

**WRITERS UNLIMITED/MISSISSIPPI POETRY SOCIETY, SOUTH BRANCH
45th AND FINAL ANNUAL LITERARY COMPETITION - 2016**

1. **WRITERS UNLIMITED AWARD.** Short Story. Subject: Open. 1000 word limit. 1st \$25. 2nd: \$15. 3rd: \$10. 3 Honorable Mentions (HM). Sponsored by Writers Unlimited, in Memory of Betty Brown Hicks.
2. **CHEVRON PRODUCTS COMPANY/PASCAGOULA REFINERY AWARD.** Short story. Subject: Open. 1500 word limit. 1st \$50. 2nd \$30. 3rd \$20. 3 HM. Sponsored by Chevron Products Company, Pascagoula Refinery, Pascagoula, MS.
3. **COASTAL INSURANCE AWARD.** Short story. Subject: The Coast. 2000 word limit. 1st \$50. 2nd \$30. 3rd \$20. 3 HM. Sponsored by Coastal Insurance Associates, Gautier, MS.
4. **GULF COAST AUTHORS AWARD.** Essay. Subject: Memoirs. 1500 word limit. 1st \$35. 2nd \$25. 3rd \$15. 3 HM. Sponsored by Gulf Coast Authors, Biloxi, MS.
5. **BURNHAM DRUGS AWARD.** Poem. Subject: Open. Form: Traditional Villanelle. Line limit 19. 1st \$25. 2nd \$15. 3rd \$10. HM's as merited. Sponsored by Greg Spanier, Burnham Drugs, Gautier, MS.
6. **RUBY L. DENNIS MEMORIAL AWARD.** Poem. Subject: Open. Form: Shakespearean Sonnet. Line Limit: 14. 1st \$15. 2nd \$10. 3rd: \$5. HM's as merited. Sponsored by Patty Butkovich.
7. **MISSISSIPPI POETRY SOCIETY SOUTH BRANCH AWARD-IN HONOR OF HELEN JARVIS.** Poem. Subject: Nature. Form: Open. Line limit 32. 1st \$25. 2nd \$15. 3rd \$10. HM's as merited. Sponsored by the Mississippi Poetry Society-South Branch.
8. **FILL IN THE BLANKS AWARD.** Poem. Subject: Open. Form: Open. Line Limit: 40. 1st \$35. 2nd \$20. 3rd \$10. HM's as merited. Sponsored by Barbara Blanks.
9. **KATHY McCALL MEMORIAL AWARD.** Poem. Subject: Open. Form: Open. Line limit: 40. 1st \$30. 2nd \$20. 3rd \$10. HM's as merited. Sponsored by Elaine McDermott.
10. **MISSISSIPPI MEMORIES AWARD.** Poem. Subject: People and Places in Mississippi. Form: Free Verse. Line Limit: 40. 1st \$15. 2nd \$10. 3rd \$5. HM's as merited. Sponsored by Dr. Emory D. Jones.
11. **DAVIES FAVORITE FORM AWARD-IN HONOR OF RYAN WILSHUSEN.** Poem. Subject: Open. Form: Rondel. Line Limit: 13. 1st \$20. 2nd \$10. 3rd \$5. HM's as merited. (Form consists of 13 lines in 3 stanzas, usually 8 syllables per line. Rhyme scheme: ABba/abAB/abbaA, upper case letters are refrains).
12. **MY FRIEND AWARD.** Poem. Subject: A Friend. Form: Open. Line Limit: 16. 1st \$15. 2nd \$10. 3rd \$5. HM's as merited. Sponsored by Sheila Grieco.

13. **LIMERICK AWARD.** Poem. Subject: Open. Form: Limerick. Line Limit: 5. 1st \$20. 2nd \$15. 3rd \$5. HM's as merited. Sponsored by Joan Crow.
14. **GARBIN AWARD.** Poem. Subject: Open. Form: Cento Poem. Line Limit: 10. 1st \$15. 2nd \$10. 3rd \$5. HM's as merited. Sponsored by Faith Garbin.

CONTEST RULES AND INFORMATION-PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

1. **Entries must be typed, on 8 1/2 X 11 white paper, in Times New Roman or Arial #12 font, please. Entries must be original, unpublished in any form and should have won no award other than honorable mention in any contest. Double-space short stories and essays. Pages should be numbered. If a manuscript is more than one page, staple together (don't paper-clip). Entries must meet form requirements, line and word limit specified. List word count of short stories and essays on first page of entry.**
2. **Only one entry per category. Do not enter the same manuscript in more than one category. All entries should be titled, except haiku.**
3. **Send two copies of each entry. On the first copy, include the writer's name, address, phone number, email address, and MPS member or non-member on the upper left corner, and the category number/title on the upper right corner. On the second copy, do not include any writer identification; just category number and title. Please mail flat in a large brown envelope.**
4. **The winners list will be posted on the Mississippi Poetry Society website soon after the awards. See the Contest page at www.misspoetry.net.**
5. **Entrants who do not follow the above rules will be disqualified.**
6. **Entry Fees: \$5.00 per entry or a fee of \$15.00 covers one entry in each category for MS Poetry Society members only . Non-member fee \$6.00 per category or one entry per category for \$25.00. Make checks payable to Writers Unlimited.**
7. **Deadline is September 30, 2016. Any entry NOT RECEIVED BY that date will be disqualified. Awards ceremony is set for November 12, 2016 at the Gautier Public Library at 3 pm. Award checks must be cashed within 60 days or be forfeited.**

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