

2017 PST Festival Results						
Contest	Contest Name	Place	Poem	Name	Hometown	
	Contest Title Best of theFest Sponsored By Marilyn Denington Judged By Ron Whitehead, Louisville, KY	1	<i>Orogeny</i>	Janice Hornburg	Johnson City TN	
1	Contest Title Benefactor's Award Sponsored By Poetry Society of Tennessee Judged By John C. Mannone, Niota TN	1 2 3 4 5	<i>Lonely Dog's Moon</i> <i>The Hill</i> <i>Philadelphia Airport: 3:30 A.M.</i> <i>Saying Grace</i> <i>The Spirit Moves You: A Sestina</i>	Russell Strauss Emory Jones Russell Strauss Janice Hornburg Emory Jones	Memphis TN Iuka MS Memphis TN Johnson City TN Iuka MS	
2	Contest Title Poet's Field Day Sponsored By Poetry Society of Tennessee Judged By Jeremy M. Downes, Auburn, AL	1 2 3	<i>Harvest</i> <i>Death at a Mission School</i> <i>How to Become a Fossil</i>	Tony Fusco E. Gail Chandler Janice Hornburg	West Haven CT Shelbyville KY Johnson City TN	
3	Contest Title The James & Mary Virginia Wright Memorial Award Sponsored By Douglas and Catherine Taylor, Como, MS Judged By Douglas Taylor, Como, MS	1 2 3 1HM 2HM 3HM	<i>Remnants</i> <i>That Loyal Band</i> <i>A Generation of Strength</i> <i>Pledge of Allegiance</i> <i>Battle Song</i> <i>The Bridge at Remagen</i>	Russell Strauss John Crawford Jerri Hardesty Sara Gipson Gail Denham Catherine Moran	Memphis TN Arkadelphia AR Brierfield AL Scott AR Sunriver OR Little Rock AR	
4	Contest Title The Science of Poetry Sponsored By Janice Hornburg, Johnson City, TN Judged By Janice Hornburg, Johnson City, TN	1 2 3 1HM 2HM 3HM	<i>Grand Canyon Trek</i> <i>Upon Hearing of Higgs' Boson</i> <i>The Rock Boy</i> <i>Vortex</i> <i>Thicker than Water</i> <i>The Orchestration of String Theory</i>	Laura Altshul Beth Staas Russell Strauss E. Gail Chandler Jerri Hardesty Catherine Moran	New Haven CT Oak Brook IL Memphis TN Shelbyville KY Brierfield AL Little Rock AR	
5	Contest Title The Poetry Society of Tennessee-Northeast Award Sponsored By Poetry Society of Tennessee-Northeast Judged By Danielle Byington, Johnson City, TN	1 2 3	<i>Finding the Right Place</i> <i>The Poems I Write</i> <i>Sylvia</i>	Catherine Moran Dalene Stull D.B. Pickett	Little Rock AR Danville OH Madison MS	
6	Contest Title The Sarah Catherine Anderson Memorial Award Sponsored By Sarah Hull Gurley, Memphis, TN Judged By Sarah Hull Gurley, Memphis, TN	1 2 3	<i>Voices in the Mist</i> <i>Early October, 1917</i> <i>Hemingway's War</i>	Russell Strauss Barbara Blanks Mark Hudson	Memphis TN Garland TX Evanston IL	

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7	Contest Title	Fill in the Blanks Award	1	<i>To His Koi Mistress</i>	Sharon Mishler Fox	Knoxville TN
	Sponsored By	Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX	2	<i>My Sinful Knees</i>	LaVern Spencer McCarthy	Blair OK
	Judged By	Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX	3	<i>Elephant Dreams</i>	Russell Strauss	Memphis TN
8	Contest Title	Villanelle Contest	1	<i>The Lady in White</i>	Von S. Bourland	Happy TX
	Sponsored By	Leslie Blakeburn, Memphis, TN	2	<i>August's Broken Promise</i>	Lucille Morgan Wilson	Des Moines IA
	Judged By	Judith Krum, Sanford, FL	3	<i>Crossword Consternations</i>	LaVern Spencer McCarthy	Blair OK
9	Contest Title	The Ancient Mariner Award	1	<i>Ballad of the Pants</i>	Russell Strauss	Memphis TN
	Sponsored By	Dr. Diane Clark, Traverse City, MI	2	<i>Crosscreek Coal Mine</i>	Charles Firmage	Boise ID
	Judged By	Dr. Diane Clark, Traverse City, MI	3	<i>Dog's Soldier</i>	Barbara Blanks	Garland TX
			1HM	<i>Swallowed</i>	Jerri Hardesty	Brierfield AL
			2HM	<i>James &amp; Granville Stuart: Oregon Territory</i>	Dalene Stull	Danville OH
3HM	<i>Ballad of the Backyard Game</i>	Emory Jones	Iuka MS			
10	Contest Title	The Acrostic Challenge Award	1	<i>Try, Try Again</i>	Jerri Hardesty	Brierfield AL
	Sponsored By	Janet Qually, Memphis, TN				
11	Contest Title	Cates Creative Award	1	<i>Rusting in the Weeds (form: reflection)</i>	Charles Firmage	Boise ID
	Sponsored By	Ann Carolyn Cates, Southaven, MS	2	<i>Earth Sings Many Songs (form: synoka)</i>	Jerri Hardesty	Brierfield AL
	Judged By	Ann Carolyn Cates, Southaven, MS	3	<i>Winter (form: dodeca)</i>	D.B. Pickett	Madison MS
			1HM	<i>A Full Moon Poem</i>	Janet Qually	Memphis TN
			2HM	<i>Lightning (form: bright)</i>	Emory Jones	Iuka MS
12	Contest Title	Dotty Katz Memorial Award	1	<i>Family Is My Home Town</i>	Beverly Stanislawski	Crown Point IN
	Sponsored By	Lynnne Mirvis, Memphis, TN	2	<i>The Only Place</i>	Elaine Parker Akin	Louisville KY
	Judged By	Lynnne Mirvis, Memphis, TN	3	<i>To Be Home</i>	Joyce Gorum McGee	Gary TX
			1HM	<i>Christmas Cheer</i>	Shirley Ensrud	Blue Earth MN
			2HM	<i>My Dream Home</i>	Jerri Hardesty	Brierfield AL
3HM	<i>Trailer Sweet Trailer, 1966</i>	Russell Strauss	Memphis TN			

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13	Contest Title	Contemporary Tanka Challenge	1	"watching the eclipse"	Ann Carolyn Cates	Southaven MS
	Sponsored By	Janet Qually, Memphis, TN	2	"glasses roost"	Barbara Blanks	Garland TX
	Judged By	Janet Qually, Memphis, TN	3	"empty perfume bottle"	Elaine Parker Akin	Louisville KY
14	Contest Title	The Sheron Strauss Memorial Award	1	<i>In Retrospect</i>	Janet Qually	Memphis TN
	Sponsored By	Sarah Hull Gurley, Memphis, TN	2	<i>Flickering Thoughts</i>	Jerri Hardesty	Brierfield AL
	Judged By	Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX	3	<i>Garden Club</i>	Ann Carolyn Cates	Southaven MS
			1HM	<i>Fantasy Unfulfilled</i>	Dalene Stull	Danville OH
			2HM	<i>Grandma</i>	LaVern Spencer McCarthy	Blair OK
15	Contest Title	Grands	1	<i>Nana and the Piano</i>	Laura Loughridge	Little Rock AR
	Sponsored By	Dr. Emory Jones, Iuka, MS	2	<i>Grandpa's Fiddle</i>	Gail Denham	Sunriver OR
	Judged By	Dr. Emory Jones, Iuka, MS	3	<i>Grandma's Butter</i>	LaVern Spencer McCarthy	Blair OK
			1HM	<i>My Grandparents' House</i>	D.B. Pickett	Madison MS
			2HM	<i>Parenting the Second Time Around</i>	Beth Staas	Oak Brook IL
3HM	<i>Facing the Sun</i>	Calvin Ross	Johnson City TN			
16	Contest Title	Humor in a Serious World	1	<i>Mustard and Hellish</i>	Barbara Blanks	Garland TX
	Sponsored By	J. Pomford (Pete) Harris, Memphis, TN	2	<i>There Was an Old Man</i>	LaVern Spencer McCarthy	Blair OK
	Judged By	J. Pomford (Pete) Harris, Memphis, TN	3	<i>American Sleep Over</i>	Ann Carolyn Cates	Southaven MS
			1HM	<i>History Lesson</i>	Elaine Parker Akin	Louisville KY
			2HM	<i>A Chance for Romance</i>	Sara Gipson	Scott AR
3HM	<i>The Bridge at Avignon</i>	Bill Moorhead	Guilford CT			
17	Contest Title	Joan T. Strauss Award	1	<i>Loving English Lit</i>	Barbara Blanks	Garland TX
	Sponsored By	Russell Strauss, Memphis, TN	2	<i>Getting Educated in 1944</i>	Lucille Morgan Wilson	Des Moines IA
	Judged By	Russell Strauss, Memphis, TN	3	<i>The Silence of Rooms</i>	Janice Hornburg	Johnson City TN
			1HM	<i>Miss Flaherty's Room</i>	John Crawford	Arkadelphia AR
			2HM	<i>Superstructure</i>	Von S. Bourland	Happy TX
3HM	<i>Romance Lesson</i>	Fay Guinn	Jonesboro AR			
18	Contest Title	The Michael Denington Memorial Award	1	<i>Orogeny</i>	Janice Hornburg	Johnson City TN
	Sponsored By	Sarah Hull Gurley, Memphis, TN	2	<i>Before the Light Comes</i>	E. Gail Chandler	Shelbyville KY
	Judged By	Sarah Hull Gurley, Memphis, TN	3	<i>Blue Ridge</i>	Lori Anne Goetz	Germantown TN
1HM			<i>Mountain Cliff</i>	Catherine Moran	Little Rock AR	

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19	Contest Title	J.D. Douglas Memorial Award	1	<i>Life on a 1940s Farm</i>	Von S. Bourland	Happy TX
	Sponsored By	Gail Denham, Sunriver, OR				
	Judged By	Gail Denham, Sunriver, OR	2	<i>The Old Barn</i>	D.B. Pickett	Madison MS
			3	<i>It's Not Funny</i>	Janet Qually	Memphis TN
			1HM	<i>Wranglers' Lament</i>	Anita Dees	New London CT
			2HM	<i>Floodstage Farmhand</i>	Ann Carolyn Cates	Southaven MS
3HM	<i>Horticulture</i>	Janice Hornburg	Johnson City TN			
20	Contest Title	In Memory of Jo Elliott	1	<i>Appalachian Journey 1930</i>	Russell Strauss	Memphis TN
	Sponsored By	J. Pomford (Pete) Harris, Memphis, TN				
	Judged By	J. Pomford (Pete) Harris, Memphis, TN	2	<i>Conscious Choices</i>	Jerri Hardesty	Brierfield AL
			3	<i>A Cheval Mirror's Time-Charmed Images</i>	Von S. Bourland	Happy TX
			1HM	<i>Majority Rule</i>	Dalene Stull	Danville OH
			2HM	<i>A Touch of Immortality</i>	Catherine Moran	Little Rock AR
21	Contest Title	Bobbie Drobeck Award	1	<i>Seasons of Memories</i>	Catherine Moran	Little Rock AR
	Sponsored By	Russell Strauss, Memphis, TN				
	Judged By	Russell Strauss, Memphis, TN	2	<i>Hoarding</i>	Jerri Hardesty	Brierfield AL
			3	<i>Innocence</i>	Janice Hornburg	Johnson City TN
			1HM	<i>Fired</i>	Donna Smith	Greenbriar AR
			2HM	<i>Junior High</i>	Beth Staas	Oak Brook IL
22	Contest Title	The Jeanine Mah Honorary Award	1	<i>Touching the Moment</i>	Catherine Moran	Little Rock AR
	Sponsored By	Jeanine Mah, Memphis, TN				
	Judged By	Jeanine Mah, Memphis, TN	2	<i>Ghost</i>	Tony Fusco	West Haven CT
			3	<i>The Irony of a Self-Inflicted Wound</i>	Janet Qually	Memphis TN
			4	<i>Stormy, Black as Night</i>	Von S. Bourland	Happy TX
23	Contest Title	The Ruth and Melvin Brown 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memorial Award	1	<i>Meet Me</i>	Tony Fusco	West Haven CT
	Sponsored By	(Married June 22, 1942) JoAn Howerton, Memphis, TN	2	<i>Something Blue</i>	Beverly Stanislawski	Crown Point IN
	Judged By	Becky Cullum, Brighton, TN	3	<i>Bitterweeds and Beauty</i>	Sarah Hull Gurley	Memphis TN
			1HM	<i>Just Us</i>	Jerri Hardesty	Brierfield AL
			2HM	<i>You Can't Judge</i>	Joyce Gorum McGee	Gary TX
			3HM	<i>The Old Wood Stove Speaks</i>	Shirley Ensrud	Blue Earth MN
24	Contest Title	Ruth Boyd Memorial Award	1	<i>She Was a Woman</i>	Anita Dees	New London CT
	Sponsored By	Elizabeth Pell, Memphis, TN				
	Judged By	Elizabeth Pell, Memphis, TN	2	<i>Spring Jubilation</i>	Barbara Blanks	Garland TX
			3	<i>Dreams Fulfilled</i>	Janet Qually	Memphis TN
			1HM	<i>Nature's Play</i>	Beverly Stanislawski	Crown Point IN
25	Contest Title	Cumberland Prize	1	<i>Knights of the Round</i>	Linda Claborn Clark	Seymour TN
	Sponsored By	Elizabeth Howard, Arlington, TN				
	Judged By	Elizabeth Howard, Arlington, TN	2	<i>Irresistible</i>	Jerri Hardesty	Brierfield AL
		3	<i>Memphis Blender</i>	Barbara Blanks	Garland TX	

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26	Contest Title	Time to Say Goodbye	1	<i>Retirement: The First Monday Morning</i>	Russell Strauss	Memphis TN
	Sponsored By	Lee Cotton, Locust Hill, VA				
	Judged By	Lee Cotton, Locust Hill, VA	2	<i>Phantom Pain</i>	E. Gail Chandler	Shelbyville KY
			3	<i>Observing Birds in Autumn</i>	Sara Gipson	Scott AR
			1HM	<i>Reviewing Retirement</i>	Catherine Moran	Little Rock AR
2HM	<i>Tough Love</i>	Barbara Blanks	Garland TX			
3HM	<i>What Happened to my Home Sweet Home</i>	Fay Guinn	Jonesboro AR			
27	Contest Title	Flights of Fancy	1	<i>Mixing Shades</i>	Jerri Hardesty	Brierfield AL
	Sponsored By	Lori Goetz, Germantown, TN				
	Judged By	Lori Goetz, Germantown, TN	2	<i>Sunset</i>	Janet Qually	Memphis TN
3			<i>"I feel"</i>	Sara Gipson	Scott AR	
28	Contest Title	Sonnet Contest	1	<i>Symbiotic Relationships</i>	Barbara Blanks	Garland TX
	Sponsored By	Mark Hudson, Evanston, IL				
	Judged By	Dennis Patton, Alexander, AR	2	<i>Energy</i>	Jerri Hardesty	Brierfield AL
3			<i>Space for Scientist</i>	Sara Gipson	Scott AR	
29	Contest Title	IMAGO Contest	1	<i>Beargrass Bouquet</i>	Von S. Bourland	Happy TX
	Sponsored By	Charles Firmage, Boise, ID				
	Judged By	Charles Firmage, Boise, ID	2	<i>Coffee Yet?</i>	Gail Denham	Sunriver OR
			3	<i>The Loneliness of Stars</i>	Russell Strauss	Memphis TN
			1HM	<i>Cleaning the Stall</i>	Barbara Blanks	Garland TX
2HM	<i>Dogs' Lives</i>	Lori Anne Goetz	Germantown TN			
3HM	<i>Treasures Abandoned</i>	Sara Gipson	Scott AR			
30	Contest Title	In These Troubled Times	1	<i>Hospital Admission</i>	Dalene Stull	Danville OH
	Sponsored By	Lori Goetz, Germantown, TN				
	Judged By	Lori Goetz, Germantown, TN	2	<i>Oranges for a Friend</i>	Anita Dees	New London CT
			3	<i>Clown Care</i>	Jerri Hardesty	Brierfield AL
1HM	<i>Looking Well</i>	Charles Firmage	Boise ID			