

**Mississippi Poetry Society
2022 Spring Contest Winners List**

Best of Fest Award

“Rejection, Then and Now” by Janice Canerdy

Category 1

1st place: “Remember Evers Forever” by Philip L. Levin

2nd place: “Phoenix Jackson on the Worn Path” by Linda Watson Owen

3rd place: “Riverboat Gambler - George H. Devol” by Ann Carolyn Cates

Honorable Mentions:

“An Old School Fan” by William Hill

“Faulkner in Bronze” by Jeanne Kelly

Category 2

1st place: “When Red Buds Bloom” by Carey Myers

2nd place: “Silent Corners” by Linda Watson Owen

3rd place: “When Dawn Breaks” by Patsy Twiner

HM1: “What I Brought Back With Me” by Catherine Moran

HM2: “The Work of the Cross” by Grace Fletcher

HM3: “Happy Days” by Patty Butkovich

Category 3

1st place: “Sources of Courage” by Janice Canerdy

2nd place: “Looking Back” by Dorothy Rogers

3rd place: “The Troll Under the Bridge” by Philip Levin

HM

“Stone Bridge” by Carey Myers

Category 4

1st place: “Rejection, Then and Now” by Janice Canerdy

2nd place: “Mississippi: An Acrostic” by Linda Watson Owen

3rd place: “Follow Your Dreams” by Mary Alice Higgs

Honorable Mentions:

HM1: “We Live in a World of Polarization and Anger” by Philip Levin

HM2: “Mississippi” by Mary Beth Magee

HM3: “Twisted or True” by Grace Fletcher

Category 5

1st place: "Personal Aesthetic" by Emory Jones

2nd place: "Finding Contentment" by Jeanne Kelly

3rd place: "How the Pandemic has Affected Me" by Janice Canerdy

HM1: "Tom's Tunes" by Jerri Hardesty

HM2: "Carry on" by James Brooks

HM3: "Trading Places" by Ann Carolyn Cates

Category 6

1st place: "Why There Were no Minutewomen" by Douglas Taylor

2nd place: "Corner Market" by Doris Jones

3rd place: "Organ Recital" by Tommy Little

Honorable Mentions:

"That Blasted Typewriter" by Ruth Richmond

"Limericks: with Apologies to the Reader" by Linda Watson Owen

Category 7

1st place: "Endangered Beauty" by Janice Canerdy

2nd place: "The Verdict" by Judy Davies

3rd place: "Gathering Spanish Moss" by Ann Carolyn Cates

Honorable Mentions:

"Cruising for Cranes" by Jerri Hardesty

"Coastal Alchemy" by Linda Owen

Category 8

1st place: "The Diehard Fan" by Mary Beth Magee

2nd place: "Cutting Corners" by Grace Fletcher

3rd place: "Clinging to Hope" by Jerri Hardesty

HM

"When One's Used Up" by Philip L. Levin

Category 9

1st place: "Can You Hear the Silence" by Judy Davies

2nd place: "Ophelia (painting by John Waterhouse)" by Jeanne Kelly

3rd place: "Pietà" by Mary Beth Magee

Honorable Mentions:

"Starry Night 4" by Jerri Hardesty

"Chopin's Last Piano" by Terry Jude Miller

"The Wedding Guest" by Michael Shelton

Category 10

- 1st place: "Photo of the Future" by Terry Jude Miller
2nd place: "She Loves How Autumn Feels" by Carey Myers
3rd place: "Generations" by Mary Beth Magee

Honorable Mentions

- "Feeding" by Patrick Hansel
"Cappie in the Holly Tree" by Jeanne Kelly
"Package" by Doris Jones
"Whetstones" by Jerri Hardesty

Category 11

- 1st place: "Springtime Blooms" by Mary Beth Magee
2nd place: "Remembering Titoo" by Doris Jones
3rd place: "Honey Suckles with Two-lips" by Annie Smith

Honorable Mentions:

- HM1: "Bouquets" by Linda Owen
HM2: "Lovely and Practical" by Janice Canerdy
HM3: "Portents of Spring" by Philip Levin

Category 12: Villanelle

- 1st place: "The Resting Place" by Emory Jones
2nd place: "Ukraine's Warriors" by Patsy Twiner
3rd place: "Nighttime Skies" by Pete Massey

Honorable Mentions:

- "Hard but Necessary Truths" by Janice Canerdy
"Star Quality" by Jerri Hardesty
"The Proposal" by Christian Shute

Category 13

- 1st place: "Bulrushes' Invitation" by Doris Jones
2nd place: "Redemption" by Patsy Twiner
3rd place: "Walking to Jordan" by Lorraine Jeffrey

Honorable Mentions:

- 1st: "Water -- from Genesis to Revelation" by Janice Canerdy
2nd: "Baptism at the Jordan (Mark 1:10-11)" by Patrick Hansel
3rd: "The Exodus" by Mary Beth McGee
4th: "Grandpa's Bible" by Jerri Hardesty
5th: "The Last King of Bashan" by Christian Shute

Category 14

- 1st place: "The Old Neighborhood" by Mary Beth Magee
2nd place: "A Walk in My Neighborhood" by Grace Fletcher
3rd place: "Let's Take a Walk" by Janice Canerdy

Honorable Mentions:

- "Just a walk around the block" by Jerri Hardesty
"The Circle" by Mark LeFrancis
"Morning Stroll" by Pete Massey

Category 15

- 1st place: "Twister" by Pete Massey
2nd place: "The Ballad of Robert Small" by Linda Watson Owen
3rd place: "Watching at the Window" by Carey Myers

- HM1: "The Aisle 3 Cashier" by Nick Sweet
HM2: "On Dining, Would that We'd Avoid the Din" by Gail Denham
HM3: "Vacant Space" by Robert Goddard

Category 16:

- 1st place: "Visiting" by Annie Smith
2nd place: "Communication Constriction" by Patsy Twiner
3rd place: "The Mail Box" by Ann Carolyn Cates

Honorable Mentions:

- "Answers are the real staging" by Catherine Moran
"Grandma's Prayer Life" by Jeanne Kelly
"Let Me In" by Mary Beth Magee

Category 17

- 1st place: "The Cobbler" by Nick Sweet
2nd place: "Music Room" by Denise James
3rd place: "Dream of Resurrection" by Terry Jude Miller

Honorable Mentions

- 1st HM: "I Dreamed of Bluebonnets" by Mary Beth Magee
2nd HM: "Bedtime" by Donna Isaac
3rd HM: "The Gift of Dreams" by Pete Massey

Category 18: Doctor's Dream Award

- 1st place: "Victor" by Terry Jude Miller
2nd place: "The Sign" by Mark LeFrancis
3rd place: "System Shocks" by Jeanne Kelly

Honorable Mentions:

- "Ablation" by Patrick Hansel
"Our Hastening Ills" by Douglas Taylor
"After brain surgery" by Jerri Hardesty

Category 19

- 1st place: "Demagogues" by Patsy Twiner
2nd place: "How to Dismantle a Democracy" by Jeanne Kelly
3rd place: "The Appetite of 'Self'" by Linda Watson Owen

Honorable Mentions:

- "Watching the Demagogues" by Catherine Moran
"H8mongers Need Not Apply" by Mary Beth Magee

Category 20

- 1st place: "A Look at the Face of the Past" by Catherine Moran
2nd place: "Old barn" 'Calyk' sign for medical ..." by Glen Watts
3rd place: "painters" by Terry Jude Miller

Honorable Mentions

- "Barnwood" by Jerri Hardesty
"Grandpa's Old Barn" by Lorraine Jeffrey
"fading" by Doris Jones

Category 21

- 1st place: "An Issue to Ponder" by Janice Canerdy
2nd place: "Peaceful Porch Nesters" by Jeanne Kelly
3rd place: "A Fowl Rafter" by Patsy Twiner

Honorable Mentions (in no particular order)

- "Inland Bird Watching" by Ann Carolyn Cates
"The Vulture" by Philip L. Levin

Category 22

- 1st place: "The Mississippi Vietnam Veteran's Memorial" by Patty Butkovich
2nd place: "Painful Memories" by Ann Carolyn Cates
3rd place: "Homecoming from Vietnam War" by Judy Davies

Honorable Mentions:

- "Out of their Sky" by Douglas Taylor
"Moving from Fear to Understanding" by Jerri Hardesty
HM3: "Half a World Away, 1966" by Linda Watson Owen

Category 23

- 1st place: "Joy" by Patsy Twiner
2nd place: "Bluegrass Saturday Night" by Tommy Little
3rd place: "Forever Faun" by Emory Jones

- HM1: "Joy" by Annie Smith
HM2: "Joyful Memories" by Judy Davies
HM3: "The Joys of Childhood" by Barbara Moss

Category 24: Pets

1st place: "Letting go of Amadeus" by Terry Jude Miller

2nd place: "Lucy's Farewell" by Jeanne Kelly

3rd place: "Classroom Disruption" by Judy Davies

Honorable Mentions:

All were enjoyable, but these stood out:

Gabriel Cramer by Jason Ervin

Cat's I've Known by Patty Butkovich

shoelaces by Mark Le Francis

sam by Annie Smith

the ladybug and the hummingbird by Michael Shelton

a fish story by Ann Carolyn Cates

just a pup by Barbara Moss

angel by Emory Jones

kittens and cat by Douglas Taylor

Category 25

1st place: "If I were to Write a Poem about You" by Terry Jude Miller

2nd place: "Key" by Denise James

3rd place: "Biological" by Jerri Hardesty

Honorable Mentions

"Last Night" by Judy Davies

"Unexpected Poolside Romance" by Ann Carolyn Cates

Category 26

1st place: "Now Legal" by Philip L. Levin

2nd place: "Whose numbers count? Who are we" by Glenn Watts

3rd place: "inertia - a body at rest makes excellent fertilizer" by Jason Ervin

Honorable Mention:

"Good for everyone" by Jerri Hardesty

Category 27

1st place: "dear God" by Terry Jude Miller

2nd place: "Too Tall" by Barbara Moss

3rd place: untitled (tears across the miles) by Dorothy Rogers

Honorable Mentions (in no particular order)

"Cat-speak" by Judy Davies

"Don't Strive, Allow" by Victor Klimoski

"Oh My!" by Gail Denham

Student Contest

Level 1

1st place: "It's Christmas!" by Ruth Ellen Castille (3rd grade, Iuka Elementary School)

Only one entry was submitted for Level 1, so there is no 2nd and 3rd place winner

Level 2

There were no entries for Level 2.

Level 3

1st place: "The Thought of Freedom" by Ellington Connerley (6th grade, Starkville Christian School)

2nd place: "Some May" by Meredith Meek (6th grade, Starkville Christian School)

Only two entries were submitted for Level 3, so there is no 3rd place.

Level 4

1st place: "Sailor Suicide" by Olivia Grace Gorton (12th grade, Humphrey's Academy, Belzoni, MS)

2nd place: "Strings and Soul" by Mikayla Chapman (9th grade, Pine Grove School, Ripley, MS)

3rd place: "Passion for the Arrow" by Hanna Hodum (9th grade, Pine Grove School, Ripley, MS)

HM1: "The Boy in the Daisies" by Hannah Hill (9th grade, Pine Grove School, Ripley, MS)

HM2: "The Flower's Song" by Ashley Smith (11th grade, Newton County Academy, Decatur, MS)

Level 5

1st place: "Trauma Sisters" by Andrea Foreman, Belhaven University

2nd place: "Sunday Kisses" by Tomia Jones, Belhaven University

3rd place: "I took a walk on Plumbush Street" by Zachariah Mayberry, Belhaven University

HM1: "Cross my Heart - For Chrystul Kizer" by Rena Woodard, Belhaven University

HM2: "Upon Completing a Journal" by Tristan White, Belhaven University

HM3: "The Days When I Danced in the Sun" by Aidan Michael Garvin, NEMCC

HM4: "God's Clock" by Lacy Thomas, Belhaven University

HM5: "Not Me" by Shannon Aardsma, Belhaven University