

Russell's Challenges 2018-2019

September 2018

#21 Columbine Poets of Colorado Award

Subject Any month of the year. Form: any, 30 line limit

November 2018

#29 Nevada State Society Award

Subject: Politics (Past or Present) Form: any 40 line limit

(Please note this suggestion: Make your political poem general. Remember the Strauss Law of Political Poems: "Any poet who writes a poem with a strong slant toward a particular political persuasion or party will surely get a judge who supports the opposite persuasion or party")

December 2018

#43 Poetry Society of Tennessee Award

Any subject. Pantoum 16-32 lines

January 2019

A guest host will be chosen for this session and the contest chosen will be that person's choice.

February 2019

#3 The NFSPS Board Award

Subject: Walk a mile in the Experience of Another. Form: any. 32 lines

March 2019

#48 Miriam S, Strauss Memorial Award

Subject: City Life Form: Any 10-40 line limit

Critiquing sessions will begin at 1:20 so they can be completed before the 2:00 meeting. Participants should bring at least 10 copies of their poems. Please watch specific contest requirements such as line limits. Please remember that this year all lines, even those that are blank, will be counted except for the title and the line following the title. A drawing will be held at the March meeting and money prizes will be given away. How many chances you have at that drawing depends on how many times you participated. Each critiquing topic comes from a specific contest in the NFSPS brochure so that participants can enter their poems in the NFSPS contest in March.