

## **2016 APS Annual Contest Results**

### **Contest No. 1: The Austin Poetry Society Award**

Sponsor: Austin Poetry Society

Judge: Elzy Cogswell

First Place: Cynthia Drake - "this message will self destruct"

Second Place: Chet Taylor - "Going Down"

Third Place: Chet Taylor - "A Red Balloon in an Empty Sky: Images of Miro"

Honorable Mentions: Sonny Regelman, Barbara Blanks, & Chet Taylor

### **Contest No. 2: The Spoken Word Poetry Award**

Sponsor: Austin Poetry Society

Judge: Audience members

First Place: G.E. Martt - "The Turkey"

Second Place: (TIE) Diane Hinman "Legacies" & Michael D. Jones - "How Many Ways Do You Want Me to Say No?"

### **Contest No. 3: The Wildness Award**

Sponsor: Kathryn Culpepper

Judge: Kathryn Culpepper

First Place: Claire Vogel-Camargo - "Ocean Salsa – A Surrendering"

Second Place: Laura Guli - "Naduah"

Third Place: Carie Juettner - "Hiking to Cattail Falls"

### **Contest No. 4: A World Without Borders**

Sponsor: Shubh Schiesser

Judge: Allen Fischer

First Place: Brad Strahan - "True North"

Second Place: Mark Van Gelder - "St. Blanc"

Third Place: Neil Meili - "The Wall/L.A. Pered"

**Contest No. 5: The Rock & Roll Award**

Sponsor: Kirk Sonnenberg and Bronmin Shumway

Judge: B.J. Buckley

First Place: Carie Juettner - "Rooster with a Guitar"

Second Place: Diane Conces - The Guitar Player

Third Place: Marc McMahon - "Revel in Chevelle"

**Contest No. 6: The Nautilus Award**

Sponsor: Susan Rooke

Judge: Silva Merjanian

First Place: Barbara Blanks - "Midnight Sail"

Second Place: Carie Juettner - "Bajan Days"

Third Place: Brad Strahan - "Tides"

Honorable Mentions: Marc McMahon & Nancy Fierstien

**Contest No. 7: The Gods & Heroes Award**

Sponsor: Susan Rooke

Judge: Mary Crow

First Place: Brad Strahan - "Icarus"

Second Place: Mary Ellen Branan - "Briseis from Hades"

Third Place: Diane Conces - "Zorya"

Honorable Mentions: Carie Juettner & Barbara Blanks

**Contest No. 8: The Funny Side of Life**

Sponsor: Barbara Gregg

Judge: Richard Peabody

First Place: Diane Conces - "Clairol"

Second Place: Susan Rooke - "Regret and the Social Website"

Third Place: Carie Juettner - "Bull's Eye"

**Contest No. 9: Repurpose, Reuse, Recycle**

Sponsor: Barbara Gregg

Judge: Susana H. Case

First Place: Barbara Blanks - "Death Devours All Lovely Things"

Second Place: Natalia Malesa - "Little Dancer Aged Fourteen"

Third Place: Mamata Misra - "Secrets in the Garden"

**Contest No. 10: The Road Trip Award**

Sponsor: Barbara Gregg

Judge: Lyman Grant

First Place: Susan Rooke - "Genealogy, 1962"

Second Place: Carie Juettner - "Litterbug"

Third Place: Brad Strahan - "Road Trip"

Honorable Mention: Barbara Blanks

**Contest No. 11: The World Peace Award**

Sponsor: Judith Austin Mills

Judge: Stella Vinitchi Radulescu

First Place: Diane Conces - "Firestorm"

Second Place: Mary Ellen Branan - "Starlings and the Second Law"

Third Place: Cathleen O'Shea - "Idea for a Psalm"

**Contest No. 12: Fill in the Blanks**

Sponsor: Barbara Blanks

Judge: Barbara Blanks

First Place: Carie Juettner - "I Hate Those Poems"

Second Place: Diane Conces - "Captive"

Third Place: Susan Rooke - "Myong-Hi, December 1965"

Honorable Mentions: Cynthia Drake & Laura Guli

**Contest No. 13: The Trick or Treat Award**

Sponsor: Carie Juettner

Judge: Stella Vinitchi Radulescu

First Place: Susan Rooke - "Jack-o'-Bone"

Second Place: Brad Strahan - "Green Rug"

Third Place: Diane Conces - "Up from Darkness"

Honorable Mentions: Marc McMahon & Barbara Blanks

**Contest No. 14: The Animal Passion Award**

Sponsor: Claire Vogel Camargo

*(This contest was cancelled due to lack of participants.)*

**Contest No. 15: The Loyalty Award**

Sponsor: Claire Vogel Camargo

Judge: Marian Haddad

First Place: Diane Conces - "Grace in Motion"

Second Place: G. E. Martt - "Zen dog"

Third Place: Mark Van Gelder - "Hit and Hold"

**Contest No. 16: The Elzy Marathon Thompson Memorial Award**

Sponsor: Elzy Cogswell

Judge: Professor Detrick Hughes

First Place: Claire Vogel-Camargo - "*Poet's Bloom* – The Color of My Pantoum"

Second Place: Mark Van Gelder - "Handwritten Lament"

Third Place: Mary Ellen Branan - "A Snow Globe"

Honorable Mention: Laura Guli

**Contest No. 17: The Music in My Soul Award**

Sponsor: Elzy Cogswell

Judge: Chuck Taylor

First Place: Barbara Blanks - "Beethoven Speaks"

Second Place: G. E. Martt - "Debussy"

Third Place: Nancy Fierstien - "Into the Waiting Air"

**Contest No. 18: The Mary Oliver Award**

Sponsor: Elzy Cogswell

Judge: Bill Mayer

First Place: Chet Taylor - "The Sea Bridge Abiding"

Second Place: Cathleen O'Shea - "Ode to a possum lying dead at the confluence of two highways"

Third Place: Susan Rooke - "Sadie Feeds the Birds"

**Contest No. 19: The Faithful Servant Award**

Sponsor: Elzy Cogswell

Judge: Susanna Rich

First Place: George Klawitter - "What Museums Do For Us"

Second Place: Chet Taylor - "Onomatopoeia For Lovers"

Third Place: Marc McMahon - "Write the Good Fight"

Honorable Mentions: G. E. Martt & Barbara Blanks

**Contest No. 20: Marianne Logan Award**

Sponsor: Von S. Bourland

*(This contest was cancelled due to lack of participants.)*

**Contest No. 21: The Caregiver Award**

Sponsor: Amy L. Greenspan

Judge: Abe Louise Young

First Place: Mark Van Gelder - "To The Caregiver"

Second Place: Elaine Hosage - "Well Loved"

Third Place: Susan Rooke - "In Memory"

**Contest No. 22: How to Cook an Armadillo**

Sponsor: John Hoag

Judge: Anne Marie Blum

First Place: George Klawitter - "How to Cook an Armadillo"

Second Place: Nancy Fierstien - "Palatable Advice"

Third Place: LaVern McCarthy - "Armadillo Stew in the Shell"

Honorable Mention: Barbara Blanks

**Contest No. 23: Obesity By Any Other Name**

Sponsor: John Hoag

Judge: Dr. Carolyn Krieter-Foronda

First Place: Marc McMahon - "Tomorrow's Sorrows"

Second Place: Nancy Fierstien - "If You Eat Poetry"

Third Place: Carie Juettner - "Lock Me on the Porch"

Honorable Mention: LaVern McCarthy

**Contest No. 24: The Haiku-Senryu Delight Award**

Sponsor: Claire Vogel Camargo

Judge: R.T. Castleberry

First Place: Mary Ellen Branan - "Mallard in Eclipse"

Second Place: LaVern McCarthy - "frog on lily pad"

Third Place: Diane Conces - "No moon burns tonight"

Honorable Mention: Susan Rooke

**Contest No. 25: The Limerick Award**

Sponsor: Carie Juettner

Judge: Paul Sohar

First Place: LaVern McCarthy - "The Early Bird Got His "

Second Place: Barbara Blanks - "Heads Up!"

Third Place: Susan Rooke - "Directive, Campaign 2016"

Honorable Mentions: Neil Meili & Brad Strahan