



2014 List of Annual Contest Award Winners
Countdown from Contest 29 to Contest 1

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Contest No. 29: The Texas Border/Lines Award – 19 Entries; Judge: Liliana Valenzuela

First Place Winner: “Cadmium Red Above Black” by Wade Martin

Second Place Winner: “Impeccable Virtue” by Susan J. Rogers

Third Place Winner: “Where the West Ended” by Mariann Garner-Wizard

Honorable Mentions: “Dividing Line” by LaVern Spencer McCarthy and “Cleansing the Black Garments” by Gloria Amescua

Contest No. 28: The “Ode Frame” Award – 13 Entries; Judge: Opie Houston

First Place Winner: “Archer” by Wade Martin

Second Place Winner: “Rodeo Season” by Mariann Garner-Wizard

Third Place Winner: “Shifting Gears” by Barbara Blanks

Contest No. 27: My Very First Car Award – 9 Entries; Judge: Michael Aaron Casares

First Place Winner: “My First Car” by Jerry Hardesty

Second Place Winner: “HAPPINESS IS A WARM CAR” by G.E Martt

Third Place Winner: “My Very First Car” by Liza Wolff-Francis

Contest No. 26: The Mary Oliver Award – 34 Entries; Judge: Michael Gullickson

First Place Winner: “The Black Snake” by Dora Robinson

Second Place Winner: “Missing the Texas Horned Lizard” by Elaine Hosage

Third Place Winner: “TUMBLEWEED” by Margie McCreless Roe

Honorable Mentions: “Earlybirds: The Crows” by Mariann Garner-Wizard and “Yosemite’s Fall to Mercy” by Claire Vogel Camargo

Contest No. 25: The Keep Austin Award – 21 Entries; Judge: Kelsey Shipman

First Place Winner: “Tamale Stand” by Michael Owens

Second Place Winner: “THE LIFEGUARD, NORTHWEST PARK” by Margie McCreless Roe

Third Place Winner: “A Head’s Up On Halloween” by Chet Taylor

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Contest No. 24: The John and Diana Schliesing Award – 23 Entries; Judge: ire'ne lara silva

First Place Winner: "Weeds" by Monty Jones

Second Place Winner: "Pear Blossoms" by Shubh Bala Schiesser

Third Place Winner: "WILD IRISES" by G.E. Martt

Honorable Mentions: "In your body is the garden of flowers" by Diana L. Conces and "HELIOTROPISM" by Margie McCreless Roe

Contest No. 23: The Immigrant Experience Award – 8 Entries; Judge: Laura Pena

First Place Winner: "Day Labor" by Elaine Hosage

Second Place Winner: [Untitled] by Janet Carruth McGuffin

Third Place Winner: "Expatriate" by Nona Blanchard

Honorable Mention: "Los colores" by Wade Martin

Contest No. 22: If I Were Poet Laureate Award – 8 Entries; Judge: Drew Myron

First Place Winner: "Hidden River" by Wade Martin

Second Place Winner: "Poet Laureate of the Wasteland" by Mariann Garner-Wizard

Third Place Winner: "If I Were Poet Laureate" by Liza Wolff-Francis

Contest No. 21: The Haiku - Senryu Delight Award – 26 Entries; Judge: Joyce Gullickson

First Place Winner: "It's Easy to Love" by Benjamin Pehr

Second Place Winner: "Snowy Owl Calling" by LaVern Spencer McCarthy

Third Place Winner: "Room Full of Grown-Ups" by Amy L. Greenspan

Honorable Mention: "Mallard in eclipse" by Mary Ellen Branan

Contest No. 20: The Exhausted Poet Award

First Place Winner: John Hoag

Second Place Winner: Nancy Fierstien

Third Place Winner: Herman M. Nelson

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Contest No. 19: The Elzy Marathon Thompson Memorial Award – 25 Entries; Judge: Judith Austin Mills

First Place Winner: “Delbert Reads His National Geographic” by LaVern Spencer McCarthy

Second Place Winner: “RECIPE” by G.E. Martt

Third Place Winner: “The Writing Process” by Wade Martin

Contest No. 18: A Case of Mistaken Identity Award – 7 Entries; Judge: Nathan Brown

First Place Winner: “What Died in Here?” by Barbara Blanks

Second Place Winner: “MY LEGENDARY SELF” by G.E. Martt

Third Place Winner: “Mistaken Identities” by Nancy Fierstien

Contest No. 17: The Suspenders Award – 21 Entries; Judge: Wayne Allen Jones

First Place Winner: “PORTRAIT OF A GRANDMOTHER I NEVER KNEW” by Margie McCreless Roe

Second Place Winner: “The Perfect Gift” by Barbara Blanks

Third Place Winner: “Winter Greens” by Mariann Garner-Wizard

Honorable Mentions: “Great Aunt Jean” by Claire Vogel Camargo and “FOR WORDSWORTH” by Bradley R. Strahan and “Don’t Die” by George Klawitter

Contest No. 16: The “Who Me?” Award – 27 Entries; Judge: Mark Roelof Eleveld

First Place Winner: “Maybe One More Life” by Chet Taylor

Second Place Winner: “The Search” by John Hoag

Third Place Winner: “Physicist’s Gaze” by Diana L. Conces

Contest No. 15: Mujeres Morenas Award – 9 Entries; Judge: Mariela Griffor

First Place Winner: “Si, hablo español un poquito” by Barbara Blanks

Second Place Winner: “Placeres Morenas” by John Hoag

Third Place Winner: “Indias Morenas” by Christa Pandey

Honorable Mention: “Pablo Neruda (II)” by Christopher S. Chenault

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Contest No. 14: The Loyalty Award – 19 Entries; Judge: Ada Limon

First Place Winner: “Waiting on Tomorrow” by Elaine Hosage

Second Place Winner: “The Faithful Assassin” by Mariann Garner-Wizard

Third Place Winner: “Photographs” by Michael Owens

Honorable Mentions: “Maxi” by Shubh Bala Schiesser and [Untitled] by Janet Carruth McGuffin and “What Bowser Sees” by LaVern Spencer McCarthy

Contest No. 13: The Animal Passion Award – 8 Entries; Judge: Amanda Rachelle Warren

First Place Winner: “A DREAM IN TWO COLORS” by Bradley R. Strahan

Second Place Winner: “it’s like this all day” by Barbara Blanks

Third Place Winner: “Circling sometimes and sometimes not” by Michael Owens

Contest No. 12: Lone Star Nights Award – 9 Entries; Judge: Abraham Smith

First Place Winner: “The Broken Spoke” by Liza Wolff-Francis

Second Place Winner: “Cherry Springs Dance Hall” by Barbara Blanks

Third Place Winner: “Watching *Urban Cowboy* for the second time” by Wade Martin

Contest No. 11: The Rock & Roll Award – 15 Entries; Judge: T.R. Hummer

First Place Winner: “Driving over to Chicago from Winnipeg” by Wade Martin

Second Place Winner: “Square” by Monty Jones

Third Place Winner: “Rock N’ Roll Baby” by Janet Carruth McGuffin

Contest No. 10: The Once Upon a Time Award – 23 Entries; Judge: Dave Gecic

First Place Winner: “THE HERO WITH A MILLION FACES” by Bradley R. Strahan

Second Place Winner: “Love Soars beyond This Realm” by Von S. Bourland

Third Place Winner: “The Fate of Kelly O’Connor” by Herman M. Nelson

Honorable Mentions: “A Mystic Poet Mirabai of 16th Century, India” by Shubh Bala Schiesser and “An Icy Tongue of Fire” by Claire Vogel Camargo and “Over the hill, round the bend” by Nona Blanchard

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Contest No. 9: The Moving Along Award – 26 Entries; Judge: William Allegrezza

First Place Winner: “Intersection: Cedar Park, February 21, 2013” by Elizabeth Kropf

Second Place Winner: “Up a Tree” by Carie Juettner

Third Place Winner: “An Unreasoning Fear of Drowning” by Diana L. Conces

Contest No. 8: Marilyn Jean Buck Memorial Award – 24 Entries; Judge: Jared Smith

First Place Winner: “Sere Seer” by Chet Taylor

Second Place Winner: “Shady Oaks” by Wade Martin

Third Place Winner: “Skid Row” by Benjamin Pehr

Honorable Mentions: “Reaching...” by Gloria Amescua and “Scarecrow” by Shubh Bala Schiesser

Contest No. 7: The “I’m a Little Teapot” Award – 18 Entries; Judge: Michael Watson and Shelley Nation-Watson

First Place Winner: “The Psychedelic Party” by LaVern Spencer McCarthy

Second Place Winner: “Lottery Ticket” by Diana L. Conces

Third Place Winner: “Two Crosses” by Wade Martin

Contest No. 6: Family, Friends and Philosophy Award – 30 Entries; Judge: Robert Fanning

First Place Winner: “A Little World Made Cunningly” by George Klawitter

Second Place Winner: “Managing People You Cannot See” by Elaine Hosage

Third Place Winner: “A Mexican Dream” by Chet Taylor

Honorable Mention: “Daily Bread” by Monty Jones

Contest No. 5: The Crossing Over Award – 23 Entries; Judge: Albert DeGenova

First Place Winner: “ROAD TRIP” by Bradley R. Strahan

Second Place Winner: “Her Ground Time Here was Brief” by George Klawitter

Third Place Winner: “News of Magdalena’s Death” by Liza Wolff-Francis

Honorable Mentions: “Peoria” by John Hoag and “They Say in a Dream” by Diana L. Conces

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Contest No. 4: Connecting with Nature Award – 21 Entries; Judge: Kevin Prufer

First Place Winner: “Autumn Bride” by LaVern Spencer McCarthy

Second Place Winner: “Circle of Seasons” by Chet Taylor

Third Place Winner: “LINES FROM THE SEA (Hawaii, 1980)” by Bradley R. Strahan

Honorable Mentions: “AMORA BOREALIS” by G.E. Martt and “Evening’s Last Rabbit” by Diana L. Conces

Contest No. 3: The Spoken Word Award - __ Entries; Judges: Members present at awards ceremony

First Place: “Shoot” by Monty Jones

Second Place: “Entropie” by Mariann Garner-Wizard

Third Place: “Our Same Sky” by Liza Wolff-Francis

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Contest No. 2: The Owls Are Not What They Seem Award – 21 Entries; Judge: Francesco Levato

First Place Winner: “Blood Woman” by Mary Ellen Branan

Second Place Winner: “Hiking in Patagonia” by Diana L. Conces

Third Place Winner: “Decent People” by Claire Vogel Camargo

Contest No. 1: The Austin Poetry Society – 49 Entries; Judge: Cyrus Cassells

First Place Winner: “Approaching Perihelion” by Diana L. Conces

Second Place Winner: “IRRETRIEVABLE THINGS” by Bradley R. Strahan

Third Place Winner: “Landscape” by Monty Jones