ALABAMA STATE POETRY SOCIETY

SPRING 2021 CONTEST

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

Open to ASPS Members Only

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

Any form, any subject, no line limit.

1. SEASONS CONTEST (Sponsored by Roger Carlisle)

$100, $75, $50

Subject: The Seasons; Form: Any

No line limit

1. THALASSIC POETRY CONTEST (Sponsored by Jessica Temple)

$50, $30, $20, HM at Judge’s Discretion

Subject: The Sea; Form: Any

40 line limit

1. PICTURES AT AN EXHIBITION (Sponsored by Emily Grimes-Henderson)

$50, $30, $20

Subject: A Response to the music (in part or whole) of Modest Mussorgsky’s “Picture’s at an Exhibition.” Among the famous movements thereof is “The Great Gate of Kiev” A list of the movements and information about the piece can be found at <https://galaxymusicnotes.com/pages/about-pictures-at-an-exhibition>

Form: Any

50 line limit

1. GOLDEN SHOVEL CONTEST (Sponsored by Jeanette Willert)

$50, $25, $15, HM at Judge’s Discretion

Form: Golden Shovel (see <https://www.writersdigest.com/write-better-poetry/golden-shovel-poetic-form>)

Subject: Any

100 line limit

1. I’LL TAKE THE FRENCH FORM S’IL VOUS PLAIT (Sponsored by Writers Anonymous)

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

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

Topic: Open (No politics)

Line Length: As dictated by form.

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

40 line limit

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. NEW DAWN UNLIMITED AWARD (Sponsored by Jerri and Kirk Hardesty and New Dawn Unlimited)

$25, up to 2 Honorable Mentions at Judge’s Discretion

Form: Any

Topic: An Act of Kindness

40 line limit

1. WRITING FROM THE INSIDE OUT (Sponsored by Susan Tolle, in memory of poet and educator Sandford Lyne)

$50

Form: Any

Topic: The soul’s journey and/or awakening – “For writing poems and the soul’s awakening (& journey) are made to go hand in hand.”

No line limit

Include year when poem was written

1. LYRICAL INSPIRATION AWARD (Sponsored by Warrior Wordsmiths)

$50, $30, $20

Form: Any

Subject: Any, but must include a song title or lyrics

No line limit

1. CAREY LINK MEMORIAL PRIZE (Sponsored by Jennifer Horne and honoring the Legacy of Poet Carey Link, 1975-2021).

$50, $25, $25

Form: Any

Subject: The Power of the Imagination

No line limit

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

1. Deadline for entry is April 10, 2022. 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 more than one 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 stated in the contest.

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

1271 Glenridge Drive

Bessemer, AL 35022

 Online:

* Entries can be submitted at [alpoets.org](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Ctemplej2%5CDownloads%5Calpoets.org) until midnight on April 10
* 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.