

## 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Contest Results October 18, 2013

### **1. Maxine Kaiser Russell Memorial Grand Prize Award Judge: Jeremy M. Downes, Auburn, AL**

**First:** Laura L. Hansen, Little Falls, MN “Show Me How to Survive”

**Second:** Joyce Gregor, Westcliffe, CO “On Leaving”

**Third:** Laura L. Hansen, Little Falls, MN “Munitions”

**Honorable Mention:**

Nicole Borg, Wabasha, MN “Crows”

**Awards of Merit:**

1. Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR “It’s all about balance”
2. Nicole Borg, Wabasha, MN “While Reading *Legless Fighter Pilot*”
3. Nicole Borg, Wabasha, MN “Yesterday”
4. C.G. Thompson, Greenville, NC “Valediction”
5. Laura L. Hansen, Little Falls, MN “For the Waterlilies on Bulldog Lake”

**Citation:**

1. Peter Stein, Coon Rapids, MN “Aggregate”
2. Charmaine Pappas Donovan, Brainerd, MN “Scarred Dream”

### **2. Woodtick Poets Award Judge: Jim Barton, Huttig, Arkansas**

**First:** Meredith R. Cook, Blue Earth, MN “Animal Instinct”

**Second:** Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT “Attending a Lecture on Aging”

**Third:** Nicole Borg, Wabasha, MN “A Volunteer from the Audience”

**Honorable Mention:**

Micki Blenkush, St. Cloud, MN “Work of Art at Winter’s End”

**Awards of Merit:**

1. Becky Alexander, Cambridge, Ontario, Canada “On How a Poem Arrives”
2. Rose Ann Spaith, Columbus, OH “After”
3. Charmaine Pappas Donovan, Brainerd, MN “Heading Into The Fog”
4. Jan Chronister, Maple, WI “Tree Hugger”
5. Ruth Schmidt-Baeumler, Two Harbors, MN “Iceberg”

**Citation:**

1. Sonja Kosler, Dent MN (haiku) “still water teases”
2. Pauline Mounsey, Sun City West, AZ “Around the Thanksgiving Table”

### **3. Stevens Family Award Judge: Elaine Christensen, Sandy, UT**

**First:** Davi Walders, Chevy Chase, MD “Monsoon Reunion”

**Second:** Patricia Barnes, Grosse Ile, MI “The Painter”

**Third:** John C. Rezmerski, Mankato, MN “Mother At The Piano”

**Honorable Mention:**

Trina Lee, Oklahoma City, OK “Deployment”

**Awards of Merit:**

1. Eileen Malone, Broadmoor Vlg, CA “Early Rite”
2. Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT “Disputation on Our Fortieth Anniversary”
3. Laura L. Hansen, Little Falls, MN “Her Father’s Castle”
4. Joyce Gregor, Westcliffe, CO “The Tune”
5. Amanda Bailey, Mankato MN “Catch and Release”

**Citations:**

1. Doris Stengel, Brainerd, MN “This Is My Love”
2. Susan McMillan, Rochester, MN “On Love”

**4. Writ in Water Award Judge: Cindy Stupnik, Watertown, SD**

**First:** John C. Rezmerski, Mankato, MN “To Joyce Sutphen After Her Appointment As Minnesota Poet Laureate”

**Second:** Doris Stengel, Brainerd, MN “Trimming the Christmas Tree”

**Third:** Charmaine Pappas Donovan “Three Poems”

**Honorable Mention:** Dennis Herschbach, Sartell, MN “Poet’s Ten Commandments”

**Awards of Merit:**

1. Davi Walders, Chevy Chase, MD “Teaching and learning”
2. Robert La Fleur, Ponsford, MN “How To Write A Poem”
3. Patricia Barnes, Grosse Ile, MI “The Ache”
4. Christina M. Flaughner, Mapleton, MN “Not the Finish Line”
5. Abbie Minard, Valencia, PA “Blocked”

**Citations:**

1. Sara Gipson, Scott, AR “Coupled Rhymes”
2. Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT “Cutting Out the Angel”

**5. Southern Minnesota Poets Award Judge: Russell Strauss, Memphis, Tennessee**

**First:** Linda Parks, Sarasota, FL “New Words for the Funeral Service of Mary Love”

**Second:** Jim Elberling, Eagen, MN “Paul Struck Blind On His Hog Before Sturgis”

**Third:** Mary Willette Hughes, Waite Park, MN “Remembering Len Bias”

**Honorable Mention:**

Dennis Herschbach, Sartell, MN “Broken String”

**Awards of Merit:**

1. Charles Johnson, Brainerd, MN “The Ballad of Young Harvey”
2. Vera Ogden Bakker, West Bountiful, UT “Arrival”
3. LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK “Dancers”
4. Lisa M. Salinas, Spring, TX “William Connelly”
5. Christina M. Flaughner, Mapleton, MN “Swifter Than Light”

**Citations:**

1. Janelle Hawkrige, Winnebago, MN “The Legacy of One Night”
2. Glenn Pruden, West Jordan, UT “And So I Had to Kill Him”

**6. Helen Pappas Memorial Award Judge: David L. Bryn, Prescott, AZ**

**First:** Patricia Barnes, Grosse Ile, MI “The Man Who Provided My Second X Chromosome”

**Second:** Mary Willette Hughes, Waite Park, MN “My Mother”

**Third:** Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines, IA “I See The Ships”

**Honorable Mention:** Christina M. Flaughter, Mapleton, MN “Travel the Dark Roads”

**Awards of Merit:**

1. Robert Dean Thielen, Escondido, CA “The Farmer’s Sons 1944”
2. Lisa M. Salinas, Spring TX “Hungarian Village Festival, 1904
3. Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX “Gone to Texas”
4. Von S. Bourland, Happy, TX “Treadle Song”
5. Caroline Walton, Crystal River, FL “Spirit in Lavender and Lace”

**Citations:**

1. Madelyn Eastlund, Beverly Hills, FL “After Viewing a Photo in Mother’s Album”
2. Andreas Morgner, Vienna, VA “Rock Wall”

**7. Florence Hynes Willette Memorial Award Judge: Collen T. Ward, Melbourne, FL**

**:** Jacqueline Williams, Mesa, AZ “Appetites Gone Wild”

**Second:** Glenn Pruden, West Jordan, UT “Old Neighbor”

**Third:** Robert Dean Thielen, Escondido, CA “Minnesota Winter”

**Honorable Mention:** Janelle Hawkridge, Winnebago, MN “Dancing the Tango with Julia Child”

**Awards of Merit:**

1. Patricia Barnes, Grosse Ile, MI “Ruminations on Lockjaw”
2. Jan Chronister, Maple, WI “Too Many Eggs”
3. Maureen Baldwin, Rochester, MN “Don’t Touch Me”
4. Nicole Borg, Wabasha, MN “Recycled”
5. Ruth Schmidt-Baeumler, Two Harbors, MN “M & M’s”

**Citations:**

1. John C. Rezmerski, Mankato, MN “November Mood”

**8. Roy B. Moore Memorial Award Judge: Ammon Medina, Orem, UT**

**First:** Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL “In the Beginning (Six)”

**Second:** Ruth Schmidt-Baeumler, Two Harbors, MN “Take Leave”

**Third:** Linda Parks, Sarasota, FL “Fragment in White”

**Honorable Mention:** Christina M. Flaughter, Mapleton, MN “I Was Not Going To Tell You”

**Awards of Merit:**

1. Laura L. Hansen, Little Falls, MN “Vacation Planning”
2. Dawn Loeffler, Bemidji, MN “The End”
3. Eileen Malone, Broadmoor Vlg, CA “Enabled”
4. Steven R. Vogel, Rochester, MN “At Last”

5. Rebecca Ramsden, St. Paul, MN “When Cancer walks out of the room”

**9. Lilian Osborn Memorial Award Judge: Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT**

**First:** Abbie Minard, Valencia, PA “She Wore Yellow”

**Second:** Amanda Bailey, Mankato, MN “Big Mama Said”

**Third:** Lisa M. Salinas, Spring, TX “Summer at Devil’s River, Val Verde County, Texas”

**Honorable Mention:**

Cynthia Weber Nankee, Canton, MI “Pearls”

**Awards of Merit:**

1. Nikki Carr, Sacramento, CA “Past the length of her two leather shoes”
2. Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR “Looking out”
3. Caroline Walton, Crystal River, FL “Follow the Desert Air”
4. Jim Barton, Hutig, AR “There Are No Jainists in Fire Ant Country”

**Citations:**

1. Sonja Kosler, Dent, MN “The Funeral”
2. Marlys Guimaraes, Laporte, MN “Micro-space Living”

**10. Blizzard Writers Award Judge: J. Paul Holcomb, Double Oak, TX**

**First:** Lynda La Rocca, Twin Lakes, CO “What Remains”

**Second:** John C Rezmerski, Mankato, MN “Simple Processes: The Old Man To His Sons”

**Third:** Linda Parks, Sarasota, FL “Lillian”

**Honorable Mention:**

C. G. Thompson, Greenville, NC “Epilogue”

**Awards of Merit:**

1. Von S. Bourland, Happy, TX “Grotto Angel”
2. Jacqueline Williams, Mesa, AZ “Symphony of Safe Sex in B Flat-For Seniors”
3. D. Beecher Smith II, Memphis, TN “Ode to Aging”
4. Glenn Pruden, West Jordan, UT “Ritual”
5. Connie Johnson, Prescott Valley, AZ “Setting the Table”

**Citation:**

1. Joseph Shaffer, Yuma, AZ “Morning Ritual”

**11. You Go, Jim! Award Judge: Barbara Funke, Chesterton, IN**

**First:** Shirley Smith Franklin, Arden Hills, MN “Making Do”

**Second:** Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR “All the fitful starts”

**Third:** Nicole Borg, Wabasha, MN “Climbing”

**Honorable Mention:**

Peter Stein, Coon Rapids, MN “Born Again”

**Awards of Merit:**

1. Patricia Barnes, Grosse Ile, MI “Tails”
2. Glenn Pruden, West Jordan, UT “1964”
3. Christina M. Flaughter, Mapleton, MN “The Going of the Sun”

4. Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines, IA “In The Home, One Size Fits All”
5. Becky Alexander, Cambridge, Ontario, Canada “Black Winged Dreams”

**Citations:**

1. Robert La Fleur, Ponsford, MN “Her Eyes”
2. Susan McMillan, Rochester, MN “Alternating Current”

**12. Southeastern Mn Poets Award Judge: *Laurel Winter, Asheville, NC***

**First:** Shirley Smith Franklin, Arden Hills, MN “Breaking Free”

**Second:** Susan McMillan, Rochester, MN “Father’s Day”

**Third:** Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT “Meeting Monet”

**Honorable Mention:** Dawn Loeffler, Bemidji, MN “A Way to You”

**Awards of Merit:**

1. Sr. Rafael Tilton, Rochester, MN “A New Angle for the Mad Ice Widow”
2. Jacqueline Williams, Mesa, AZ “No Support Left”
3. Andreas Morgner, Vienna, VA “CANTO LXVI: Shabunda, Congo”
4. Micki Blenkush, St. Cloud, MN “In This Town”
5. Sara Gipson, Scott, AR “A Taunt of Desire”

**Citations:**

1. Laura L. Hansen, Little Falls, MN “Miles North of Duluth and its Famous Lift-Bridge”
2. Patricia Barnes, Grosse Ile, MI “Toll Bridge”

**13. Lost In Translation Award Judge: *Eleanor Berry, Lyons, OR***

**First:** Jan Chronister, Maple, WI “Forgotten by Rimbaud”

**Second:** Dennis Herschbach, Sartell, MN “Melting Pot”

**Third:** Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines, IA “The Greeks Had A Word For It”

**Honorable Mention:** Doris Stengel, Brainerd, MN “Travelers’ Vocabulary”

**Awards of Merit:**

1. Sr. Rafael Tilton, Rochester, MN “The New Latin”
2. Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL “Boundary”
3. Laura L. Hansen, Little Falls, MN “What the Night Has Eaten”
4. Lisa M. Salinas, Spring, TX “In Praise of the Alps”
5. Peter Stein, Coon Rapids, MN “Divine Tongue”

**Citation:**

1. Peggy Trojan, Brule, WI “Communication”

**14. Critters Award Judge: *Polly Opsahl, Rochester Hills, MI***

**First:** Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL “Ghost”

**Second:** Alura Richardson, Coon Rapids, MN “I Am A Cat”

**Third:** Colin Chambers, Good Thunder, MN “Invasion”

**Honorable Mention:** Sonja Kosler, Dent, MN “Meditations”

**Awards of Merit:**

1. Christina M. Flaughter, Mapleton, MN “Winter Routine”

2. Maureen Baldwin, Rochester, MN “Menagerie by the Sea”
3. Cynthia Weber Nankee, Canton, MI “Eavesdropper”
4. John C. Rezmerski, Mankato, MN “Reconnaissance In Force”
5. Marlys Guimaraes, Laporte, MN “Rumination on the Dead”

**Citation:**

1. Robert Dean Thielen, Escondido, CA “A Defiant Critic”

***15. Hat Off to Jo Award Judge: Julie Cummings, Conifer, CO***

**First:** Glenn Pruden, West Jordan, UT “Witness”

**Second:** Patricia Barnes, Grosse Ile, MI “Lost”

**Third:** Becky Alexander, Cambridge, Ontario, Canada “Truth or Dare”

**Honorable Mention:** Laura L. Hansen, Little Falls, MN “Wherever the River Is Going”

**Awards of Merit:**

1. Doris Stengel, Brainerd, MN “Long Sentence”
2. Vera Ogden Bakker, West Bountiful, UT “Transplant”
3. Rose Ann Spaith, Columbus, OH “Reflections from Rain”
4. Charmaine Pappas Donovan, Brainerd, MN “Jailhouse Cookbook”
5. Sr. Rafael Tilton, Rochester, MN “My Last Day At The Center”

**Citations:**

1. Jim Barton, Huttig, AR “Planting Rose”
2. Christina M. Flaughner, Mapleton, MN “Observer at the Junction”

***16. Louise Wear Memorial Award Judge: Steve Concert, Harveys Lake, PA***

**First:** LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK “Crossword Consternation”

**Second:** Beverly Stanislawski, Crown Point, IN “Puzzle Pro”

**Third:** Christina M Flaughner, Mapleton, MN “Today’s Edition”

**Honorable Mention:** Mark Hudson, Evanston, IL “Cell Phone Scrabble”

**Awards of Merit:**

1. Maureen D. Baldwin, Rochester, MN “PL8 Words”
2. Diane Kendig, Canton, OH “Watching *Trobriand Cricket*, I’m Reminded Of Family Scrabble”
3. Doris Stengel, Brainerd, M “Crossword Mania”

***17. Stepping Off the Cliff Award Judge: Lynda La Rocca, Twin Lakes, CO***

**First:** Lisa M. Salinas, Spring TX “How to Plan a Trip”

**Second:** Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines, IA “First Day Of School: A Parent’s Letter To The Teacher”

**Third:** Sonja Kosler, Dent, MN “This Close to the Edge”

**Honorable Mention:** Meredith R. Cook, Blue Earth, MN “Advance Disclosure”

**Awards of Merit:**

1. Caroline Walton, Crystal River, FL “Life Celebrated on the Up Beat”

2. Wanda L.E. Viento, Mankato, MN “Dancing”
3. Amanda Bailey, Mankato, MN “Balance”
4. Beverly Stanislawski, Crown Point, IN “Looking For Love”
5. Shirley Smith Franklin, Arden Hills, MN “Tough Love”

**Citations:**

1. Mary Willette Hughes, Waite Park, MN “Words Are Buried In My Marrow:
2. Vera Ogden Bakker, West Bountiful, UT “Somewhere in the Future”

***18. Rhyming Poetry Award Judge: Gail Teachworth, Crystal River, FL***

**First:** LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK “Autumn Bride”

**Second:** Steven R. Vogel, Rochester, MN “Stations”

**Third:** Doris Stengel, Brainerd, MN “Pickett’s Charge”

**Honorable Mention:** Lisa M. Salinas, Spring, TX “I Cannot See the Color of Your Dress”

**Awards of Merit:**

1. Von S. Bourland, Happy TX “Blooming Lavender”
2. Robert Dean Thielen, Escondido, CA “The Oak and the Willow”
3. Sr. Rafael Tilton, Rochester, MN “Learning Curve”
4. Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL “Small”
5. Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR “Pagan kite flying”

**Citations:**

1. Jim Barton, Huttig, AR “Ode to Forgotten Lore”
2. Jacqueline Williams, Mesa, AZ “Can I Get a Rebate?”

***19. Choices Award Judge: Rosemary Wahtola Trommer, Placerville, CO***

**First:** Laura L. Hansen, Little Falls, MN “Things to Read While Alone in a Tent at Night”

**Second:** Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR “Saving the best”

**Third:** Christina M. Flaughner, Mapleton, MN “Trek to Winter”

**Honorable Mention:** Peter Stein, Coon Rapids, MN “Eggs on a Plate without the Plate”

**Awards of Merit:**

1. Lisa M. Salinas, Spring, TX “Experiment at a Washington D.C. Metro Stop: January 12, 2007”
2. Nicole Borg, Wabasha, MN “You want”
3. Sonja Kosler, Dent, MN “Uncle Frank”
4. Meredith R. Cook, Blue Earth, MN “Hiking The Mountains With Bill Clinton”
5. Wanda L.E. Viento, Mankato, MN “Regrets”

**Citations:**

1. Charmaine Pappas Donovan, Brainerd, MN “Your Body Remembers”
2. Robert La Fleur, Ponsford, MN “Ain’t Got Time For Love”

***20. Haiku Award Judge: Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines, IA***

**First:** C. G. Thompson, Greenville, NC

“Razor wire spirals”

**Second:** Timothy Russell, Toronto, OH “4<sup>th</sup> of July”

**Third:** Patricia Barnes, Grosse Ile, MI “dry lizards dart past”

**Honorable Mention:** Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT “misty morning rain”

**Awards of Merit:**

1. Susan McMillan, Rochester, MN “Olympic athlete”
2. Dennis Herschbach, Sartell, MN “granite quarry ponds”
3. Lisa M. Salinas, Spring, TX “sunshine glistens on”
4. Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX “pallid denim sky”
5. Vera Ogden Bakker, West Bountiful, UT “scarlet maple leaves”

**Citation:**

1. Christina M. Flaughter, Mapleton, MN “One dried corn husk blows”