ALABAMA STATE POETRY SOCIETY

FALL 2022 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

Any form, any subject, no line limit.

2. DR. PATRICIA C. BURCHFIELD MEMORIAL CONTEST (Sponsored by Sue Brannan Walker and Judged by Sue Brannan Walker and Thomas Lakeman)

$100, $35, $25

Form: Any Traditional Form (Please name the form)

Topic: Scrapbooks

40 line limit.

3. EKPHRASTIC POETRY AWARD (sponsored by Roger Carlisle)

$75, $50, $25

Form: Any

Line Limit: 40

Subject: Write a poem about a well-known masterpiece of painting.

4. QUANTUM POETRY AWARD (Sponsored by Pat Launius)

$100, $50, $25 and one Honorable Mention at $10

Form: Any

Word Limit: 200

Subject: Entanglement, the multiverse, string theory … any quantum possibilities in human life.

5. BEATLEMANIA AWARD (Sponsored by Jeanette Willert)

$50, $35, $15 (Honorable mentions at judge’s discretion)

Form: Any

No line limit

Subject: Use a line from a Beatles’ song as a refrain or epigraph for your poem. Identify the song title and the year it was released.

6. THE BKC AWARD (Sponsored by Jessica Temple in memory of Bettye Kramer Cannizzo)

$30, 20, $10, Honorable Mentions at judge’s discretion.

Form: Any

Subject: Something small.

40 Line Limit.

7. WA AWARD (Sponsored by Writers Anonymous)

$50, $30, $20, Honorable Mentions at judge’s discretion

Form: Rondeau

Subject: Poet’s Choice

Line Limit dictated by form (10-15 lines)

8. PRECIOUS PRODIGAL AWARD (Sponsored by Harry and Rita Moritz)

$40, $30, $20, $10, Honorable Mentions at judge’s discretion

Form: Apostrophe (See <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/learn/glossary->terms/apostrophe.

Subject: Any Apostrophe poem

40 Line Limit

9. BUDDY AWARD (Sponsored by Harry and Rita Moritz in memory of their son)

$40, $30, $20, $10, Honorable Mentions at judge’s discretion

Form: Poet’s Choice

Topic: Take any complete line from a Buddy Holly song and write a poem that contains that line.

10. TELL ME A STORY (Sponsored by Dargan Ware)

$30, $20, $10, Honorable Mentions at Judge’s Discretion

Form: Narrative poem (prose or with line breaks)

Topic: Any narrative

No Line Limit

11. MIKE FLORES MEMORIAL AWARD

$50, $30. $20 Honorable mentions at Judge’s discretion

Form: Any

Topic: A Pleasant Discovery

40 Line Limit

12. RELATIVES AWARD (Sponsored by Jerri Beck)

OPEN TO ASPS MEMBERS ONLY

$25, $15, $10 Honorable mentions at Judge’s discretion  
 Topic: Relatives (funny or serious) Form: Any No Line Limit

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

1. Deadline for entry is **September 15, 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 a 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 category.

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 postmarked on or before September 15, 2022.
* Submissions should be mailed to:

Dargan M. Ware, Contest Chair

2154 Highland Avenue South

Birmingham, AL 35205

Online:

* Entries can be submitted at alpoets.org until midnight on September 15, 2022.
* 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.