

**1. CLAIRE VAN BREEMEN
DOWNES MEMORIAL
GRAND PRIZE AWARD**

Prizes \$ 125
75
50

Any form. Any subject. 50 line limit. **Entry Fee: This Category Only** LOMP Members: \$1 per poem. Nonmembers: \$2 per poem. LIMIT: 8 poems per poet.
Sponsor: League of Minnesota Poets

2. STEVENS FAMILY AWARD

Prizes \$ 70
50
30

Any form. Subject: Relationships. 50 line limit.

*Sponsor: Susan S. Chambers & Christina Flaughter
In memory of Murry, Barbara & Scott Stevens.*

**3. BANFILL-LOCKE ART
WRITING AWARD**

Prizes \$ 70
50
30

Any form. Subject: Ekphrasis, a poem based on a work of art. 40 line limit.

Sponsor: Banfill-Locke Center for the Arts

**4. BLIZZARD WRITERS
AWARD**

Prizes \$ 50
30
20

Subject: Aging. Any form. 40 line limit.

Sponsor: Blizzard Writers Retreat Participants

5. WOODTICK POETS AWARD

Prizes \$ 65
35
20

Any form. Subject: Roadkill 40 line limit.

Sponsor: Woodtick Poets Retreat Participants

**6. SOUTHERN MN POETS
SOCIETY AWARD**

Prizes \$ 60
35
15

Form: Narrative. Any subject. 45 line limit.

*Sponsor: Southern Minnesota Poets Society
In Memory of Berneal Schindle and Monica Haack*

7. GRAND VIEW AWARD

Prizes \$ 50
30
20

Any form. Subject: The elephant in the room. 45 line limit

Sponsor: The Grand View Poets

**8. LILLIAN OSBORNE MEMORIAL
AWARD**

Prizes \$ 50
30
20

Any form. Any Subject. 40 line limit.

Sponsor: League of Minnesota Poets

**9. JOHN & HELEN PAPPAS
MEMORIAL AWARD**

Prizes \$ 50
30
20

Any form. Subject: Ancestry/heritage. 50 line limit.

Sponsor: Charmaine Donovan

**10. FLORENCE HYNES WILLETTE
MEMORIAL AWARD**

Prizes \$ 50
30
20

Any form. Subject: New, a poem that relates to what is going on in the world today. 30 line limit.

Sponsor: Mary Willette Hughes

11. MUSICA AWARD

Prizes \$ 50
30
20

Form: Lyric Poem. Subject: Music, Song and/or Dance 50 line limit

Sponsor: Steven and Mary Vogel

12. YOU GO, DENNIS! AWARD

Prizes \$ 35
20
10

Any Form Subject: True Leadership 40 line limit.

Honoring Dennis Herschbach

Sponsor: Anonymous

**13. SOUTHEASTERN MN POETS
AWARD**

Prizes \$ 35
20
10

Form: Free Verse. Subject: Journey Line limit: 80

Sponsor: Southeastern MN Poets Society

**14. LOST IN TRANSLATION
AWARD**

Prizes \$ 30
20
10

Any form. Subject: Foreign language. 40 line limit

Sponsor: Ruth Schmidt-Baeumler

In memory of Swan Frost Pierson

15. STEPPING OFF THE CLIFF

Prizes \$ 30
15
10

Any form. Subject: Moving on. Letting go and/or embracing the new. 40 line limit.

Sponsor: Laurel Winter

16. HEARTLAND POETS AWARD

Prizes \$ 25
15
10

Any form. Any subject. 35 line limit.

Sponsor: Heartland Poets

**17. BRING BACK THE PRAIRIES
POETRY AWARD**

Prizes \$ 25
15
10

Any Form. Subject. Prairies 40 line limit.

Sponsor: Henry Panowitsch

**18. MINNESOTA PEN WOMEN
AWARD**

Prizes \$ 25
15
10

Any Form. Any Subject 40 line limit.

Sponsor: National League of American Pen Women

19. OH! MINNESOTA AWARD

Prizes \$ 25
15
10

Any form. Subject: Minnesota 40 line limit.

Sponsor: Susan McMillan

**20. MISSISSIPPI VALLEY POETS
& WRITERS HAIKU AWARD**

Prizes \$ 20
15
10

Form: Haiku, Japanese Traditional or Modern—but no sequences

Sponsor: Mississippi Valley Poets & Writers

21. LET LOVE SHOW

Prizes \$ 20
15
10

Any form, Subject: A love poem 40 Line limit

Sponsor: Bethany Berry

In honor of the marriage of Sue Chambers & Henry Panowitsch

STUDENT CONTESTS:

NATIONAL MANNINGHAM STUDENT POETRY COMPETITION. This contest is open to all Minnesota students in public, private and parochial schools grades 6 through 12. Poems are first judged on a state level. Winners at state level are submitted for national competition. For contest rules contact:

Brendan Brophy

**1388 10th St NW, Buffalo Minnesota, 55313
bbrophy08@gmail.com**

The National Federation of State Poetry Societies also sponsors a college level scholarship competition in January of each year; see the website for more information: www.nfspd.org.

LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA POETS (LOMP)

holds biannual meetings, supports regional chapters in Minnesota, and publishes the *MOCCASIN* anthology. Membership includes a subscription to the *LOMPLIGHTER* newsletter and membership in the National Federation of State Poetry Societies. Membership fee: \$20 a year, student memberships (K-12): \$10

Send dues to LOMP Treasurer:

Mary Schmidt

**85 Thompson Ave, #217
West St. Paul, MN 55118**

Or register online through our website:

www.mnpoets.org

REGIONAL CHAPTERS

Polaris Poets -- Duluth

Grand View Poets-- St. Cloud/Sartell

Heartland Poets -- Brainerd Lakes Area

Mississippi Valley Poets & Writers -- Twin Cities

Southeastern Minnesota Poets-- Rochester

Southern Minnesota Poets Society -- Mankato

GENERAL RULES

1. Send entries in one mailing to contest chair:

**Peter Stein 5612 23rd Ave S
Minneapolis, MN 55417**

Questions? e-mail: pwilliamstein@yahoo.com

No entries will be accepted before May 1, 2016

2. Make check payable to: LOMP CONTEST

3. Enclose SASE for contest results, if desired.

4. Deadline: **July 31, 2016**(postmark)

5. **Fees: LOMP members**

a. Categories #2 - #25: total fee \$5

b. If entering fewer than 5 poems: \$1 per poem

c. Category #1 Grand Prize fee: \$1 per poem

d. One poem per category, except #1: limit 8

6. **Fees: Nonmembers**

a. Categories #2 - #21: \$1 per poem

b. Category #1 Grand Prize fee: \$2 per poem

c. One poem per category, except #1: limit 8

7. Money Orders must be United States issue.

QUALIFICATIONS -- ALL ENTRIES:

1. Must be original work of the contestant.

2. Not have won a *money* award in any contest.

3. A poem entered must be unpublished and not currently submitted to any other contest

4. A poem can be submitted in one category only.

5. Limit one poem per category, except category #1.

6. Sponsors may enter their own category.

7. One column only per page, no copyright marks.

8. Poems should not contain art work of any kind.

9. Please *staple* poems that are more than one page.

FORMAT

1. All poems must be titled, except haiku.

2. Poems typed on one side of 8-1/2 x 11 paper.

3. Make two copies. In upper left corner of **both copies**; indicate the category # and award.

4. **NO IDENTIFYING MARKS ON UNNAMED COPIES.**

5. **On second copy only, upper right corner:**

Name, address, and email address and

whether or not you are a member of LOMP.

Separate into two piles, one named, one unnamed.

6. Poems won't be returned.

WINNING CONTESTANTS: Winners announced at LOMP convention in Fall (Oct or Nov). Poems will not be published.

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