

## 2017 Georgia Poetry Society Fall Contest Winners

Award Presentation: January 27, 2018

Georgia Perimeter College, Clarkston

Miriam Jacobs, President

Duanne Kaiser, Contest Chair

### Contest Totals

Total entries for all contests: 248 poems from 16 individuals

### Byron Herbert Reece International Award

First Place: "Gray to Black"

John Ottley

Second Place: "Deserted"

Jerri Hardesty

Third Place: "Cherry"

Ron Self

1st Honorable Mention: "The Theology of Runnin' the Hounds"

Lou Jones

2nd Honorable Mention: "Peaceful in spite of it all"

Kathleen Brewin Lewis

3rd Honorable Mention: "Visiting Poet"

Ann Gillespie

Judge: Ginger Murchison

Number of entries: 49 entries from 22 individuals

### Edgar Bowers Award

First Place: "Sea of Red: November 14, 2014 "

Jill Jennings

Second Place: "Not as Seasons in Turn"

Karen Morris

Third Place: "Time Garden: A Sestina"

Emory Jones

Honorable Mention: "Pity the Children: Variation on a Villanelle"

Jill Jennings

Honorable Mention: "A Cloak of Snow"

Robert Wyatt

Honorable Mention: "the taste of salt"

Catherine Moran

Judge: Maureen Ryan Griffin

Number of entries: 17 poems from 10 individuals

### Educators' Award

First Place: "Lunch on the Steps of the  
New York Library" Lynn Farmer  
Second Place: "Cinders and a Tale " Ron Self  
Third Place: "Broken" Sandy Hokanson

Judge: James Davis May  
Number of entries: 26 poems from 11 individuals

### Founders Award

First Place: "The Stray's Problem" Elizabeth Howells Second  
Place: "The Day I Said Good-bye  
to My Mother" Sandy Hokanson  
Third Place: "The Unwritten Poem" Susan Lindsley  
Honorable Mention: "Waiting in Line" Kathy Ellis  
Honorable Mention: "Snake Dreams" Elizabeth Howells  
Honorable Mention: "328 Blackbirds Baked In A Pie" Jill Jennings  
Honorable Mention: "Bring on the Freaks" John Ottley

Judge: Brent Martin  
Number of entries: 44 poems from 23 individuals

### Langston Hughes Award

First Place: "And the Bus" Ron Self  
Second Place: "Obituary Comes by email" Elizabeth Howells  
Third Place: "Soul Song" Emory Jones

Judge: Scott Owens  
Number of entries: 27 entries from 14 individuals

### Mnemosyne Award

First Place: "Mallorcan Parting" "This Lovely Darkness" Ann Gillespie Second Place:  
"Morels" Robert Wyatt Third Place:  
Elizabeth Howells  
Honorable Mention: "Ambulation" Jill Jennings

Judge: David Bottoms  
Number of entries: 43 poems from 22 individuals

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**Social Poetry Award**

First Place: "Blithe Spirits" Ron Self Second  
Place: "Not Quite Right" Lynn Farmer Third Place:  
"The Great Chain of Beings" Jill Jennings

Judge: Chelsea Rathburn  
Number of entries: 42 poems from 20 individuals