

Results for the 2015 APS Annual Contests

1. The Austin Poetry Society Award

Judge: Lucas Smiraldo

First Place:

Someone on the Street by Bradley R. Strahan

Second Place:

Backache by Laura Guli

Third Place:

Sim's Bayou by Mary Ellen Brannan

Honorable Mentions

Quantum Heart by Ralph Hausser

In the Light of Day by Gloria Amescua

2. The Rock & Roll Award

Judge: TR Hummer

First Place:

Streetcorner Symphony by Bradley Strahan

Second Place:

House of the Rising Sun by Diana L. Conces

Third Place:

Yesterday by Barbara Blanks

3. The Spoken Word Poetry Award

Judge: APS Award Ceremony Audience

First Place:

Analog Man by Michael D. Jones

Second Place:

Education in Spite of the Foundation by Steve Quakenbush

Third Place: (TIE)

Back Then, You could be Happy by Allyson Whipple

and Most People Ignore Most Poetry Because Most Poetry Ignores Most People by Thom Woodruff

4. The Funny Business Award

Judge: Judith Austin Mills

First Place:

A Good Sales Day by LaVern Spencer McCarthy

Second Place:

Customer Service by Jerri Hardesty

Third Place:

Salesman by Neil Meili

Honorable Mention:

The Handsome Devil by Mark van Gelder

5. The Cyborgs Among Us Award

Judge: Barbara Gregg

First Place:

Keeping Rhythm by Von S. Bourland

Second Place:

I Prosthetic by Neil Meili

Third Place:

Sci-Fi: The Harbinger by Gloria Amescua

6. The “Please Inspire Me” Award

Judge: Leila A. Fortier

First Place:

The Glass Serpent by Bradley R. Strahan

Second Place:

Interior Motives by Mark van Gelder

Third Place:

The Butterfly Remembers by Neil Meili

7. Practically Speaking

Judge: Ren Powell

First Place:

Artist in the Schools, 1977 by Susan J. Rogers

Second Place:

Conduit by Claire Vogel Camargo

Third Place:

The Artefact and the Art by Bradley R. Strahan

8. The Nautilus Award

Judge: Laurie Kolp

First Place:

The Sea's Elusive Treasures by LaVern Spencer McCarthy

Second Place:

Desecration by Barbara Blanks

Third Place:

Voyaging by Bradley R. Strahan

9. The Creepy-Crawly Award

Judge: Lauren Levato

First Place:

Every Dog Has its Flea by LaVern Spencer McCarthy

Second Place:

Hide-and-Go-Seek by Claire Camargo

Third Place:

Earthworm by Barbara Blanks

10. The World Peace Award

Judge: Anne McCrady

First Place:

Share by Jerri Hardesty

Second Place:

If We Had Peace on Earth by Nancy Fierstien

Third Place:

The New Draft by Barbara Blanks

11. Poems of Place

Judge: Peycho Kanev

First Place:

Lonely Too, Independence Day by Catherine A. Lee

Second Place:

The Tired Road by Mark van Gelder

Third Place:

On the World's Most Dangerous Road by Mariann Garner-Wizard

12. The Trick or Treat Award

Judge: Susan Rooke

First Place:

Fall Backward by Mary Ellen Branan

Second Place:

Halloween Party by Jerri Hardesty

Third Place:

October's Blood by Gloria Amescua

Honorable Mention

the tanka that begins whispering cornstalks [...] by Von. S. Bourland

13: The Animal Passion Award

Judge: Chuck Taylor

First Place:

Life in the Day of My Cat by Barbara Blanks

Second Place:

Mutually Beneficial by Jerri Hardesty

Third Place:

The Chase is On! by Von S. Bourland

14. The Loyalty Award

Judge: Joey Nicoletti

First Place:

Leaps by Bradley R. Strahan

Second Place:

Bandit by Neil Meili

Third Place:

Unharnessed by Carie Juettner

15. The Elzy Marathon Thompson Memorial Award

Judge: Geoff Schutt

First Place:

Things That Could One Day Find Their Way Into A Poem (in no particular order) by Carie Juettner

Second Place:

The Word In The Flower by Mark van Gelder

Third Place:

Found In Translation by Neil Meili

16. The Music in My Soul Award

Judge: Steven Ostrowski

First Place:

i should care by Cynthia J. Drake

Second Place:

Sonata No 30. by Monty Jones

Third Place:

A Little Night Music by Bradley R. Strahan

17. The Mary Oliver Award

Judge: Toni Asante Lightfoot

First Place:

Wildflower Season by Carie Juettner

Second Place:

Chihuahuan desert by Gloria Amescua

Third Place:

Good Day for a Green Jay by Chet Taylor

18: The World Poet Award

Judge: Natasha Carrizosa

First Place:

Gaughin: The Colors Are All by Chet Taylor

Second Place:

Elemental by G. E. Martt

Third Place:

Shape Seeing by Diana Conces

19: Marianne Logan Award

Judge: Cyrus Cassells

First Place:

Beyond the Physical by Jerri Hardesty

Second Place:

Weather Confusion" by Christa Pandey

Third Place:

She Said She Said" by Robert Glover

20: The Caregiver Award

Judge: Charles Webb

First Place:

Hospice by Mariann Garner-Wizard

Second Place:

Role Reversal Revisited by Barbara Blanks

Third Place:

Long Distance Kisses by Jerri Hardesty

21. A Trip to the Zoo

Judge: Zachary Kluckman

First Place:

Where the No Longer Wild Things Are by Barbara Blanks

Second Place:

Daddy by Neil Meili

Third Place:

A Day At the Zoo by Jerri Hardesty

22. From Behind the Burka

Judge: Judith Austin Mills

First Place:

For Peggy K. by Mariann Garner-Wizard

Second Place:

Post-War Summer Landay by Mark van Gelder

Third Place:

untitled ("The future is waiting...") by Carie Juettner

23. Reproductive Rights

Judge: Lynn Brandstetter

First Place:

Choices Barbara Blanks

Second Place:

Why You Weren't Born by Mariann Garner-Wizard

Third Place:

Hard Choices by Christa Pandey

24: The Deaf Experiences Award

Judge: Larry O. Dean

First Place:

Deaf by Neil Meili

Second Place:

Pay Date by Jerri Hardesty

Third Place:

Native Speaker by Gloria Amescua

25. The Haiku-Senryu Delight Award

Judge: David "Buddha" Hargarten

First Place:

After the visit by Mark van Gelder

Second Place:

Snowy owl calling by LaVern Spencer McCarthy

Third Place:

Mist leaks sunlight by Gloria Amescua

26. The Austin Poetry Society President's Award

Judge: Bronmin Shumway

First Place:

Wars End Slowly: A True Story by Chet Taylor

Second Place:

Cissi's Wake by Mariann Garner-Wizard

Third Place:

Wild Women by Kathryn Culpepper