rd Place: “The Battle Continues”
1st HM: “The Toppling of History” Tanya R. Whitney
2nd HM: “Another Statue Falls” Linda W. Owen

Category #19 – Medieval Theme Award (11 entries)
1st Place: “Slayeth the Beast” Philip Levin
2nd Place: “Teach Us to Dream” Linda W. Owen
3rd Place: “Faith Doesn't Waiver” Judy Davies
1st HM: “A Lady's Knight” Sara Gipson
2nd HM: “The Prince Knight” Jerri Hardesty

Category #20 – Psychological Theme Award (43 entries)
1st Place: “A Gunman's Mind” Judy Davies
2nd Place: “A Shell to a Teacher” Kestyn Williams
3rd Place: “Empyrean” Brenda Brown Finnegan
1st HM: “Sun Soaked” Debbie Little
2nd HM: “Old Age” Tommy Little
3rd HM: “Treachery” Angel Cook

Category #21 – Calvary-Its Meaning Award (20 entries)
1st Place: “Perfection Persecuted” Von S. Bourland
2nd Place: “Calvary” Janice Canerdy
3rd Place: “Awake and Sing for Joy” Barbara Blanks
1st HM: “Crucifixion of Jesus” Sara Gipson
2nd HM: “Calvary's Call” Linda W. Owen
3rd HM: “Where the Pangs of Death Became Victory” Ruth F. Richmond

Category #22 – Scarlett Jo Award (13 entries)
1st Place: “Kid Capers” Linda W. Owen
2nd Place: “The End of Summer” Barbara Blanks
3rd Place: “When Daddy Puts the Kids to Bed” Dennis R. Patton
1st HM: “Eyes for Details” Doris Jones
2nd HM: “The Passage True” Philip Levin
3rd HM: “The Mardi Gras Parade” Mary Lee Terry

Category #23 – GCWA Award (19 entries)
1st Place: “Go Now and Play” Janice Canerdy
2nd Place: “Time Limits” Ann Carolyn Cates
3rd Place: “Because the World is So Filled with Sin” Michael Shelton
1st HM: “Star Quality” Jerri Hardesty

Category #24 – Barron & Dessie Caulfield Memorial Award (22 entries)
1st Place: “Garden Club” Ann Carolyn Cates
2nd Place: “Villanelle of the Angora Goat” Dennis R. Patton
3rd Place: “The Dance of Love” Jerri Hardesty
1st HM: “A Teacher Teaches the Magic of Poetry” Judy Davies
2nd HM: “While Shadows Creep” LaVern Spencer McCarthy
Category #25 – J. Manzo Award (9 entries)
1st Place: “Begin to Begin” Jerri Hardesty
2nd Place: “Garden Mysteries” Linda W. Owen
3rd Place: “Divine Inspiration vs. Science” Judy Davies
1st HM: “Anniversaries” Brenda Brown Finnegan
2nd HM: “Highway Refresher Course” Ann Carolyn Cates

Category #26 – James Edward Crow Memorial Award (17 entries)
1st Place: “Thank You” Kestyn Williams
2nd Place: “Hope” Brenda Brown Finnegan
3rd Place: “A Toast to the police” Catherine Moran
1st HM: “All in a Day’s Work” Jerri Hardesty
2nd HM: “The Hardest Part of the Job” Philip Levin
3rd HM: “An Angel” Tanya R. Whitney

Category #27 – Neil and Marcia Mullaney Award (14 entries)
1st Place: “Springtime in Waltham” Judy Davies
2nd Place: “A New England Spring” Tanya R. Whitney
3rd Place: “Larking About Massachusetts” Barbara Blanks
1st HM: “When Nature Comes Alive” Ann Carolyn Cates
2nd HM: “Springtime in New England” Grace Fletcher
3rd HM: “Witness” Doris Jones