

LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA POETS

25th Annual Contest Results

October 23, 2009

Awards of Merit are unranked and listed in alphabetical order

1. Jeannette Hinds Memorial Grand Prize Award

Judge: Elaine Christensen

First: John C. Rezmerski, Mankato, MN
"Painting Outdoors"

Second: Mary W. Hughes, Waite Park, MN
"Favorites"

Third: John C. Rezmerski, Mankato, MN
"Bottom Feeders"

HM: Nicole Borg, Wabasha, MN
"The Late Feature"

Awards of Merit:

Vera Ogden Bakker, W. Bountiful, UT
"Antelope Island"

Nicole Borg, Wabasha, MN
"When We Were Kids"

Kathryn E. Clement, Mesa, AZ
"Postcards"

Ann Floreen Niedringhaus, Duluth, MN
"This Face"

Lucille M. Wilson, Des Moines, IA
"Catching The Runoff"

Citations:

Rafaella Del Bourgo, Berkeley, CA
"Swimming Lesson"

Ruth Schmidt-Baumler, Two Harbors, MN
"Wrap It Up"

2. Stevens Family Award

Judge: Kathryn E. Clement

First: Christina M. Flaughner, Mapleton, MN
"To Reach My Brother"

Second: Marianne McNamara, St. Paul, MN
"Midsummer Night"

Third: Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT
"Oatmeal"

HM: Glenna Holloway, Naperville, IL
"While He's Away"

Awards of Merit:

Crystie Cook, Sandy, UT
"Since You Left"

Lynda La Rocca, Twin Lakes, CO
"Spectrum"

Ann F. Niedringhaus, Duluth, MN
"To My Daughter Who Has A Disability"

John C. Rezmerski, Mankato, MN
"A Study In Black"

Rose Ann Spaith, Columbus, OH
"Jigsaw Puzzle"

Trina Lee, Oklahoma City, OK
"The Argument"

Mary W. Hughes, Waite Park, MN
"Black Wool Overcoat"

3. Woodtick Poets Award

Judge: Dana Sonnenschein

First: Nicole Borg, Wabasha, MN

"Planetarium"

Second: Doris Stengel, Brainerd, MN
"Fishing Main Street 1952"

Third: John McBride, Bettendorf, IA
"Paradise Lake"

HM: Constance Snyder, East Thetford, VT
"Anniversary Trip-September"

Awards of Merit:

Jim Barton, Huttig, AK
"Cathedral Green"

Sally Clark, Fredericksburg, TX

"The Kitchen Door In The Restaurant We Owned"

Ellaraine Lockie, Sunnyvale, CA

"Wellspring"

Clarence P. Socwell, Ogden UT

"At A Pond Of Cobra Plants"

Hilda F. Wales, Albuquerque, NM

"Earthquake"

Citations:

Charmaine P. Donovan, Brainerd, MN
"Hot Flash"

Dennis Herschbach, Two Harbors, MN
"Old Farm"

4. Writ In Water Award

Judge: Margo LaGattuta

First: John C. Rezmerski, Mankato, MN
"Whales Are Where You Find Them"

Second: Von S. Bourland, Happy, TX
"Standing Still"

Third: Ellaraine Lockie, Sunnyvale, CA
"White Noise and Other Muses"

HM: Crystie Cook, Sandy, UT
"Poems In Progress"

Award of Merit:

Kathryn E. Clement, Mesa AZ
"Star Snatcher"

Meredith R. Cook, Blue Earth, MN

"Sound Abounds Around The Grounds:"

Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR

"Listening To My Poem"

David Simms, Berryville, VA

"Juan"

Hilda F. Wales, Albuquerque, NM

"Kairos"

Citations:

Laura L. Hansen, Little Falls, MN

"Because You Told Me The Poem Needs to Shout"

Christine Valentine, Birney, MT

"Night Words"

5. Lilian Osborn Memorial Award

Judge: Eleanor Berry ***

First: Carol Carpenter, Livonia, MI
"The Lexicon of Streets"

Second: Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT
"Grasshopper's Penance"

Third: Glenna Holloway, Naperville, IL
"Southwest Dry Spell"

***1st place, John Rezmerski's poem was

disqualified because previously published, so

Contest 5, continued

others moved up, no HM

Awards of Merit:

Lianne Mercer, Fredericksburg, TX
"Gift"

Meredith Reitz, Lansdale, PA
"Writing Poetry"

Nedra Rogers, Lawrence, KS
"Day Off"

David Simms, Berryville, VA
"Obama Eases Travel Restrictions to Cuba, Sort of"
D. B. Smith, II, Memphis, TN
"Sturm"

Citations:

Ann F. Niedringhaus, Duluth, MN
"August 7, 1972"

C.G. Thompson, Greenville, NC
"Continental Divide"

6. Bridges Judge: Naomi Simmons

First: D. B. Smith, II, Memphis, TN
"Rubicon"

Second: Claire Downes, St. Cloud, MN
"Familiar Figures On A Foreign Canvas"

Third: Von S. Bourland, Happy, TX
"Semmering Views"

HM: Jon Steinmetz, St. Louis Park, MN
"A River's Observations: Forestville, MN"

Award of Merit:

Theda Bassett, Salt Lake City, UT
"Elephant Walking"

Shirley Ensrud, Blue Earth, MN
"During Rush-Hour Traffic"

Mary W. Hughes, Waite Park, MN
"Weeping Willows"

John McBride, Bettendorf, IA
"Small Boy On The Last Day Of Camp"

Lisa M. Salinas, Spring, TX
"Crossing Mostar Bridge, 1987"

Citations:

Kathryn E. Clement, Mesa, AZ
"Safe Passage"

Anne P. Spangler, Lebanon, PA
"Down By The Creek"

7. Helen Pappas Memorial Award

Judge: Chet Corey

First: Rafaella Del Bourgo, Berkeley, CA
"Sika Deer"

Second: Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT
"Falling Stars Moon"

Third: David Simms, Berryville, VA
"Coal"

HM: Sister Rafael Tilton, Rochester, MN
"Interpretive Center at Lolo, Montana"

Awards of Merit:

Becky Alexander, Cambridge, Ontario, Canada
"Century Markers"

David L. Byrn, Prescott, AZ
"St. Patrick's Day Musings"

Jan Chronister, Maple, WI
"Generations"

Doris Stengel, Brainerd, MN
"Buried Talent"

Caroline Walton, Crystal River, FL
"Genealogical Treasure"

Citations:

Sara Gipson, North Little Rock, AR
"A Cedar Comb"

Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR
"Beyond the Train"

8. Clyde Jensen Memorial Award

Judge: David Simms

First: Catherine McGuire, Sweet Home, OR
"Grange"

Second: Claire Downes, St. Cloud, MN
"Ruin on the Hillside"

Third: Patricia Conner, Cass Lake, MN
"Halfway Through March"

HM: Esther M. Leiper, Jefferson, NH
"April Assessment"

Awards of Merit:

Christina M. Flaughner, Mapleton, MN
"Harvest"

Glenna Holloway, Naperville, IL
"Forty Days of Drought"

Betsy Lehman, Greenville, NC
"Where Are They Now?"

Jane Levin, Edina, MN
"Sunday"

John McBride, Bettendorf, IA
"Doe in the Gully Below the Soo Line"

Citations:

Charmaine P. Donovan, Brainerd, MN
"Alan On The Lam"

Joseph Shaffer, Yuma, AZ
"Philippi"

9. Blizzard Writers Award

Judge: Diane Glancy

First: Meredith R. Cook, Blue Earth, MN
"Agent of Infection"

Second: Anne B. Allen, Fitchburg, WI
"Autumn Flights"

Third: Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL
"Reciprocity"

HM: Janet Lombard, Athens, GA
"The Shepherd Gives A Statement"

Awards of Merit:

Nicole Borg, Wabasha, MN
"Grounded"

Carol Carpenter, Livonia, MI
"The Parrot"

Jan Chronister, Maple, WI
"Odonata"

Laura Hansen, Little Falls, MN
"Southbound"

Barbara S. Morgan, Brainerd, MN
"Ode To A Sea Gull"

Citation:

Mark Hudson, Evanston, IL
"Right Wing vs. Left Wing"

10. Southern MN Poets Award

Judge: Christine Beck

First: Robert La Fleur, Ponsford, MN
"Following An Old Pony Home"

Second: Clarence P. Socwell, Ogden, UT
"Cartagena Mourning"

Third: Meredith R. Cook, Blue Earth, MN
"The Plan"

HM: Sister Rafael Tilton, Rochester, MN
"Magic Show"

Awards of Merit: Jim Barton, Huttig, AR
"Billy Collins at Ole Miss"

Ute Carson, Austin, TX
"Transformation"

Lynda La Rocca, Twin Lakes, CO
"Enlightenment"

Esther M. Leiper, Jefferson, NH
"An Armchair Hunter"

Marianne McNamara, St. Paul, MN
"When Evening Comes To My Neighborhood"

Citations:

Ellaraine Lockie, Sunnyvale, CA
"Tempest"

Nancy P. Shires, Greenville, NC
"As I Lay Sleeping"

11. Charlotte Seward Memorial Award

Judge: Christine Delea

First: Vera Ogden Bakker, West Bountiful, UT
"Dreaming Beethoven"

Second: Carol Carpenter, Livonia, MI
"The Hypnotic Mrs. Little"

Third: Jane Levin, Edina, MN
"Highway"

HM: LaVern S. McCarthy, Blair, OK
"The Uncaptured Sonnet"

Awards of Merit:

Nicole Borg, Wabasha, MN
"Snapshot"

Meredith R. Cook, Blue Earth, MN
"Picking Black Raspberries"

Mary W. Hughes, Waite Park, MN
"My Better Self"

Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT
"After The Piper"

Ann Floreen Niedringhaus, Duluth, MN
"Years Ago"

Citations:

Jan Chronister, Maple, WI
"Pollen On Glass"

Ellaraine Lockie, Sunnyvale, CA
"Caught in the Act"

12. You Go, Meredith! Award

Judge: Cathy Tenzo

First: Becky Alexander, Cambridge, Ontario, Canada
"Snow Angels"

Second: C. G. Thompson, Greenville, NC
"Bidding"

Third: Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT
"Merlins Too"

HM: Crystie Cook, Sandy, UT
"All That Glitters"

Awards of Merit:

Patricia Conner, Cass Lake, MN
"November Uprising"

Ann F. Niedringhaus, Duluth, MN
"New Myth of Venus"

David Simms, Berryville, VA
"Dutch Tulips After Dinner"

Joseph Shaffer, Yuma, AZ
"Armageddon"

Rose Ann Spaith, Columbus, OH
"Gleanings"

Citations:

Christina M. Flaughner, Mapleton, MN
"Kitchen Tools"

Clarence P. Socwell, Ogden, UT
"Blooms On Dingle Peninsula"

13. Critters Award Judge: Sue Ranglack

First: Ruth Schmidt-Baeumler, Two Harbors, MN
"Go Figure"

Second: Marilyn R. Larrabee, Bountiful, UT
"Growing Boys"

Third: Ann Doro, Sugarloaf Key, FL
"Simon"

HM: Jim Barton, Huttig, Ark
"At Night, On The River, With Frogs"

Awards of Merit:

Rafaella Del Bourgo, Berkeley, CA

"Dolphins in Shark Bay, Australia, 1987"

Dennis Herschbach, Two Harbors, MN
"Crows"

Catherine McGuire, Sweet Home, OR
"Line in the Sand"

Barbara S. Morgan, Brainerd, MN
"The Gray Guest"

Nancy P. Shires, Greenville, NC
"Determined"

Citations:

Doris Stengel, Brainerd, MN
"Hunting Clouds"

LaVern S. McCarthy, Blair, OK
"To A Pushy Cat"

14. Sonnet Award

Judge: Kathleen Pederzani

First: Meredith Cook, Blue Earth, MN
"Sea Change"

Second: John McBride, Bettendorf, IA
"Cedars Under Snowfall"

Third: Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT
"Morning Sparrows"

HM: Emery L. Campbell, Lawrenceville, GA
"Poppycocky II"

Awards of Merit:

Yvonne Nunn, Hermleigh, TX

"Enchanted Moons Top Trees and Dunes"

Ann M. Schauer, Kasson, MN
"Guam, July 1945"

Clarence P. Socwell, Ogden, UT

Contest 14, continued

“Cape Sunset”

Caroline Walton, Crystal River, FL

“Sunshine and Storm Clouds”

Lucille M. Wilson, Des Moines, IA

“After The Great Cathedrals”

Citations:

Marilyn R. Larrabee, Bountiful, UT

“The Cherry Orchard”

Sister Rafael Tilton, Rochester, MN

“Adoption”

15. Stepping Off The Cliff

Judge: Steve Concert

First: Doris Stengel, Brainerd, MN

“Take Charge”

Second: Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL

“Fences”

Third: Sara Gipson, North Little Rock, AR

“A Carnival Ride”

HM: Lee Ann Russell, Springfield, MO

“Divorce Pending”

Award of Merit:

Nicole Borg, Wabasha, MN

“Victim’s Rights”

Lynda La Rocca, Twin Lakes, CO

“It’s Liberty Time”

Trina Lee, Oklahoma City, OK

“Leaving”

Esther M. Leiper, Jefferson, NH

“The Feather Jar”

Caroline Walton, Crystal River, FL

“Closing the Door Quietly”

Citations:

Glenna Glee, Anderson, IN

“Whatever It Takes”

Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT

“It’s East To Believe The Throat”

16. Arrowhead Poets Award

Judge: Kolette Montague

First: Jan Chronister, Maple, WI

“War and Peace”

Second: Kathryn E. Clement, Mesa, AZ

“Relativity of March”

Third: Lucille M. Wilson, Des Moines, IA

“The Awakening”

HM: Doris Stengel, Brainerd, MN

“Midwinter Blue”

Awards of Merit:

Von S. Bourland, Happy, TX

“Black On White”

John C. Rezmerski, Mankato, MN

“Via Longa, Ars Brevis”

Sister Rafael Tilton, Rochester, MN

“Sun Rise On January Window”

17. Mabel Nyrop Short Poem Award

Judge: Kathleen Pederzani

First: Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT

“Andrew Wyeth’s Groundhog Day”

Second: Doris Stengel, Brainerd, MN

“Your Turn”

Third: Jim Barton, Huttig, AR

“Middle Age”

HM: Ruth Hill, Chetwynd, BC, Canada

“Pew Polishing”

Award of Merit:

Marlys T. Binger, Minnetonka, MN

“Bird On A Bug!”

Von S. Bourland, Happy, TX

“Pheasant’s Aborted Courtship”

John C. Rezmerski, Mankato, MN

“Ought-To Biography”

Lisa M. Salinas, Spring, TX

“How To Read A Poem”

C.G. Thompson, Greenville, NC

“Machaiavelli, On Fortune”

Citation:

Gene Whipple, N. St. Paul, MN

“A Cricket, A Radio, A Bird”

Carol Carpenter, Livonia, MI

“Ask For The Moon”

18. Haiku Award

Judge: J. Paul Holcomb

First: Charmaine P. Donovan, Brainerd, MN

“On wilderness cusp”

Second: Shirley Ensrud, Blue Earth, MN

“Cobalt sky backdrop”

Third: Clarence P. Socwell, Ogden, UT

“At dusk, bare oak limb”

HM: Beverly Stanislawski, Crown Point, IN

“Autumn leaf floats on”

Awards of Merit:

Ann B. Allen, Fitchburg, WI

“Egg nog, mistletoe”

Vera O. Bakker, West Bountiful, UT

“three sparrows dip beaks”

Glenna Glee, Anderson, IN

“flickering candle”

Loretta D. Walker, Odessa, TX

“in a cave of trees”

Caroline Walton, Crystal River, FL

“brown grass in summer”

Citations:

Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL

“Flowers open wide”

Dennis Herschbach, Two Harbors, MN

“White pond lilies wait”

Thank you to all who entered and a special thank you to all our judges!