

2018 Alabama State Poetry Society Spring Contest

Postmark Deadline for Receiving Submissions: March 12, 2018

Rules and Contest Details

RULES:

- ENTRY FEES:
For ASPS members = \$1 Per poem.
No limit to number of poems submitted.
More than one poem can be submitted for any contest.
For non-members = \$5 per poem.
NO MORE THAN 5 SUBMISSIONS.
- The same poem may not be entered into more than one category.
- 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.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Submit 2 copies of each poem on 8 ½ x 11 paper using plain type and fonts only:
On each copy, put category name and number in upper left hand corner.
On one copy only, put your name, address, e-mail and "member" or "non-member" in upper right hand corner. (Address labels are acceptable.)
- Mail entries and fees to: Jeanette Willert
8 Seddon Point
Pell City AL 35128
- **QUESTIONS ?** send an e-mail to: **hrwillert@gmail.com**

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

DEADLINE: Submissions **must be postmarked by March 12th, 2018.** Mail early, in February if possible!

CONTESTS:

1. ALABAMA STATE POETRY SOCIETY CONTEST

(Sponsored by ASPS) Open to PAID MEMBERS ONLY.
Any form and topic; no line limit.
Awards: \$75, \$50, \$25, \$10 and 1 Honorable Mention.

2. POET'S CHOICE

Sponsored by Jeanette Willert
ASPS members only.
You choose topic and form. Line limit: 200 lines.
Awards: \$50, \$25, \$15. Honorable Mentions at Judge's discretion.

3. MEMORIES

Sponsored by Roger Carlisle
A poem about any significant memories or events in your own life.
Any style..Up to 42 lines or 500 words if a prose poem.
Awards \$75, \$50, \$25 plus honorable mention.

4. THALASSIC POEM (Related to the sea)

Jessica Temple
Any form; line limit 60
Awards: \$25, \$15, \$10, HM at judge's discretion

5. SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT

Sponsored by Mavis Jarrell
Poem should educate and encourage any age reader the importance of recycling
or other ways to save our environment.
Any form. Maximum 60 lines.
Must be an ASPS member.
Awards: \$25, \$15, \$10. Honorable Mention.

6. LYDIA STEFANESCU MEMORIAL CONTEST

Sponsored by Alina Stefanescu.
Form requirement is open, limited to one page of text, whether lined
or block prose poetry.
First prize \$50; Honorable mention \$25

7. SANDCASTLES

Sponsored by Myra Ward Barra
Any form; any length.
Awards: \$20, \$15, \$10.

8. Dodie Walton Horne Memorial Prize.

Sponsored by Jennifer Horne, Poet Laureate of Alabama
Subject: An experience of change or growth. Any length, any form.
\$50 first place; \$25 second place; \$15 third place; \$10 Honorable Mention.

9. A-MUSE ME!

Sponsored by P.T. Paul.

Choose an animal - real or imaginary - to be your muse.

Then, let that animal tell us - in their own voice -

how they inspire, comfort, console, and rejoice with you in your poetic endeavors!

Remember: it is your Muse who is speaking, not you!

Any form, any style, minimum 20 lines, limit one page.

Awards: \$25.00, \$15.00, \$10.00.

10. HUMOR ME!

Sponsored by Brianna and Paula Hicks Smith.

No form restrictions. No more than 60 lines.

Topic: Anything that brings joy or a smile.

Awards: \$25, \$15, \$10.

11. ODE TO MY PET ROCK

Sponsored by Vincent Tomeo.

Humorous, Free Verse, Line Limit: 25.

Awards: \$25, \$15, \$10, \$5.

12. WRITERS ANONYMOUS CONTEST

Sponsored by the Writers Anonymous group in Pell City.

Form: Villanelle

Subject: Any.

Line Limit: As dictated by form

Awards: \$50, \$25, \$15, \$10, HMs at Judge's Discretion

Must Be a Member of ASPS

13. PRECIOUS PRODIGAL CONTEST

Sponsored by Harry and Rita Moritz.

Form: Any. Line Limit: 50.

Subject: "There's a New Day Dawning." (literal or symbolic)

Awards: \$30, \$20, \$15, \$10, HMs at Judge's discretion.

Must Be a Member of ASPS.

14. The Horace Ray (Buddy) Roberts, Jr. MEMORIAL CONTEST

For Buddy, who loved words and books more than anyone else we've ever known.

Sponsor: Harry & Rita Moritz (ritamoritz.com)

Subject: Words and/or the people who read or write them.

Form: Any. If you use a form, name the form.

(No explicit erotica, profanity, or vulgarities)

Line Limit: No less than 30, no more than 80. (Blank lines do not count)

Prize: A single prize of \$100.

Open to Non-Members of ASPS, but... Must Be Present to Win