

# POETRY SOCIETY OF TEXAS

## 2026 ANNUAL CONTESTS

### DEADLINE

Entries must be postmarked by August 15, 2026 and received no later than August 31, 2026. Poetry Society of Texas cannot be held responsible for lost, delayed, or misdirected entries.

### PROCEDURES

Entries in the Annual Contests are mailed to the Poetry Society of Texas (PST) Annual Contests Chair. The Contests Chair is responsible for selecting Judges, except when the sponsor is the Judge or names a Judge. Each contest is judged by one Judge, unless otherwise specified. The Judge selects the winning poems in a contest, ranking one to ten places at their discretion. The Judge returns the ranking sheet to the Chair. Upon receiving confirmation of receipt from the Contests Chair, the Judge destroys their copies of the poems.

The Contests Chair prepares a list of winners which must be submitted to the PST Annual Contests Committee which is comprised of the President, the Vice President, and the Treasurer of PST. If, in the opinion of the judge, no entry in a contest measures up to the desired standard, the First Place award may be withheld.

Winners are announced at the Annual Awards Banquet in Dallas each year. First Place winners who are present read their poems. First Place poems may not be published in any form elsewhere before appearing in *A Book of the Year*, the PST annual anthology. The author retains all other rights and may publish their winning poem elsewhere, in any form, after publication in the anthology. Authors retain all rights to non-winning poems and poems winning other than First Place.

### RULES

Entries that fail to conform to the rules will be disqualified.

#### **A. ELIGIBILITY OF CONTESTANTS**

1. **ACTIVE DUES-PAID MEMBERS, LIFE MEMBERS, AND MEMBERS EXEMPT FROM DUES** may enter all contests upon payment of an entry fee(s), payable in U.S. Dollars:
  - Entry fee of \$5.00 for each envelope submitted.
  - For each poem entered in Contest #1 – the Therese Lindsey Award, add an additional \$5.00 entry fee.
  - Include only one entrant's poems in an envelope.

- Make checks payable to: Poetry Society of Texas. All fees must accompany entries in the same envelope, or be sent via Zelle (to [poetrysocietyoftexas@gmail.com](mailto:poetrysocietyoftexas@gmail.com)) or PayPal (<https://www.paypal.me/pstexas>) prior to entering. Add \$2.00 if you prefer to use PayPal and be sure to specify clearly what the payment is for.
2. **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS** may enter only contests marked with an asterisk (\*) upon payment of an entry fee(s), payable in U.S. Dollars:
    - Entry fee of \$15.00 for each **envelope** submitted.
    - Include only one entrant's poems in an envelope.
    - Make checks payable to: Poetry Society of Texas. All fees must accompany entries in the same envelope, or be sent via Zelle (to [poetrysocietyoftexas@gmail.com](mailto:poetrysocietyoftexas@gmail.com)) or PayPal (<https://www.paypal.me/pstexas>) prior to entering. Add \$2.00 if you prefer to use PayPal and be sure to specify clearly what the payment is for.
  3. **NON-MEMBERS** may enter only contests marked with an asterisk (\*) upon payment of an entry fee(s), payable in U.S. Dollars:
    - Entry fee of \$5.00 for each **poem** submitted.
    - Include only one entrant's poems in an envelope.
    - Make checks payable to: Poetry Society of Texas. All fees must accompany entries in the same envelope, or be sent via Zelle (to [poetrysocietyoftexas@gmail.com](mailto:poetrysocietyoftexas@gmail.com)) or PayPal (<https://www.paypal.me/pstexas>) prior to entering. Add \$2.00 if you prefer to use PayPal and be sure to specify clearly what the payment is for.

## **B. ELIGIBILITY OF POEMS**

1. Entries must be postmarked by the stated deadline: August 15, 2026 and received no later than August 31, 2026.
2. Each poem entered must be the original work of the contestant.
3. Poems that contain explicit sexual language or expletives cannot be considered for recognition.
4. Contestants may enter as many contests as desired, but may enter only one poem in any listed contest. (Exception: Contest #1 – the Therese Lindsey Award. See contest description.)
5. A poem entered in one contest may not be entered, in whole or in part, in any other contest.
6. A poem may not be entered in a contest in which the contestant won the 1st place award the preceding year.
7. A poem is not eligible which has been, in whole or in part, published in print or electronically; placed on public exhibition; presented over radio or television; submitted or accepted for publication; or which has been entered in any contest running concurrently. Sharing a poem in a private workshop, group, or chapter of Poetry Society of Texas for discussion and critique does not constitute “publication” whether it is online or in-person.
8. Other than First Place winners of the PST General Monthly Contests, poems which have been entered in the monthly contests may be entered.
9. An eligible poem may not be withdrawn after submission.

10. Requests to alter poems after submission will not be honored. Before publication, an author may make only spelling, grammar, or punctuation changes to a winning poem.
11. Line limit is 28 lines on poems without a designated line limit. One-line titles and blank lines between stanzas do not count towards the line limit. No line may exceed 60 characters, including spaces and punctuation.

**C. REQUIREMENTS FOR PREPARATION AND FORMATTING OF ENTRIES**

1. Submit two copies of each poem, typed in black ink using 12-point, Times New Roman (or similar font), single-spaced, on 8 1/2" x 11" white paper, printed on one side only.
  - On one copy (“the originals”) type the contest number and the contest name on the upper left-hand corner of the page but do not include any author information whatsoever.
  - On the second copy (“the copies”) type the contest number and the contest name on the upper left-hand corner of the page and include your name, address, phone number, and email address on the upper left corner.
  - Place the originals in one group, the copies in another group, and place both into your contest submission envelope with the identification sheet.
2. Artistic fonts and/or artwork are not acceptable.
3. If a poem is more than one page long, the pages must be stapled together. Do not staple the originals to the copies.
4. **Line limits:** One-line titles and single blank lines between stanzas do not count towards the line limit. However, all extra lines of print, including subtitles, epigraphs, footnotes, dedications, etc., will be counted as part of the poem for the total line count.
5. **Characters per line:** No line may exceed 60 characters, including spaces and punctuation. This applies to poem titles and all extra lines of print such as subtitles, epigraphs, footnotes, dedications, etc., which are considered part of the poem.
6. List all poems you enter along with contest numbers (in numerical order) and contest names on an 8 1/2" x 11" identification sheet as follows:

John Q. Poet  
 1212 N. Bard Street  
 Museville, Texas 75211  
 (000) 111-2222  
 imapoet@whatsupdoc.com

<b>Contest Number &amp; Name</b>	<b>Poem</b>
1. MARY DOE AWARD	(Title of your poem)
28. HAIKU/SENRYU AWARD	(First line of your poem)
53. *JOHN DOE PRIZE	(Title of your poem)
90. (Etc.)	(Etc.)

7. If more than one poem is entered, mail the poems unfolded.

8. Send entries by First Class, Priority Mail, or other method that does **not** require pick up or signature on receipt. Do **not** send by Registered Mail or any method of delivery requiring a signature upon receipt or that must be picked up.
9. Send poems, identification sheet, and entry fee(s) to:

PST Annual Contests Chair Laurel Davis 1400 S. Allen Avenue Monahans, TX 79756	For information: 432-241-7604 or 4GEntertainment4U@gmail.com
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## 2026 Annual Contests

An (\*) designates the only contests open to Associate Members and Non-Members

*When preparing your entries for 2026, please check contest numbers and names carefully, as contents may have shifted from previous years!!*

1. **The Therese Lindsey Award** - \$500.00 offered by the Poetry Society of Texas for the best poem on any subject. Any form. 50-line limit. [Entry fee is \$5.00 per poem. No limit on number of poems per contestant.]
2. **\*The Mahan Award** - \$400.00 offered for the 46th consecutive year by Budd Powell Mahan of Dallas, in memory of his parents, Jimmie D. and Maurine Powell Mahan, for the best poem of not more than 32 lines on any subject, any form. No prose, please.
3. **The Poetry Society of Texas Award** - \$300.00 offered for the 46th consecutive year by Pat Stodghill of Dallas, for the best poem of not more than 28 lines. Entries may be on any subject and in any poetic form.
4. **The Shirley Elliott Cosby Memorial Award** - \$200.00 offered by Steve Nelson and Traci Elliott-Nelson of Fort Worth, in loving memory of a wonderful mother, for the best poem on any subject, in any form, 42 lines or fewer.
5. **\*The Campbell Prize** - \$200.00 offered by Susan Maxwell Campbell of Fort Worth (formerly of Mansfield), for the best poem in any non-rhyming form on any thoughtful subject. 50 line limit.
6. **The Sheri Stodghill Fowler Memorial Award** - \$150.00 offered by Pat Stodghill for the best poem of not more than 32 lines. Any subject. Any poetic form.
7. **The Sunlight Award** - \$150.00 offered by Steve Nelson and Traci Elliott-Nelson of Fort Worth, in memory of a loving sister, Monica Elliott Murphy, daughter of Shirley Elliott Cosby, for the best poem on the topic of grief and loss. Any form, 50 line limit.
8. **\*The Mildred Vorpahl Baass & Nancy Baass Award** - \$150.00 Offered by Nancy Baass of Victoria, in loving remembrance of her wonderful mother, Mildred Vorpahl Baass, Poet Laureate of Texas, 1993-94 & 1994-95, for the best poem on the subject: "You and me against the world." Any form. 50 lines or less.

9. **The Old South Prize** - \$100.00 offered by The Poetry Society of Texas for the best poem of not more than 50 lines on any subject, in any form. This contest has been continuously sponsored for 102 years and is PST's oldest continuously sponsored contest, first offered by Therese Lindsey in the 1923 PST Annual Contests. This contest appears in every copy of *A Book of the Year*.
10. **\*The NFSPS 28th President Award** - \$100.00 Offered by Nancy Baass of Victoria, 28th President of the National Federation of State Poetry Societies, Inc., 2008-10, for the best poem on any subject. Any form. 32 lines or less.
11. **\*The Mildred Vorpahl Baass Memorial Prize** - \$100.00 Offered by Nancy Baass of Victoria, in loving memory of her wonderful mother, Mildred Vorpahl Baass, a Poet Laureate of Texas and a truly beautiful lady, inside and out, who passed away on 11-04-2012, for the best poem on any subject. Any form. 36 lines or less.
12. **\*The Judge Alfred C. Baass Memorial Prize** - \$100.00 Offered by Nancy Baass of Victoria, in loving memory of her wonderful father, The Hon. Alfred C. Baass, a Judge, an Attorney and a truly honorable gentleman, in his private life and his public life, who passed away on 11-30-1985, for the best poem on any subject. Any form. 40 lines or less.
13. **The Abbie Frank Smith Memorial Award** - \$100.00 Established by Elizabeth Warham Brewster of Houston in her Last Will, in memory of her sister, for the best poem on the theme: "The Bill of Rights to the United States Constitution." Any form. 50-line limit. (Perpetual Award)
14. **The Eloise Roach-Frances Massie Lyric Prize** - \$100.00 Established by Eloise Roach of Austin in her Last Will, for the best Lyric Poem on any subject. 20-line limit. (Perpetual Award)
15. **The Montgomery Award** - \$100.00 Established in the Will of Estelle Stewart, in memory of Vaida Stewart Montgomery and her husband, Whitney M. Montgomery, and their daughters, Thelma Evelyn Boyd and Genevieve Boyd Stewart, for the best poem on any subject. Any form. 42-line limit. (Perpetual Award)
16. **The President's Award** - \$100.00 offered by PST to honor all Poetry Society of Texas presidents, for the best poem of 32 lines or fewer on any subject and in any form.
17. **\*The Hi-Plains Chapter Award** - \$100.00 Offered by the Hi-Plains Chapter of PST, in Amarillo, for the best poem in any form - please no prose – i.e. a paragraph with no poetic devices - on the subject: Improbable Found Joy. 36-line limit.
18. **\*The Creatures Prize** - \$100.00 offered for the 27th consecutive year by Budd Powell Mahan of Dallas, to honor his fur babies: Andrew, May Bess and Mary Jane, for the best poem of no more than 24 lines that includes or is about an animal. Any form except prose.
19. **The Winklebleck Choice Award** - \$100.00 offered by Barbara Blanks of Garland, in memory of her mother, Mary Winklebleck, for the best poem in any form, on a subject which may be humorous, serious, or something in between. 50 lines or fewer.
20. **\*The Loretta Diane Walker Tribute Prize** - \$100.00 offered by Budd Powell Mahan and LD Carter for a beautiful poem worthy of Loretta's name. Any subject, any form in 25 lines or fewer. No prose.
21. **The Naomi Prize** - \$100.00 offered by her family to honor Naomi Stroud Simmons for the best poem of humor in any form and on any subject that would be of interest to children ages 7-16. 28-line limit.
22. **\*The InSpiritory Award** - \$100.00 offered by Anne McCrady of Tyler, for the best 3rd person Free Verse poem. Any subject. 28-line limit.

23. **\*The Mary Barnes Award** - \$100.00 offered by the Wichita Falls Poetry Society, a chapter of PST, for the best poem in any metered form, rhymed or non-rhymed, about a treasured past memory. 24 line limit.
24. **\*The YranieSyl Family Friendship Award** - \$100.00 offered by Irene Robertson of Little Elm and Sylvia Medel of McKinney, for the best poem on the theme: FAITH, HOPE and LOVE...How these three, or two, help you get through a challenging situation sometime in the course of your life. Any form. 28 line limit.
25. **The Lewis and Edith Hall Award** - \$100.00 offered by Diane Glancy of Gainesville, Texas. Any form, any subject as long as the word, “selvage,” appears somewhere in the poem. 30 line limit.
26. **The Denton Poets Assembly Appreciation Award** - \$100.00 offered by Diane Glancy for “the poems of study” that Susan Maxwell Campbell brings to each meeting and for the leadership of Richard Kushmaul. Any subject, any form. 30-line limit.
27. **\*The Kohanski Award** - \$100.00 offered by Maxine B. Kohanski for the best free verse poem of 28 lines or fewer on any subject.
28. **The Oscar A. Fasel Memorial Award** - \$75.00 offered by the late Ida Fasel of Denver, Colorado, in memory of her husband, for the best poem in Free Verse or Blank Verse. Any subject. 28-line limit. (Perpetual Award)
29. **The Derry Tutt Memorial Award** - \$75.00 offered by The Fort Worth Poetry Society, a chapter of PST, for the best poem on nature. Any form. 28-line limit.
30. **\*The Owens Award** - \$75.00 offered by Michael Owens of Cypress, for the best poem on any subject. Any form. 32 lines or less.
31. **The Forgiveness Award** - \$75.00 offered by Richard Hurzeler for a poem of any form about forgiveness. 30-line limit.
32. **\*The Kay Ellison Memorial Award** - \$75.00 offered by Gloria Ellison Lantz, of Bellingham, Washington, in loving memory of her mother, Kay Ellison, for the best humorous poem about parenting. Any form. 36-line limit.
33. **\*The Clement Ellison Memorial Award** - \$75.00 offered by Gloria Ellison Lantz, of Bellingham, Washington, in loving memory of her brother, Clement, for the best Shakespearean Sonnet, 14 lines, about a musician, anyone from a guitarist to the Little Drummer Boy. 20-line limit to allow for extra lines as described in Contest Rule # C.4.
34. **\*The Kat Copeland Award** - \$55.00 offered by the Permian Basin Poetry Society for the best poem in any form. 30-line limit.
35. **\*The Carol Baass Sowa Award** - \$50.00 Offered by Nancy Baass of Victoria, to honor her sister, only sibling and lifelong friend, Carol Baass Sowa of San Antonio, for the best poem on any subject. Any form. 28 lines or less
36. **The David Atamian Memorial Award** - \$50.00 offered by the late David Atamian of Arlington, Virginia, in memory of his parents, Manoog and Turfanda Atamian, who lost their lives in 1915 during the Armenian massacres in Turkey, for the best poem of not more than 36 lines on world citizenship. Any form. (Perpetual Award)

37. **The Golden Shovel Award** - \$50.00 offered by Christine Irving of Denton, for the best Golden Shovel Poem of no less than 12 and no more than 30 lines. (Requirement: The title of the source poem and its author must be given as an epigraph under the title of the poem.) 36-line limit, to allow for extra lines as described in Contest Rule #C.4. Find a definition of Golden Shovel poetry at: [oxfordpoetrylibrary.com/2020/05/06/the-golden-shovel](http://oxfordpoetrylibrary.com/2020/05/06/the-golden-shovel)
38. **The Stone River Press Award** - \$50.00 offered by Jackie Pelham of Conroe, for the best poem on any subject. Any form except prose. 28-line limit.
39. **The Travel Prize** - \$50.00 offered by Neeta Nayak for the best humorous poem of no more than 28 lines in any style about a town, city, country or a continent you've traveled to, or a travel memory.
40. **\*The Repetitive Poem Award** - \$50.00 offered by Eric Blanchard of Houston, for the best poem of 36 lines or less, on any subject, written in any repetitive form; example: Villanelle, Pantoum, Rondeau, Ghazel, etc.
41. **\*The Sisters Prize** - \$50.00 offered for the 36th year by Budd Powell Mahan of Dallas, to honor the memory of his sisters: Jo, Rita and Jimmie, for the best poem on any subject, in any form. Please no prose. 20 line limit.
42. **\*The Values Prize** - \$50.00 offered by Neeta Nayak in honor of her late father on the 16th anniversary of his passing for the best poem of no more than 28 lines in any style about a grandparent, teacher or someone that left a lasting impression on your life. Any form except prose is acceptable.
43. **\*The Rich Kenney Prize** - \$50.00 offered for the 37th year by Budd Powell Mahan of Dallas, for the best poem of 20 lines or fewer on any subject, in any form. Please no prose. Poets entering agree that the contest will be named for them and that they will act as judge in 2027 should they win 1st place in 2026.
44. **The Poets of Tarrant County Legacy Award** - \$50.00 In memory of deceased members of Poets of Tarrant County 1971-2021, for the best poem on any subject. Any form. 36 lines or less.
45. **The Marking a Memory Award** - \$50.00 offered by Mark and Beth Turner Ayers of McKinney, for the best poem sharing a single childhood memory. Any form. 32-line limit.
46. **\*The Jackie McVey Memorial Award** - \$50.00 offered by the Rusk County Poetry Society, a chapter of PST in Henderson, for the best poem on the subject, "How Nurses Help". Any form. 32-line limit.
47. **The Anthony Dickson Memorial Award** - \$50.00 offered by LaVern Spencer McCarthy of Blair, Oklahoma, for the best poem in any form, on any subject, with a 32-line limit.
48. **The Huie Memorial Award** - \$50.00 offered by Cade Huie of Grand Prairie, in loving memory of her parents, June Watson Huie and Douglas Lee Huie, for the best poem on any subject, in any form except prose. 36-line limit.
49. **\*The Geography Award** - \$50.00 offered by Robert Schinzel of Argyle, for the best poem on geography - finding spatial relationships between things, places and people, whether physical, cultural or historical. Any form. 36-line limit.
50. **The Wichita Falls Poetry Society Award** - \$50.00 offered by the Wichita Falls Poetry Society, a chapter of PST, for the best poem on the subject of a journey. Any form. 24-line limit.
51. **The Barbara Blanks Award** - \$50.00 offered by LaVern Spencer McCarthy to honor Barbara Blanks for her ongoing service to PST and to the contest sponsor. Any subject, any form. 32-line limit.
52. **\*The Nature Award** - \$50.00 offered by Robert Schinzel for a poem on the subject: finding nature in a world of people. Any form. 28-line limit.

53. **The J. Paul Holcomb Memorial Award** - \$50.00 offered by the Denton Poets' Assembly, in memory of their teacher, mentor, and friend, for the best poem in any traditional form on any subject. 28-line limit.
54. **The Patrick Marshall Memorial Award** - \$50.00 offered by the Denton Poets' Assembly, in memory of their leader, friend, mentor, and encourager for the best free verse poem on any subject. 28-line limit.
55. **The Remembering You Award** - \$50.00 offered by Barbara Terrell Goerdel of Troy, Missouri, for the best poem on the subject of first love. Any form. 24-line limit.
56. **The Pat Stodghill Award** - \$50.00 offered by Catherine L'Herisson of Garland in honor of Pat Stodghill, the first female president of PST. Pat was instrumental in Catherine joining PST and became a friend and mentor. Any subject, any form, for a poem of 24 lines or less.
57. **\*The Halloween Award** - \$50.00 offered by Carie Juettner on the subject of Spooky autumn. The poem does not have to be about Halloween specifically or mention Halloween, but it should be appropriate for reading that time of year. Any form. 36-line limit.
58. **The Apricity Prize** - \$50.00 offered by Carol P. Thompson of Tyler for the best poem on the subject of apricity - the warmth of the sun in winter. Any form. 20-line limit.
59. **The Texas Our Texas Award** - \$50.00 offered by Linda Banks, a native Texan, in honor of her friends: Barbara Blanks, Catherine L'Herisson and Marilyn Stacy, who all got here when they could! For a poem in any form that celebrates the great state of Texas. 28-line limit.
60. **The Rusk County Poetry Society Award** - \$50.00 offered by the Rusk County Poetry Society, a chapter of PST in Henderson, for the best poem on the subject of endurance, in any form, not to exceed 32 lines. (Open only to PST members who have never won a 1st place in any of the Poetry Society of Texas annual contests.)
61. **The Alamo Area Poets of Texas Award** - \$50.00 offered by AAPT to honor the memory of Valerie Martin Bailey for a poem of 18 lines or fewer on any subject.
62. **The Berry Family Award** - \$50.00 offered by Barbara Lewie Berry of Mansfield and her children: Mike, Mark and Kim, in loving memory of Louin Berry III, for the best poem on the subject of Joy. Any form. 20 lines or less. First place winner is next year's judge.
63. **The Kindness Award** - \$50.00 offered by Terry Jude Miller for a poem written in reply to or in the style of Naomi Shihab Nye's poem "Kindness" (<https://poets.org/poem/kindness>). Any form but prose. Not more than 32 lines.
64. **The Deep Blue Sea Award** - \$40 offered by Ann Howells of Dallas, in memory of her father, Woodrow Potter, for a poem of not more than 30 lines on the topic of immersion.
65. **The Wings Award** - \$40.00 offered by Catherine L'Herisson of Garland, in loving memory of her father, Alton Townsend, a pilot and POW in WWII, for the best poem on the subject: a pilot or pilots. Any form. 24-limit.
66. **\*The Beaumont Chapter Award** - \$35.00 Offered by the Beaumont Chapter of PST, for the best Free Verse poem about something precious that was lost and later found. 28-line limit.
67. **The Poets Northwest Award** - \$35.00 offered by Poets Northwest, a Chapter of PST, in Houston, for the best poem on any subject, any form. 36-line limit.
68. **The Bear Prize** - \$35.00 offered by Corbett Buchly for the best poem that contains at least one metaphor.

69. **\*The Sandy Hook Prize** - \$35.00 offered by Budd Mahan to honor the 26 victims of the massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary, and this year specifically Dawn Lafferty Hochsprung. Hochsprung was principal at Sandy Hook and physically blocked the murderer from students before being killed. Any form (no prose.) 28 lines or fewer on one of the following subjects: educator(s), valor, kindness, or a hero.
70. **The It's All Alphabetical Award** - \$35.00 offered by Laurie Kolp of Beaumont, for the best Abecedarian poem about an unexpected visitor. 30-line limit.
71. **The Valerie Martin Bailey Award** - \$30.00 offered by Catherine L'Herisson of Garland, in memory of Valerie Martin Bailey for the best humorous poem on any subject, in any form. 28-line limit.
72. **The Linda Banks Award** - \$30.00 offered by Catherine L'Herisson of Garland, to honor Linda Banks for all of her past service to PST, as well as her friendship through the years, for the best poem on the subject of gardens or gardening. Any form. 28-line limit.
73. **\*The Wings to Fly High Award** - \$30.00 offered by Sue Roberts of Arp, in memory of Jake Schoonover, for the best poem on the subject: wings to fly high. Any form. 36-line limit.
74. **The Mockingbird Chapter Award** - \$25.00 offered by the Mockingbird Chapter of PST, in McKinney, for the best poem on any subject. Any form. 28-line limit.
75. **\*The Miller Memorial Award** - \$25.00 offered by Terry Jude Miller of Richmond, in memory of his brother, Tim "Beaux" Miller, and his sister, Charlotte Miller, for the best poem on any subject, in any form, not to exceed 36 lines.
76. **\*The Jo Ellen and Dorothy Marie Memorial Award** - \$25.00 offered by Sherry Morgan of Port Arthur. Twin grins and giggles in memory of her mother, Jo, and her identical twin sister, Dot, who shared creative, comic stories about their lives that brought smiles to all they met. 36-line limit. Any form.
77. **\*The Permian Basin Poetry Society Award** - \$25 offered by Laurel Davis for the best poem on any subject, any form, 30 line limit.
78. **The Squirrel in a Cactus Garden Prize** - \$25.00 offered by Lynn Roberts Grice of Houston, for the best modern or traditional Haiku or Senryu. No more than 17 syllables.
79. **The Darryl and Violet Tingley Memorial Award** - \$25.00 offered by Sheila Tingley Moore of San Antonio, in loving memory of Darryl and Violet Tingley, for the best poem on the subject: "Carpe Diem!", any form, 28-line limit.
80. **The Makes Sense to Me Prize** - \$25.00 offered by Lynn Lewis of Fort Worth, for the best poem of 28 lines or less that prominently features one of the five senses: touch, smell, sight, sound or taste. Any form.
81. **\*The Eugene Paul Klier Memorial Award** - \$25.00 offered by Annie Klier Newcomer of Prairie Village, Kansas, in loving memory of her father, a metallurgy professor and researcher, for the best nuanced poem on the subject: Curiosity. Any form. 36 lines or less.
82. **\*The John Doyle Klier Memorial Award** - \$25.00 offered by Annie Klier Newcomer of Prairie Village, Kansas, in loving memory of her brother, a history professor and scholar, for the best nuanced poem on the subject: Ask and then answer an important question. Any form. 36 lines or less.

83. **\*The Mary Patrice Klier Memorial Award** - \$25.00 offered by Annie Klier Newcomer of Prairie Village, Kansas, in loving memory of her sister, Patty, who had special needs, for the best poem on the subject: Tenderness towards persons and/or creatures who tackle physical challenges. Any form. 25 line limit.
  84. **\*The Frances Doyle Klier Memorial Award** - \$25.00 offered by Annie Klier Newcomer of Prairie Village, Kansas, in loving memory of her Irish mother, for the best poem on any subject with a nuanced connection to Ireland. Any form. 25 lines or less.
  85. **The Noah Anderson Award** - \$25.00 offered by Annie Newcomer. At the time of his birth, doctors told Noah's adoptive parents that he would never walk or talk. Noah proved them wrong - even becoming an Eagle Scout. He found solace in nature. We seek a poem of 24 lines or fewer in any form, that exudes positivity such as Noah demonstrated in his lifetime.
  86. **The Deep Into the Pages Award** - \$25.00 offered by Christian Grice of Houston, grandson of Lynn Grice, for the best poem on the subject of books. Any form except Haiku. 36-line limit.
  87. **The Marilyn Stacy Prize** - \$25.00 offered by friends and supporters of Marilyn Stacy for a poem on any subject in no more than 20 lines.
  88. **The Purple Martin Award** - \$25.00 Offered by the Central Texas Writer's Society for the best poem celebrating nature or encouraging environmentalism. 36 lines or fewer. Rhyming is discouraged.
  89. **The Prose Poetry Award** - \$25 offered by Holly Jahangiri for the best prose poem. Please familiarize yourself with prose poetry before submitting. 30-line limit.
  90. **The Dazzling Smile Award** - \$25.00 offered by Barbara Blanks in honor of LD Carter, who lights up any room he enters, for a poem on any fun or positive subject, in any form, 28-line limit.
  91. **The Lusty Limerick Award** - \$25.00 offered by Barbara Blanks of Garland, for a limerick or limerick series on any topic written in the Limerick form. A Limerick is a five-line poem with an AABBA rhyme scheme, characterized by a bouncy, humorous, often risqué tone. 25-line limit.
  92. **The LowestKu Award** - \$25.00 offered by Bob, a Texas poet, for a poem written in the LowestKu form, invented by someone – Bob's not claiming it. A LowestKu series is also acceptable. A title is optional— but if used it must also have internal rhyme. A LowestKu has 3 lines - 5,7,5 syllables like the Haiku— but internal rhymes in each line are mandatory, a “nature theme” is not required, and silliness is encouraged. Here is an example: Winter splinters me./See my rose nose shining bright./Me, you fighting flu.
  93. **The Dorothy Strickland Nelson Prize** - \$25.00 Offered by members of the former Bluebonnet Chapter of PST to celebrate the life of a former Hilton Ross Greer Outstanding Service finalist for a poem on any subject with no more than 20 lines.
  94. **The Scintillating Cinquain Award** - \$25.00 offered by StFlossie, somewhere in Texas, for a Cinquain or Cinquain series on any topic written in that form. A Cinquain is a 5-line structure with syllable count 2-4-6-8-2. 25-line limit.
  95. **The Eazy-Peazy Pleiades Award** - \$25.00 offered by a Taurus, which is the constellation wherein Pleiades, the seven sisters, reside, for a poem on any topic written in Pleiades form. A Pleiades poem contains 7 lines; each starts with same letter as the first letter of the poem's one word title. It should have terse lines, unrhymed and of relatively even length. 7-line limit.
  96. **\*The Supportive Award** - \$25 offered by Holly Jahangiri for the best poem that is an homage to the unsung heroes of our lives: plumbers, trash collectors, nurses, teachers, waiters, etc. Any form. 28-line limit.
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97. **\*The Shiny Wu Prize** - \$25.00 offered as an incentive to those who have never won First Place in a PST annual award and honoring Shiny who won her first award last year. Any subject, any form. 28-line limit. Sponsored by friends and fellow poets.
98. **The Janet Tyner Appreciation Award** - \$25.00 offered in gratitude for Janet's stellar work on A Book of the Year for a Shakespearean sonnet on any subject. 14 lines. Sponsored by PST former presidents.
99. **\*The Scala Decima Award** - \$25.00 offered by Holly Jahangiri for the best poem in the Scala Decima form. 10-line limit. For a definition of the form, see <https://jahangiri.us/2020/new-poetry-form-the-scala-decima/>
100. **The Annual Awards Banquet Award** - \$25.00 offered by Beth Turner Ayers of McKinney, Banquet Chairman, in recognition of all who have worked to make the Awards Banquets a success, for the best poem on the subject of the importance of poetry. Any form. 20 lines or less.