

Poetry Society of Tennessee
64th Annual Contest
2020 Winners

Contest	Place	Poem Title	Poet	Member	State
Best of Fest	Sponsored by Marilyn Denington, Judged by John Mannone				
		A Veteran of the Pacific War Salutes the Flag	Budd Powell Mahan	N	TX
1	Benefactor's Award, Sponsored by Poetry Society of Tennessee Members, Judged by Paul Ford				
	1	Dorothy	Gretchen McCroskey	Y	VA
	2	Full Circle	Lori Goetz	Y	TN
	3	To Number 210396	Russell Strauss	Y	TN
	4	Ground Zero	Patricia Hope	Y	TN
	5	Chivalry	Fay Smalling Guinn	Y	AR
	1HM	Sensorial	Lauren Crowe	Y	TN
	2HM	The Season the World Paused	Russell Strauss	Y	TN
	3HM	Reverie at Slack Time	Emory Jones	Y	MS
	4HM	Morning Prayer	Patricia Hope	Y	TN
	5HM	Gathering of the Clan	Von S. Bourland	Y	TX
	6HM	While She Slept	Nick Sweet	Y	TX
	7HM	Affirmation	Greer Fox	Y	TN
2	Poet's Field Day Award, Judged by Jerri Hardesty				
	1	Distraction in the Afternoon	Fay Smalling Guinn	Y	AR
	2	Barbara, Marian and the Elder	Nick Sweet	Y	TX
	3	Barnyard Opera	Gail Denham	Y	OR
	1HM	Big Sister	Patricia Hope	Y	TN
	2HM	Reborn in Spring	Sara Gipson	Y	AR
	3HM	Resting Places	JB Baxley	Y	TN
3	Romantic Moment Prize, Sponsored and Judged by Howard Carman, Jr.				
	1	Forbidden Lovers in the Night	Von S. Bourland	Y	TX
	2	Finding the Right Words to Say When Kneeling With a Diamond Ring	Janet Qually	Y	TN
	3	First Date	Gretchen McCroskey	Y	VA
	1HM	Dreaming	JB Baxley	Y	TN
	2HM	Tidal Embrace	Russell Strauss	Y	TN
4	PST-NE Chapter Prize, Sponsored by PST-Northeast Chapter, Judged by Lisa Kamolnick				
	1	Recycle This	Barbara Blanks	Y	TX
	2	Later	Lorraine Jeffrey	N	UT
	3	How We Killed Our Aquifer	Lori Goetz	Y	TN
	1HM	How to Celebrate a Birthday	Russell Strauss	Y	TN
	2HM	Hurry Up, Eastman!	Rose Klix	Y	TN
	3HM	Things That Last	Gretchen McCroskey	Y	VA
5	Mary Winklebleck Memorial Award, Sponsored and Judged by Barbara Blanks				
	1	Purposeful Activity?	Russell Strauss	Y	TN
	2	Medical Appointments	Sara Gipson	Y	AR
	3	A homeless man drifts by	Catherine Moran	N	AR
	1HM	Firefly Secrets	Jerri Hardesty	N	AL
	2HM	In Spite	Lorraine Jeffrey	N	UT
	3HM	Springs of Living Waters	Von S. Bourland	Y	TX
6	Suffragists' Centennial Anniversary, Sponsored and Judged by Rose Klix				
	1	Not Adjectives, but Nouns	Lorraine Jeffrey	N	UT
	2	Letter from Home	Budd Powell Mahan	N	TX
	3	Suffragette Success	Sara Gipson	Y	AR
	4	A Day to Celebrate Freedom	Nancy Cook	N	MN
	1HM	From Homesteading to Suffrage	Pandora Nu	N	PA
	2HM	Gladys Pyle, First Citizen	Barbara Blanks	Y	TX
	3HM	Equality State	Christian Shute	N	WY
	4HM	Winning their Rights	Ann Carolyn Cates	Y	MS
	5HM	They Paid the Cost	Jerri Hardesty	N	AL
	6HM	Liberty's Sisters, August 1920	Russell Strauss	Y	TN
7	Charles Frazier Clark Memorial Award, Sponsored and Judged by Dr. Diane M. Clark				
	1	What a Teacher Plants	Catherine Moran	N	AR
	2	That Special Teacher	Tanya R. Whitney	N	LA
	3	Graduation Visit	Russell Strauss	Y	TN
	1HM	Thank You, Miss Allen	Dena R. Gorell	N	OK
	2HM	Senior English with Miss Rogers	Ann Carolyn Cates	Y	MS
	3HM	Unforgettable Mrs. Clarke	Greer Fox	Y	TN
8	Young Adult Contest, Sponsored and Judged by Margaret LoBue				
	1	Code Switching	Lauren Crowe	Y	TN
9	Haiku Sequence Contest, Sponsored and Judged by Lori Goetz				
	1	"clouds enfold highway"	Von S. Bourland	Y	TX
	2	Autumn	Sara Gipson	Y	AR
	3	A Song of Winter	Dena R. Gorell	N	OK
	1HM	"sickle moon and one star"	Becky Alexander	N	ONT
	2HM	"May's breezy refrain"	Lisa Kamolnick	Y	TN
	3HM	Theft Foiled	Russell Strauss	Y	TN
10	Joan T. and Sheron B. Strauss Award, Sponsored and Judged by Russell Strauss				
	1	A Veteran of the Pacific War Salutes the Flag	Budd Powell Mahan	N	TX
	2	Bringing Boys Back from Korea	Fay Smalling Guinn	Y	AR
	3	Giant Leap	Jerri Hardesty	N	AL
	1HM	Hooray for the U.S.A.	Barbara Blanks	Y	TX
	2HM	In Praise of Tranquility	Beth Staas	N	IL
	3HM	Ode to My Country	Catherine Moran	N	AR

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11	"Write the Real" Award, Sponsored and Judged by Gail Denham				
	1	A Simple Wound	Catherine Moran	N	AR
	2	Mountain Drive in Autumn	Sara Gipson	Y	AR
	3	Question	Lorraine Jeffrey	N	UT
	1HM	Full Storage	Rose Klix	Y	TN
	2HM	Second Guessing	Virginia Sheppard	N	TX
	3HM	Stick, Rattle, and Uh-Oh	Barbara Blanks	Y	TX
12	Pirouette Award, Sponsored and Judged by Pete Harris				
	1	Bridal Departure	Russell Strauss	Y	TN
	2	Long Way from Nashville	Charles K. Firmage	Y	AZ
	3	Heroes	Howard Carman, Jr.	Y	TN
	1HM	Both Sides of the Issue	Ann Carolyn Cates	Y	MS
13	Words = Power, Sponsored and Judged by Ruby Jones				
	1	The Visionary	Barbara Blanks	Y	TX
	2	Definition of 'Wife'	Von S. Bourland	Y	TX
	3	Awakening	Lori Goetz	Y	TN
	1HM	Words	Budd Powell Mahan	N	TX
	2HM	It	Charles K. Firmage	Y	AZ
14	The Undercover Contest, Sponsored by Anonymous, Judged by Joe Cavanaugh				
	1	Breaking Silence	Lisa Kamolnick	Y	TN
	2	Silence of the Sham	Barbara Blanks	Y	TX
	3	Ruach	Jonathan Bennett	Y	TN
	1HM	The Rent's Past Due	Curt Vevang	N	IL
	2HM	Walden's Ridge	Charles K. Firmage	Y	AZ
	3HM	After Las Vegas	Ann Glumac	N	MN
	4HM	Caramel Oblivion	Tanya R. Whitney	N	LA
15	Terminology Challenge, Sponsored and Judged by Florence Bruce				
	1	Precipitation	Jerri Hardesty	N	AL
	1HM	Transported	Barbara Blanks	Y	TX
16	Personification Challenge, Sponsored and Judged by Florence Bruce				
	1	The Scarlet Letter	Barbara Blanks	Y	TX
	2	Pour Me a Cup	Lori Goetz	Y	T
	3	A Message from Your Stove (or Home, Home with the Range)	Russell Strauss	Y	TN
	1HM	Flower Pot Feelings	Ann Carolyn Cates	Y	MS
17	Think On It, Sponsored and Judged by Lori Goetz				
	1	Focused on Fatherhood	Ann Carolyn Cates	Y	MS
	2	Mommy's Meditation	Lisa Kamolnick	Y	TN
	3	Ancient Voices	Howard Carman, Jr.	Y	TN
	1HM	Peace at the Stupa	Harvey Stone	Y	TN
	2HM	Breathing Method	Jerri Hardesty	N	AL
	3HM	Day's Accord	Patricia Hope	Y	TN
18	The Lighter Side, Sponsored by Elizabeth Shelley, Judged by Eleanor Berry				
	1	Ticklish Toes	Rose Klix	Y	TN
	2	Rock Bottom	Jerri Hardesty	N	AL
	3	Where's the Beef?	Lisa Kamolnick	Y	TN
	1HM	They're All My Friends	Curt Vevang	N	IL
	2HM	Inside Joke	Terry Jude Miller	N	TX
	3HM	If Misery Does Love Company	Lorraine Jeffrey	N	UT
19	Bobbie Drobeck Award, Sponsored and Judged by Russell Strauss				
	1	The Photography of Eudora Welty	Budd Powell Mahan	N	TX
	2	Ubiquitous	Jerri Hardesty	N	AL
	3	Hurricane Season	Nancy Cook	N	MN
	1HM	Water Birds	Sara Gipson	Y	AR
	2HM	Survival	Lorraine Jeffrey	N	UT
	3HM	The Payoff	Diane M. Clarke	Y	MI
20	Jewell Cox Lewis Memorial, Sponsored by Anna's Pet Sitting, Judged by William Hill				
	1	Small Town Saturday	Tanya R. Whitney	N	LA
	2	Haircut	Christian Shute	N	WY
	3	Brierfield, AL 35035	Jerri Hardesty	N	AL
	1HM	Undercover in Plain Sight	Lori Goetz	Y	TN
	2HM	Snyder's Boom	Von S. Bourland	Y	TX
	3HM	Duncanville USA	Gretchen McCroskey	Y	VA

Many thanks to all of the sponsors, judges, and poets who participated in our 2020 contests!