

2023 FSPA Contests Submissions: May 1 - July 15, 2023

CONTEST RULES:

Please read carefully and follow all directions. Any violations will disqualify submission.

1. ALL POEMS MUST:

- be the original work of the poet
- be unpublished in any form
- not have won more than \$10 in any contest
- be written in English
- be titled unless a sijo or haiku
- have a 40 lines limit unless stated otherwise. Count only the actual lines, not the title or any blank lines between stanzas.
- not be simultaneously entered in any other contest

2. CATEGORY SPECIFICS:

- The same poem must not be entered in more than one category.
- Categories 1 & 2 are limited to 2 entries per category per poet.
- Categories 3 through 29 are limited to one entry per category per poet.

3. FORMAT:

- Typed, single-spaced on one side of 8.5" x 11" white paper.
- For preference use 12 point Times New Roman font.
- **NO** illustrations.
- Submit 2 copies – both with category name and number on upper left.
- Poet's name, address, phone and email on duplicate copy only on upper right.
- Mail all entries together in one envelope with check or money order payable to FSPA, Inc. using regular first class mail.

4. FEES:

- Categories 1 & 2 are \$3 per poem for FSPA members, \$4 for non-members (2 poem limit per category).
- Category 13 is free to FSPA members only—non members pay \$3.00.
- Remaining categories are \$2 each per contest for FSPA members and \$3 each per contest for non-members. Please do not send cash. Make checks or money orders payable to FSPA, Inc.

5. PUBLISHING RIGHTS:

- Poets give FSPA, Inc. exclusive first printing rights to all 1st place winning poems awarded in the FSPA, Inc. Annual Contest.
- 1st Place winning poems will be printed in the FSPA anthology.
- The Editor reserves the right to alter line breaks on lines having more than 50 characters per line, including spaces.
- Printing rights revert to the poet after the anthology is published (October 2023).
- Winners' names will be posted October 2023 on the FSPA website.

SUBMISSION PERIOD: May 1 to July 15, 2023 - July 15, 2023 is the "Postmarked By" deadline.

MAIL ENTRIES TO:

Marc Davidson, PO Box 730838.
Ormond Beach, FL 32173



Categories:

1. FSPA FREE VERSE AWARD

Subject: Any. Form: Free Verse. 1 page limit.
1st PL \$100. 2nd PL \$75. 3rd PL \$50. 3 HM
Entry fee \$3 per poem for FSPA members,
\$4 for non-members. Limit 2 poems.
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2. FSPA FORMAL VERSE AWARD

Subject: Any. Form: Formal Verse. 1 page limit.
(Include form name at top of page.)
1st PL \$100. 2nd PL \$75. 3rd PL \$50. 3 HM
Entry fee \$3 per poem for FSPA members,
\$4 for non-members. Limit 2 poems.
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3. THE LIVE POETS SOCIETY AWARD

Subject: The Dark Side. Form: Any. 40 Line Limit.
1st PL \$25. 2nd PL \$15. 3rd PL \$10. 3 HM
Sponsored by The Live Poets Society
of Daytona Beach

4. TOMOKA POETS AWARD

Subject: At the Beach. Form: Any. 40 Line Limit.
1st PL \$25. 2nd PL \$15. 3rd PL \$10. 3 HM
Sponsored by Tomoka Poets

5. WILLARD B. FOSTER MEMORIAL AWARD

Subject: Reversal of Fortune. Form: Any.
40 Line Limit.
1st PL \$25. 2nd PL \$15. 3rd PL \$10. 3 HM
Sponsored by John F. Foster

6. PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS AWARD

Subject: Any. Form: Any. 40 Line Limit.
1st PL \$25. 2nd PL \$15. 3rd PL \$10. 3 HM
Sponsored by Judith and Randy Krum

7. JUNE OWENS MEMORIAL AWARD

Subject: Wheels. Form: Any. 40 Line Limit.
1st PL \$25. 2nd PL \$15. 3rd PL \$10. 3 HM
Sponsored by New River Poets

8. NEW RIVER POETS AWARD

(In Honor of our Deceased Members)
Subject: Any. Form: Any. 40 Line Limit.
1st PL \$25. 2nd PL \$15. 3rd PL \$10. 3 HM
Sponsored by New River Poets

9. THE POET'S VISION AWARD

Subject: Any. Form: Any. 40 Line Limit.
1st PL \$25. 2nd PL \$15. 3rd PL \$10. 3 HM
Sponsored by Janet Watson

10. ALFRED VON BROKOPH AWARD

Subject: Love, the good, the bad and the sad.
Form: Any lyrical. 30 Line Limit.
1st PL \$40. 2nd PL \$20. 3rd PL \$10. 3 HM
Sponsored by G. Kyra Von Brokoph



11. JANET BINKLEY ERWIN MEMORIAL AWARD

Subject: Any. Form: Any. 40 Line Limit.
1st PL \$25. 2nd PL \$15. 3rd PL \$10. 3 HM
Sponsored by Poetry for the Love of It (PLOI)

12. KATE KENNEDY MEMORIAL AWARD

Subject: Pets. Form: Any. 40 Line Limit.
1st PL \$25. 2nd PL \$15. 3rd PL \$10. 3 HM
Sponsored by B. J. Alligood

13. HENRIETTA & MARK KROAH FOUNDERS AWARD

(Free to FSPA Members)
Subject: Wedding. Form: Any. 40 Line Limit.
1st PL \$25. 2nd PL \$15. 3rd PL \$10. 3 HM
Sponsored by FSPA, Inc.

14. PAST PRESIDENTS AWARD

Subject: Transitions: from one to another
Form: Any. 40 Line Limit.
1st PL \$25. 2nd PL \$15. 3rd PL \$10. 3 HM
Sponsored by Past Presidents of FSPA

15. ORLANDO AREA POETS AWARD

Subject: Any. Form: Any. 40 Line Limit.
1st PL \$25. 2nd PL \$15. 3rd PL \$10. 3 HM
Sponsored by Orlando Area Poets

16. LESLIE HALPERN MEMORIAL AWARD

Subject: Any. Form: Any. 40 Line Limit.
1st PL \$25. 2nd PL \$15. 3rd PL \$10. 3 HM
Sponsored by Orlando Area Poets

17. HUMOR AWARD

Subject: Humor. Form: Any Rhymed & Metered.
40 Line Limit.
1st PL \$25. 2nd PL \$15. 3rd PL \$10. 3 HM
Sponsored by Sunshine Poets

18. CHILDHOOD AWARD

Subject: Children, reading, writing or both.
Form: Any. 40 Line Limit.
1st PL \$40. 2nd PL 20. 3rd PL \$15. 3 HM
Sponsored by Bookseedstudio

19. WEINBAUM/GLIDDEN AWARD

Subject: Issues and concerns faced by LGBTQ
community and those who love them.
Form: Any. 40 Line Limit. 1st PL \$25.
2nd PL \$15. 3rd PL \$10. 3 HM
Sponsored by Robyn Weinbaum

20. IRWIN & ESTELLE WEINBAUM MEMORIAL AWARD

Subject: The struggles of marginalized persons
everywhere. Form: Sonnet. 14 Line Limit.
1st PL \$25. 2nd PL \$15. 3rd PL \$10. 3 HM
Sponsored by Robyn Weinbaum

21. THE ENCHANTMENT AWARD

Subject: Paranormal, Fantasy, SciFi.
Form: Any. 40 Line Limit.
1st PL \$25. 2nd PL \$15. 3rd PL \$10. 3 HM
Sponsored by Sonja Jean Craig

22. EKPHRASTIC POEM AWARD

(Writing inspired by art)
Subject: An Ekphrastic Poem inspired by a painting,
photograph, sculpture, or other piece of visual art. Include
name of artist (if known) and title of piece. Form: Any.
50 line limit.
1st Prize: \$25. 2nd Prize: \$15. 3rd Prize: \$10. 3 HM
Sponsored by Elaine Person

23. JOCK G. & GEORGE K. TERRY AWARD

Subject: Brothers Form: Prose Poem. 8 Line Limit.
1st PL \$50. 2nd PL \$30. 3rd PL \$20. 3 HM
Sponsored by Mark Andrew James Terry

24. NORTH FLORIDA POETRY HUB AWARD

Subject: Hope. Form: Any.
1st PL \$25. 2nd PL \$15. 3rd PL \$10. 3 HM
Sponsored by Hope at Hand/NFPH

25. CHB PUBLICATIONS AWARD

Subject: Any. Form: Any. 40 Line Limit.
1st PL \$50. 2nd PL \$30. 3rd PL \$20. 3 HM
Sponsored by CHB Publications.

26. THE LOOK DEEPER AWARD

Subject: Why you admire a poem (other than your own).
Form: Sacred Seven—Starting at the left margin, take 7
lines from a poem you admire (not your own) and use the
first letter in each line, in order, to begin each line in your
poem about why you admire the other poem. Give credit
to the other author. 7 Line Limit.
1st PL \$25. 2nd PL \$15. 3rd PL \$10. 3 HM
Sponsored by Suzanne Austin-Hill

27. THE JOSEPHINE DAVIDSON MEMORIAL AWARD

Subject: Any. Form: Ruba'i—4 lines, iambic pentameter,
minimum 3 stanzas, rhyme aaba/bbcb/ccdc etc. Third
line of final stanza must rhyme with first line of poem.
40 Line Limit.
1st PL \$25. 2nd PL \$15. 3rd PL \$10. 3 HM
Sponsored by Live Poets Society of Daytona Beach

28. THE SOWER AND THE SEED AWARD

Subject: The importance of being good stewards of the
earth. Form: Any. 40 Line Limit.
1st PL \$50. 2nd PL \$30. 3rd PL \$20. 3 HM \$5 each.
Sponsored by Tim Schulz

29. HOMEPLACE AWARD

Subject: The ground beneath. Form: Any.
30 Line Limit.
1st PL \$50. 2nd PL \$30. 3rd PL \$20. 3 HM
Sponsored by Mark Andrew James Terry