



**POETRY SOCIETY OF INDIANA'S
42nd ANNUAL
FALL RENDEZVOUS POETRY CONTEST
2020 WINNERS LIST**

Category 1: PSI/ISFPC GRAND PRIZE

Ain't it Grand?

First Place: Kathy Chaffin Gerstorff (IN), "Ain't it Grand?"

Second Place: Nancy Simmonds (IN), "From Gentle Hands"

Third Place: Warren E. Jones (IN), "Ain't it Grand"

HM: Catherine Moran (AR), Dennis White (MI), Alys Caviness-Gober (IN)

Reserve: Teresa Pruitt (IN)

Category 2: ONE AND ONLY GLENNA GLEE AWARD

Happiness

First Place: Barbara Blanks (TX), "Dog's Soldier"

Second Place: Linda Banks (TX), "Megan's Song"

Third Place: Von S. Bourland (TX), "A Many-Boxe'd Surprise"

HM: Warren E. Jones (IN), Lucia Walton Robinson (NC), Nancy Simmonds (IN)

Reserve: Patricia Barnes (MI)

Category 3: PRESIDENT'S AWARD

On a Saturday

First Place: Dennis Patton (AR), "One Saturday a Month"

Second Place: Kathy Gerstorff (IN), "On a Saturday"

Third Place: Tanya R. Whitney (LA), "A Day in the Park"

HM: Barbara Blanks (TX), Jerri Hardesty (AL), Sarah E. Morin (IN)
Reserve: Paula Sweeney Kowszik (MA)

Category 4: PREMIER POET'S AWARD

No Subject Clerihew

First Place: Barbara Blanks (TX), "Parallelogrammar"
Second Place: Lisa Kamolnick (TN), "Nicolaus Copernicus"
Third Place: Barbara J. Funke (UT), "Writer at Rest"
HM: Donna Isaac (MN), Pandora Nu (PA), Paula Sweeney Kowszik (MA)
Reserve: Alys Caviness-Gober (IN)

Category 5: LIFE WORTH REMEMBERING AWARD

Season

First Place: Teresa Pruitt (IN), "Nonsense"
Second Place: Lisa Kamolnick (TN), "Now Fall"
Third Place: Nancy Simmonds (IN), "Market Madness"
HM: George Wylie (MI), Patricia Barnes (MI), Donna Isaac (MN)
Reserve: Gail Denham (OR)

Category 6: PSI MEMORIAL AWARD

Honoring PSI Members Who Died During the Year

No Subject

First Place: Donna Isaac (MN) "Rustica"
Second Place: Patricia Barnes (MI), "Family Tree"
Third Place: Nancy Cook (MN), "Myself and Her Majesty's Government
in the Time of Brexit"
HM: Barbara Blanks (TX), Christine Riddle (AL), Lorraine Jeffery (UT)
Reserve: Janice L. Freytag (PA)

Category 7: DARLEEN BUTLER MEMORIAL AWARD

The Four Seasons

First Place: Alice B. Couch (IN), "Window on the World"
Second Place: Christine Riddle (AL), "A Bend in the Path"
Third Place: Paula Sweeney Kowszik, "November Battle"
HM: Angela Masterson Jones (FL), Jenna Pashley Smith (TX), Joyce Shiver (FL)
Reserve: Warren E. Jones (IN)

Category 8: LAST STANZA PRIZE

Powerful Last Stanza

First Place: Lorraine Jeffery (UT), "Lullaby Blue"
Second Place: Catherine Moran (AR), "All About the Water"
Third Place: Barbara Blanks (TX), "Finding Beauty"
HM: Jenna Pashley Smith (TX), Ann Glumac (MN), Dennis Patton (AR)

Reserve: Beth Staas (IL)

Category 9: BARBARA ANN AWARD

Bouncing Back

First Place: Sara Gipson (AR), "Alone"

Second Place: Janice L. Freytag (PA), "There You Go"

Third Place: Dennis Patton (AR), "If I Could Have That Dance Again"

HM: Barbara Blanks (TX), Jerri Hardesty (AL), Alice B. Couch (IN)

Reserve: Chuck Kellum (IN)

Category 10: NORTHEAST INDIANA POETS AWARD

Pearls

First Place: Janice L. Freytag (PA), "String of Pearls"

Second Place: Nancy Simmonds (IN), "In Wednesday's Mail"

Third Place: Mary A. Couch (IN), "My Mother's Pearls"

HM: Catherine Moran (AR), Jenna Pashley Smith (TX), Tanya R. Whitney (LA)

Reserve: Sara Gipson (AR)

Category 11: NOBLE POETS AWARD

Something Lost

First Place: James Green (IN), "El Camino de Santiago"

Second Place: Lorraine Jeffery (UT), "Neighborhood Meeting"

Third Place: Barbara Blanks (TX), "Recovery"

HM: Donna Isaac (MN), Angela Masterson Jones (FL), Jerri Hardesty (AL)

Reserve: Alice B. Couch (IN)

Category 12: OBERLIN PRIZE

Love and Romance

First Place: Von S. Bourland (TX), "Serenade"

Second Place: Joyce Shiver (FL), "Ben's Song"

Third Place: Barbara Blanks (TX), "Forty-Eight Years Later"

HM: Pandora Nu (PA), Lorraine Jeffery (UT), Warren E. Jones (IN)

Reserve: (none)

Category 13: MILLION AWARD

Cooking Flop

First Place: Mary A. Couch (IN), "The Day Granny Taught Me to Bake"

Second Place: Tanya R. Whitney (LA), "Kitchen Failure"

Third Place: Lorraine Jeffery (UT), "Buried Mistake"

HM: Christine Riddle (AL), Alice B. Couch (IN), Linda Banks (TX)

Reserve: Barbara Blanks (TX)

Category 14: HONESTY AWARD

When, Why, or How Honesty Matters

First Place: Teresa Pruitt (IN), "Cold Hard Truth"

Second Place: Pandora Nu (PA), "The Truth"

Third Place: Mary Ann Bozenski (MI), "Honestly..."

HM: Sara Gipson (AR), Angela Masterson Jones (FL), Nick Sweet (TX)

Reserve: Jenquia Jamison (IN)

Category 15: BUDDY AWARD

Humorous Epitaph

First Place: Barbara Blanks (TX), "Oops"

Second Place: Janice L. Freytag (PA), "A Little Peace and Quiet"

Third Place: Sarah E. Morin (IN), "Poor Farmer John"

HM: Chuck Kellum (IN), Warren E. Jones (IN), Joe Ottinger (IN)

Reserve: Jerri Hardesty (AL)

Category 16: LOVE OF COUNTRY AWARD

Settling of the West

First Place: Donna Isaac (MN), "Wagons, Ho!"

Second Place: Von S. Bourland (TX), "The Poet Settler"

Third Place: Jenquia Jamison (IN), "Wake Me in Nevada"

HM: Lorraine Jeffery (UT), Mary A. Couch (IN), Beverly Stanislawski ((IN)

Reserve: Barbara Blanks (TX)

Category 17: ALDA JOHNSON MEMORIAL

Sisterly Love

First Place: Von. S.Bourland (TX), "Capricious Memory"

Second Place: Warren E. Jones (IN), "Ellen and Me"

Third Place: Barbara Blanks (TX), "Jenny Grace"

HM: Dennis Patton (AR), Donna Isaac (MN), Mary Ann Bozenski (MI)

Reserve: Alice B. Couch (IN)

Category 18: GRACE POTTER HEARKINS AWARD

The Gown

First Place: Jenna Pashley Smith (TX), "Byssus"

Second Place: Alice B, Couch (IN), "Autumn's Leafy Gowns"

Third Place: Angela Masterson Jones (FL), "The Swift Lie of the Ibis"

HM: Jenquia Jamison (IN), Barbara J. Funke (UT), Lorraine Jeffery (UT)

Reserve: Donna Isaac (MN)

Category 19 LINDA BANNON MEMORIAL

Blessing or Prayer

First Place: Barbara Blanks (TX), "Channeling Pansies"
Second Place: Mary A. Couch (IN), "Quilt Blessings to You"
Third Place: Teresa Pruitt (IN), "I Don't Wanna be Lonely"
HM: Janice L. Freytag (PA), Dennis Patton (AR), Ann Glumac (MN)
Reserve: Nancy Cook (MN)

Category 20: DEBRA SUE LYNN AWARD

Death, Silence, or the Sea

First Place: Warren E. Jones (IN), "When I Wake Up"
Second Place: Nancy Simmonds (IN), "Perhaps I am Acquainted with Frost and
with the Night"
Third Place: Catherine Moran (AR), "The English Teacher Pauses"
HM: Lorraine Jeffery (UT), Von S.Bourland (TX), James Green (IN)
Reserve: Beverly Stanislawski (IN)

Category 21: EKPHRASTIGANZA!

Inspired by a Picture

First Place: Patricia Barnes (MI), "View From My Asylum Window"
Second Place: Linda Banks (TX), "Laurel Looking Up"
Third Place: Gail Denham (OR), "Walking in Mud"
HM: Beverly Stanislawski (IN), Becky Alexander (ONT), Barbara Blanks (TX)
Reserve: Mary A. Couch (IN)

Category 22: WIN PSI MEMBERSHIP

No Subject

First Place: Jenquia Jamison (IN), "A State of Mind"
Second Place: Teresa Pruitt (IN), "Wrinkled Skin and Double Chin"
Third Place: Natalie Hymes (IN), "Hoosiers"
HM: (none)
Reserve: (none)

Category 23: WILD CARD AWARD

No Subject

First Place: Amy Laprade (MA), "A Snapshot"
Second Place: James Green (IN), "Civil War in Myanmar: Update 2019"
Third Place: Alice B.Couch (IN), "Garden Iris"
HM: Van S. Bourland (TX), Sara Gipson (AR), Catherine Moran (AR)
Reserve: Warren E. Jones (IN)

**THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE 42nd ANNUAL FALL RENDEZVOUS
POETRY CONTEST!**

**STATISTICS: 55 POETS ENTERED, THEY SUBMITTED 610 POEMS. THE TOP
CATEGORY WAS THE LAST STANZA PRIZE WITH 38 SUBMISSIONS. THAT WAS
CLOSELY FOLLOWED BY THE LINDA BANNON MEMORIAL AND NOBLE POETS
AWARD WITH 35 SUBMISSIONS EACH. POEMS WERE SENT FROM 18 STATES
AND CANADA. THE MOST SUBMISSIONS, 19, CAME FROM INDIANA. BARBARA
BLANKS WAS THE BIG WINNER THIS YEAR WITH 14 OF HER 22 SUBMISSIONS
PLACING AND ACCOUNTING FOR \$240 IN PRIZE MONEY. ALSO, 43 OF THE 53
POETS PARTICIPATING EARNED PLACINGS AND 32 WON MONEY.**

**JUDGE'S COMMENTS: MOST OF THE JUDGES SAID THEY WERE PLEASED WITH
THE QUALITY OF THE POEMS. "THERE WERE SO MANY WONDERFUL ENTRIES
THAT IT WAS A CHALLENGE TO CHOOSE THE BEST OF THE BEST," ONE JUDGE
WROTE. "IT WAS A VERY DIFFICULT CONTEST TO JUDGE," ANOTHER WROTE.
"THE TOP SEVEN WERE MORE NECK AND NECK." HOWEVER, SEVERAL JUDGES
NOTED THAT SOME OF THE POETS FAILED TO FOLLOW THE RULES AND HAD
SPELLING ERRORS.**

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AT NEXT YEAR'S RENDEZVOUS, COVID19 WILLING.

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Noble, and other online booksellers. This attractive annual anthology of the
Poetry Society of Indiana's prize-winning poems is filled with timeless, creative
artworks set in ink.**