ALABAMA STATE POETRY SOCIETY

FALL 2024 CONTEST

1. ALABAMA STATE POETRY SOCIETY FALL CONTEST (Sponsored by ASPS)

Open to ASPS Members Only

$75, $50, $25, $10 and 3 Honorable Mentions in order of merit

Subject: Any

Form: Any

No line limit

1. OTIS DEES POETRY AWARD (in honor of Otis Dees, Mvskoke, father of sponsor Dr. Deidra Suwanee Dees)

$400 – svhvmkat (first); $300 – svhokkolat (second); $200 svtuccenat (third); $100 sostat (fourth)

Subject: Native Americans

Form: Any

No line limit

Indigenous Poets and Poets of Color are especially encouraged to enter, but all are welcome.

1. BROOD XIX CONTEST: The Natural History Award (sponsored by Susan Luther)

Open to ASPS Members Only

3 Equal Awards of $50, HM at Judge’s Discretion

Subject: Write a poem about, or that makes significant reference to, or that is in the voice of an unusual or striking natural phenomenon (such as, for example, the 13-year cicadas whose collective voice enveloped Alabama neighborhoods this past spring; the Northern Lights; a sun dog.

Form: Any

No line limit

NOTE: All 3 winning poems will be read aloud at the Fall Awards Ceremony, by proxy if necessary.

1. WISH CONTEST (Sponsored by Jeanette Willert)  
   $200; $100; $75; $25, HM at Judge’s Discretion

Subject: “A Wish”

Form: Any

No line limit

1. BEACH BARDS PUBLISHING CONTEST (Sponsored by Beach Bards Publishing, LLC)

$40, $25, $15

Subject: Love of Libraries

Form: Any rhyming poem

Line limit: 40

1. POEMS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE (sponsor/judge: Mike Turner)

$50, $30, $20, 2 HMs

Subject: Choice

Form: Any

Line limit: 30

1. BUDDY ROBERTS MEMORIAL AWARD (Sponsored by Harry and Rita Moritz)

$50, $25, $15, $10, Honorable Mentions at judge’s discretion

Form: Poet’s Choice (If you use a form, name it.)

Topic: Making a Difference

Line limit: 40

1. PRECIOUS PRODIGAL CONTEST (Sponsored by Harry and Rita Moritz)

$60, $25, $15

Form: Any Standard Form (Entry must state the form, and comply with its requirements)

Topic: Any

Line limit: As dictated by form

1. I’LL TAKE THE FRENCH FORM, S’IL VOUS PLAIT (sponsored by Writer’s Anonymous)

$75, 50, 25 (Honorable Mentions at judge’s discretion)

Form: Any French form (such as Villanelle, Rondel, Cinquain, Rondeau, etc.)

Subject: Open (no politics)

Line limit: As dictated by form

1. BKC Award in Honor of Bettye Kramer Cannizzo (sponsored by Jessica Temple)

$60, $30, $10 (Honorable Mentions at judge's discretion)

Subject: Alabama the Beautiful

Form: Any

Line Limit: 60

RULES! (We gotta have rules, otherwise there is chaos.)

1. Deadline for entry is October 11, 2024. Entries must be either postmarked or received online by that date.

2. Entry Fees:

ASPS Members: $1 per poem.

Non-Members: $5 per poem.

No limit on number of poems whether member or non-member!

3. More than one poem can be submitted in any category, but only one poem per poet may win in a category.

4. The same poem may not be entered into more than one category.

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

6. Poems cannot have been previously published, including online.

7. The line limit for each category is as stated in the contest. If no limit is stated, there is none.

Submission Guidelines:

By Mail:

* Submit **2 copies** of each poem on 8 ½ by 11 paper, using plain type and fonts only.
* On each copy, **put category name and number** in the ***upper left hand corner***.
* On one copy only, put your **name, address, e-mail, and “member” or “non-member”** in the ***upper right hand corner***. (Address labels are acceptable.)
* Submissions should be mailed to:

Dargan M. Ware, Contest Chair

2154 Highland Avenue S.

Birmingham, AL 35205

Online:

* Entries can be submitted at alpoets.org until midnight on October 18
* Create the documents as you would to mail, with two copies of each poem
* Submit your entries as a single .pdf file.

If you would like a copy of the winners list, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the contest chair.

**Questions? Complaints? Brilliant poetry-related thoughts?** Email the contest chair at dware@davisnorris.com