

2017 Alabama State Poetry Society FALL Contest
Deadline for receiving submissions: **August 18, 2017**
Rules and Details

RULES:

- ENTRY FEES:
For **members** ~ \$1 Per poem.
No limit to number of poems submitted.
For **non-members** ~ \$5 per poem.
NO MORE THAN 5 SUBMISSIONS TOTAL.
More than one poem can be submitted for any contest.

- The same poem may not be entered into more than one category.
- More than one poem can be submitted for any contest.

- Poems cannot have won a monetary award in a previous ASPS contest.

- Poems cannot have been published before in an on-line magazine/publication or a journal, book or other professional source.

- No limit on number of entries for ASPS members, but only one award per contest. (Send SASE for winners' list-#10 envelope only)

- ***Line limit for all contests is 40 lines unless otherwise specified.***

- Submit **3** copies of each poem on 8 ½ x 11 paper using plain type and fonts only:
On each copy, put **category name and contest number in upper left hand** corner.
On one copy only, put your **name, address, e-mail, phone number and**
“member” or “non-member” in upper right hand corner.
Address labels are acceptable.

- Entries will not be returned to you. Keep a copy of poems you submit.

- Mail entries and fees to
Jeanette Willert, 8 Seddon Point, Pell City AL 35128
Any questions, e-mail Contests@alpoets.org

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AND GIVEN CERTIFICATES AND MONETARY AWARDS AT THE FALL MEETING IN PELL CITY ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH.

See our website at alpoets.org for additional copies of this brochure and other information.

DEADLINE: Submissions must be received by **Friday, August 18, 2017. Mail early!**
Some entries have taken a week to arrive in the past.

THE 17 CONTESTS:

1. ALABAMA STATE POETRY SOCIETY CONTEST
(Sponsored by ASPS) Open to PAID MEMBERS ONLY.
Any form and topic; no line limit.
\$75, \$50, \$25, \$10 and 1 Honorable Mention.
2. THE DAVID KATO PRIZE
In honor of murdered Ugandan gay activist David Kato (1964-2011).
Subject: Human rights of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people.
Any form, no line limit.
\$50, \$30, \$20 and Honorable Mentions at Judge's discretion.
3. POET'S CHOICE
ASPS members only.
You choose topic and form. Line limit: 60 lines.
Sponsored by Jeanette Willert
\$50, \$25, \$15. Honorable Mentions at Judge's discretion.
4. The BKC AWARD (in honor of Betttye Kramer Cannizzo).
Must be a resident of Alabama to enter.
Any form and/or topic, 50 line limit. Sponsored by Susan Luther.
\$50, \$30, \$20. Honorable Mentions at Judge's discretion.
5. THE "WINNER TAKE ALL" AWARD
Must be a resident of Alabama to enter.
Theme: Taking a Chance. Any form. 50 line limit.
Sponsored by Susan Luther
1st Place award only: \$50.
6. GENERATION GAPS IN AMERICAN FAMILIES
ASPS Members Only. Any form. 40 line limit. *Extra points for humor!*
Sponsored by Mavis Jarrell.
\$25, \$15, \$10. No Honorable Mentions.
7. FORMALISM AWARD
Any traditional poetic form may be used. Modification of meter is allowed.
ANY LENGTH! State the form being used on the submission
Sponsored by Steven A. Gillis.
\$50, \$30, \$20. No Honorable Mentions.
8. WHO AM I?
"Show" us an animal or plant without naming it. Rhymed and metered—or not!
Maximum length 30 lines
Sponsored by P.T. Paul.
\$15, \$10, \$5. Up to 3 Honorable Mentions.
9. I AM AN INANIMATE OBJECT
Write a poem from the point of view of an inanimate object.
Do not reveal what the object is until the end.
No form limit. 40 line limit.
Sponsored by Dargan Ware.
\$50, \$25, \$10.

10. THE SCARIEST HALLOWEEN YOU EVER HAD!

Any style. 40 lines or less. Must Be Present To Win.

Sponsored by Margaret Rush.

\$25, \$15, \$10. Up to two Honorable Mentions.

11. PRECIOUS PRODIGAL AWARD

Topic: Extended metaphor with poetry as the subject. Compare poetry to one specific thing and then build your metaphor around that one thing. What is the good, the bad, the sweet and bittersweet, the cost and the payoff of writing poetry?

Form: poet's choice.

\$30, \$20, \$15, \$10. HMs at judge's discretion.

Sponsored by Harry and Rita Moritz.

12. CHOOSE YOUR OWN TOPIC

Length 40 lines.

\$25, \$15, \$10. HM at judge's discretion.

Sponsored by Joanne Cage.

13. VILANELLE ~ POET'S CHOICE OF TOPIC

line limit: 19 (as required by the villanelle form)

\$40, \$30, \$20, \$10. HMs at judge's discretion.

Sponsored by Writers Anonymous

14. REJECTION REFLECTION (A "contestivus for the rest of us").

Submit a poem (only one please) that you believe is a keeper but which you have submitted for publication only to be rejected by one or more publishers (or contests). So as to not tax the patience of the judge(s), poems must consist of 30 lines or less. In brackets below the poem (or above if you prefer) please name one (or more) publication(s) or contest(s) which rejected your pride and joy. Meter & or rhyme: Poems must be in verse, rhymed *or* unrhymed, metered *or* not, as opposed to prose (i.e., no prose poems, flash fiction, etc.).

\$ 25.00, \$ 10.00, \$5.00 No HM,

Sponsored by Jim Ferguson

15. HOME SWEET HOME CONTEST

Write a poem about the people, places, or things of Alabama.

No form or rhyme scheme specified. 40 line limit.

\$25, \$15, \$10. HMs at judge's discretion.

Sponsored by Jessica Temple.

16. THE TIME YOU "BARRA-LI-MADE-IT"

No line limit. Must Be Present To Win.

\$25, \$15, \$10. Up to 3 HMs

Sponsored by Myra Barra

17. NO LIMITS - In memory of Debra Self.

Any subject; any form. Must be an ASPS member to win an award.

\$15, \$10, \$5.

Sponsored by Jerri Beck