

APS received 212 contest entries this year. 20 of the 22 contests had enough entries to submit for judging. Contests 5 and 18 did not have 5 or more entries so the prize money was refunded. The winners for Contest 2 Spoken Word Contest was determined by the audience present at the award ceremony May 19, 2018 and winners can be added by hand so a complete list is available. The first place winners will again be published in the next anthology.

The Austin Poetry Society Award

#1	After the Long Winter	Diana L Conces
#2	Postcard from the Northerly Austin Chalk, 2012	Sergio Gongora
#3	Get a Room	Jerri Hardesty
HM	Aftermath	Jeffrey Taylor
HM	Sonnet 22	Benjamin Pehr

2 Spoken Word Contest

#1	Love Song to the Dark	Ailanna Larson
#2	Why We're Reading	Thom Woodruff
#3	Poetry	G.E. Martt

3 Hispanic Heritage Award

#1	Porfirio's Gift	Claire Vogel Camargo
#2	El Paso Del Norte	Jerri Hardesty
#3	Gracias, Señora Reeves	Barbara Blanks

4 The Funny Side of Life

#1	Wary Musician	Lavern Spencer McCarthy
#2	Hats Off to the Cooks	Ailanna Larson
#3	Holiday Drama	Barbara Blanks
HM	I-PAD	Christa Pandey
HM	A "Hot" Limerick	G. E. Martt

5 **Repurpose, Reuse, Recycle** Not enough entries to be judged

6 The Road Trip

#1	Shifting Gears	Barbara Blanks
#2	Easter Migration	Ailanna Larson
#3	In Flight	LaVern Spencer McCarthy
HM	Road Trip	Janelle Curlin-Taylor

7 The Unexpected

#1	Dare Devil	Jeffrey Taylor
#2	Wedding Commentary	Von Bourland
#3	Shade and Shadow	Bradley R. Strahan
HM	Hurry! Garden Variety	Christa Pandey

8 Fill In the Blanks

#1	Mirror Life	Bradley R. Strahan
#2	Self Portrait, Age 29	Benjamin Pehr
#3	Clown Care	Jerri Hardesty

9 World Peace Award

#1	It's A Dance	Claire Vogel Camargo
#2	Community	Jerri Hardesty
#3	Highlighting Understanding	Barbara Blanks
HM	Imagine What is Possible	G. E. Martt

10 The Trick or Treat Award

#1	Halloween Party	Jerri Hardesty
#2	Halloween Shoppers	Bradley R. Strahan
#3	On the Prowl	Barbara Blanks
HM	Halloween Horror	Claire Vogel Camargo
HM	A Bad Rep	Von Bourland

11	The Animal Passion Award	
#1	Swans	Ailanna Larson
#2	Wolves Passing	Jerri Hardesty
#3	Feather by Feather	Christa Pandey
HM	Hunting Moonlight	Diana Conces
12	The "I Remember" Award	
#1	Momo's House	Diana Conces
#2	Grandma's Influences	Barbara Blanks
#3	My Favorite Sport	Jerri Hardesty
HM	Awakening Passage	Von S. Bourland
HM	Father Song	Bradley R. Strahan
13	Aging is not for Sissies	
#1	Burden	Jeffrey Taylor
#2	Ticking	Diana L. Conces
#3	Rattlebone's <i>Book of Days</i>	Bradley R. Strahan
HM	Shift Happens	Ailanna Larson
14	Elzy Marathon Thompson Memorial Award	
#1	Reading Aloud After Dinner	G. E. Martt
#2	Book	Bradley R. Strahan
#3	A Different World	Jerri Hardesty
15	Music in My Soul Award	
#1	Trane	Bradley R. Strahan
#2	Havana, Na Na Na	Diana L. Conces
#3	The Outdoor Symphony	LaVern Spencer McCarthy
16	Mary Oliver Award	
#1	A Dying Tree	Mary Ellen Branan
#2	I Sit at the Edge of a Field and Invite the Muse	Bradley R. Strahan
#3	Skeeter Hawk	Barbara Blanks
HM	A golden dragon	G. E. Martt
17	Something Happened Award	
#1	That's What Friends are For	Jerri Hardesty
#2	Listentint Hearts	Ailanna Larson
#3	Healing Music	Von Bourland
18	The Marianne Logan Award	Not enough entries to be judged
19	The Haiku-Senryu Delight Award	
#1	'last bouquet tossed'	Christa Pandey
#2	'sleek cat's eye'	Barbara Blanks
#3	'bees swarm the flowers'	Jerri Hardesty
20	The Caretaker Award	
#1	Grandfather's Journey	LaVern Spencer McCarthy
#2	Devotion	Claire Vogel Camargo
#3	Reaching for Spring	Von Bourland
21	The Spring Fling Award	
#1	Larking About	Barbara Blanks
#2	Circus Act	Jerri Hardesty
#3	April Morning	Bradley R. Strahan
22	The Sierra Brown Free Spirit Award	
#1	Who Was That (Un)Masked Man?	Barbara Blanks
#2	Burn Beautiful	Jerri Hardesty
#3	Albatross	Jeffrey Taylor