

2016 Georgia Poetry Society Fall Contest Winners

Award Presentation: January 28, 2017 Georgia Perimeter College, Clarkston
Michael Diebert, President Duanne Kaiser, Contest Chair

Contest Totals

Total entries for all contests: 267 poems from 39 individuals

Byron Herbert Reece International Award

First Place: "Song of a Buried River" George Heiring
Second Place: "Though Spring Has Not Yet Come" Karen McAferty Morris
Third Place: "Why Wisteria?" Sandy Hokanson
Judge: Dan Veach
Number of entries: 41 poems from 22 individuals

Edgar Bowers Award

First Place: "Good God" Dr. Emory D. Jones
Second Place: "Liquidation of an Existence" Caroline Walton
Third Place: "An Audience of Willows" Karen McAferty Morris
Judge: Melissa Jackson
Number of entries: 19 poems from 13 individuals

Educators' Award

First Place: "In Your Flea Market Dream" Michael Diebert
Second Place: "Inner-City Piano Lessons" Sandy Hokanson
Third Place: "Colors" Kathy Ellis
Judge: Jesse Breite
Number of entries: 44 poems from 22 individuals

Founders Award

First Place:	"Thanatopsis"	Michael Diebert
Second Place:	"Beets"	Barbara Blanks
Third Place:	"Boustophedon"	Jill Jennings
1st Honorable Mention:	"Vietnam Memorial"	Doris DiSavino
2nd Honorable Mention:	"Marriage is like this..."	Sandy Hokanson
3rd Honorable Mention:	"I Never Knew My Father"	Doris DiSavino
4th Honorable Mention:	"In Transit intransigent"	Jill Jennings
Judge:	Marissa McNamara	
Number of entries: 57 poems from 29 individuals		

Langston Hughes Award

First Place:	"Some Kinda Woman"	Doris DiSavino
Second Place:	"D-Train"	Lynn Farmer
Third Place:	"Kern Valley Barber Shop"	Sandy Hokanson
Judge:	Rosemary Royston	
Number of entries: 28 poems from 14 individuals		

Mnemosyne Award

First Place:	"Blood Memory"	Nancy Cook
Second Place:	"Calligraphy"	Karen Morris
Third Place:	"Before the Tornado"	Jill Jennings
1st Honorable Mention:	"Ambulation"	Jill Jennings
2nd Honorable Mention:	"Falling Up"	Barbara Blanks
Judge:	Richard Allen Taylor	
Number of entries: 41 poems from 24 individuals		

Social Poetry Award

First Place:	"The Sunday Visitors"	Doris DiSavino
Second Place:	"What War is Worth"	Barbara Blanks
Third Place:	"Wire and Grass"	Lynn Farmer
1st Honorable Mention:	"Homeless Man Sleeping Under a Bush"	Sandy Hokanson
2nd Honorable Mention:	"The Great Chain of Being(s)"	Jill Jennings
Judge:	Robert Collins	
Number of entries: 37 poems from 22 individuals		