

**2017 Alabama State Poetry Society FALL Contest
OCTOBER 28, 2017 ~ PELL CITY, AL**

FALL 2017 AWARDS:

The Andy Smith Memorial Poetry Award – 22 entries

Sponsor: Paula and Brianna Smith ~~~ \$250 Award won by JAMES MATTHEW BYERS
for his poem, *The Questing Beast of Camelot*

THE 17 ASPS CONTESTS: 39 poets participated ~ 15 judges

1. ALABAMA STATE POETRY SOCIETY CONTEST – 39 entries

(Sponsored by ASPS) Open to PAID MEMBERS ONLY. Any form and topic; no line limit.

\$75, JAMES MATTHEW BYERS	<i>Amaranth</i>	Wellington, AL
\$50 JOE WHITTEN	<i>But God!</i>	Odenville, AL
\$25 RANDY HALE	<i>Strawberries</i>	Oneonta, AL
\$10 ELIZABETH BUTTIMER	<i>No Cars or Crows in Heaven</i>	Bowdon, GA
1 ST HM RITA MORITZ	<i>The Day Will Come</i>	Pell City, AL

2. THE DAVID KATO PRIZE - 17 entries Sponsored by Jendi Recter.

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 BARBARA BLANKS	<i>Between the Covers</i>	Garland, TX
\$30 CATHERINE MORAN	<i>Watching Out for Others</i>	Little Rock, AR
\$20 JANET ANDERSON	<i>Coming of Age</i>	Huntsville, AL

3. POET'S CHOICE - 44 entries Sponsored by Jeanette Willert

ASPS members only. You choose topic and form. Line limit: 60 lines.

\$50 SUE BRANNAN WALKER	<i>Tuning in to Thomas</i>	Mobile, AL
\$25 PEGGY BROSIUS EAST	<i>Chrysalis</i>	Huntsville, AL
\$15. ELIZABETH BUTTIMER	<i>The Man with the Red Sail Boat</i>	Bowdon, GA
1 ST HM MAVIS JARRELL	<i>Under the Pumpkin Moon</i>	Mobile, AL
2 ND HM DARGAN WARE	<i>Nocturne</i>	

4. The BKC AWARD (in honor of Bettye Kramer Cannizzo). -25 entries Sponsored by Susan Luther

Must be a resident of Alabama to enter. Any form and/or topic, 50 line limit..

\$50 VIRGINIA GILBERT	<i>Photographs</i>	Madison, AL
\$30 SATCH SAMPSON	<i>The Afterspat</i>	Spanish Fort, AL
\$20 JANET ANDERSON	<i>Irises</i>	Huntsville, AL
1 st HM RITA MORITZ	<i>Why I speak to Strangers at the Mall</i>	Pell City, AL
2 nd HM BRENDA THORNTON	<i>Taize Service</i>	Montgomery, AL
3 rd HM WORTH BARHAM	<i>Visit to the Past</i>	Pell City, AL

5. **THE “WINNER TAKE ALL” AWARD** -16 entries **Sponsored by Susan Luther**
 Must be a resident of Alabama to enter. Theme: Taking a Chance. Any form. 50 line limit.
1st Place award only: \$50. JOE WHITTEN Odenville, AL
Old Memories, and Poetry at the Blind Mule Bar and Grill, Mobile, AL
6. **GENERATION GAPS IN AMERICAN FAMILIES** -13 entries **Sponsored by Mavis Jarrell**
 ASPS Members Only. Any form. 40 line limit. *Extra points for humor!*
\$25 JAMES MATTHEW BYERS *An Outcast in the Land of Digital Natives* Wellington, AL
\$15 JERRI HARDESTY *Crossed Wires* Brierfield, AL
\$10 SYLVIA DODGEN *What Matters* Orange Beach, AL
7. **FORMALISM AWARD** -23 entries **Sponsored by Steven A. Gillis.**
 Any traditional poetic form may be used. Modification of meter is allowed. ANY LENGTH!
 State the form being used on the submission
\$50 -CATHERINE MORAN *The Master is Served* Little Rock, AR
\$30 - RITA MORITZ *Colors We Can't See* Pell City, AL
\$20 - BARBARA BLANKS *Hot Air* Garland, TX
8. **WHO AM I?** - 19 entries **Sponsored by P.T. Paul.**
 “Show” us an animal or plant *without* naming it. Rhymed and metered—or not!
 Maximum length 30 lines
\$15 CATHERINE MORAN *Across the asphalt* Little Rock, AR
\$10 JAMES MATTHEW BYERS *Social Etiquette* Wellington, AL
\$5 BARBARA BLANKS *Scavenger Hunt* Garland, TX
1st HM SYLVIA DODGEN *Shiny Gifts* Orange Beach, AL
2nd HM MARGARET RUSH *Ode to ???* Pell City, AL
9. **I AM AN INANIMATE OBJECT** - 17 entries **Sponsored by Dargan Ware.**
 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.
\$50 BARBARA BLANKS *Transfiguration* Garland, TX
\$25 CHRISTINE RIDDLE *HOMES* Foley, AL
\$10. JANE E. ALLEN *The Traveler* Arab, AL
1st HM RITA MORITZ *From the Palace to the Hovel* Pell City, AL
2nd HM FRANKLIN BATTLES *Old Red Barn* Altoona, AL
10. **THE SCARIEST HALLOWEEN YOU EVER HAD!** - 5 entries **Sponsored by Margaret Rush.**
 Any style. 40 lines or less. **MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!**
\$25 JAMES MATTHEW BYERS *The Terror Trail* Wellington, AL
\$15 JERRI HARDESTY *Trespassers* Brierfield, AL
\$10 MIKE WAHL *The Ultimate Halloween Trick* Athens, AL

- 11. PRECIOUS PRODIGAL AWARD** -14 entries **Sponsored by Harry and Rita Moritz.**
 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.
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| \$30 | ELIZABETH BUTTIMER | <i>Ars Poetica: How to Wear a Scarf</i> | Bowdon, GA |
| \$20 | BARBARA BLANKS | <i>Tapestry</i> | Garland, TX |
| \$15, | JOANNE CAGE | <i>On Diving into Poetry</i> | Leeds, AL |
- 12. CHOOSE YOUR OWN TOPIC** - 35 entries **Sponsored by Joanne Cage.**
 Length 40 lines.
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| \$25, | GEORGETTE PERRY | | |
| \$15 | JOE WHITTEN | <i>Blueberries</i> | Odenville, AL |
| \$10. | JANET ANDERSON | <i>The Homeless</i> | Huntsville, AL |
| HM | SUE BRANNAN WALKER | <i>No Telling But Annie Doesn't Live Here</i> | Mobile, AL |
- 13. VILANELLE ~ POET'S CHOICE OF TOPIC** -12 entries **Sponsored by Writers Anonymous**
 line limit: 19 (as required by the villanelle form).
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| \$40 | DARGAN WARE | <i>Downstream</i> | Birmingham, Al |
| \$30 | SYLVIA DODGEN | <i>I Cannot Bear the Light</i> | Orange Beach, AL |
| \$20 | JOE WHITTEN | <i>Villanelle to Night</i> | Odenville, AL |
| \$10 | BARBARA BLANKS. | <i>Needing My Glasses & a Shower After Working in the Garden</i> | Garland, TX |
- 14. REJECTION REFLECTION** (A "contestivus for the rest of us"). -17 entries
Sponsored by Jim Ferguson 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.).
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| \$ 25 - | CHRISTINE RIDDLE | <i>Solstice Song</i> | Foley, AL |
| \$10 - | CATHERINE MORAN | <i>All the Silent Marks</i> | Little Rock, AR |
| \$5 - | VINCENT TOMEIO | <i>Paper Clip Exchange—Strip 4</i> | Flushing NY |
- 15. HOME SWEET HOME CONTEST** -24 entries **Sponsored by Jessica Temple.**
 Write a poem about the people, places, or things of Alabama. No form or rhyme scheme specified. 40 line limit.
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| \$25 | SYLVIA DODGEN | <i>The Estuary: Weeks Bay AL</i> | Orange Beach, AL |
| \$15 | JOE WHITTEN | <i>Their Home—Our Home</i> | Odenville, AL |
| \$10. | ELIZABETH BUTTIMER | <i>Fresh Coat for an Alabama Farm House</i> | Bowdon, GA |
| 1 st | HM. JANET ANDERSON | <i>Selma</i> | Hutsville, AL |
| 2 nd | HM ROSANNE GULISANO | <i>Bicycle Joe</i> | Fairhope, AL |
- 16. THE TIME YOU "BARRA-LI-MADE-IT"** -5 entries **Sponsored by Myra Barra**
 No line limit. Must be present to win.
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| \$25 | SUE WALKER | <i>Find...Finding...Found...Freud...Fliess</i> | Mobile, AL |
| \$15 | MIKE WAHL | <i>Like Being Dead</i> | Athens AL |
| \$10. | WORTH BARHAM | <i>One Road I Took</i> | Pell City, AL |

17. NO LIMITS - In memory of Debra Self. - 20 entries Sponsored by Jerri Beck

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

\$15	ADWITI HAFFNER	<i>Tonight...Let me not cry</i>	Gulf Shores, AL
\$10	URAINAH GLIDEWELL	<i>Butterflies</i>	Pell City, AL
\$5.	MARGARET RUSH	<i>The River</i>	Pell City, AL