

Florida State Poets Association, Inc.



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2016 Poetry Contests

1 FSPA FREE VERSE AWARD

Subject: Any. Form: Free Verse. 1 page limit.
1st Place \$100. 2nd Place \$75. 3rd Place \$50 3 HM. Entry fee \$2 per poem, limit 2 poems.
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2 FSPA FORMAL VERSE AWARD

Subject: Any. Form: Formal Verse (put form name at top of page). 1 page limit.
1st Place \$100. 2nd Place \$75. 3rd Place \$50 3 HM Entry fee \$2 per poem, limit 2 poems.
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3 JOSEPH A. CAVANAUGH, SR. MEMORIAL AWARD

Subject: Ireland (See web link). Form: Any
1st Place \$100. 2nd Place \$50. 3rd Place \$25 3HM
Sponsored by Friends & Family of Joseph A. Cavanaugh, Sr.

#4 EDNA & WALTER REDEMANN MEMORIAL AWARD

Subject: Patriotism (USA or State). Form: Any.
1st Place \$100. 2nd Place \$50. 3rd Place \$25 3 HM.
Sponsored by Janet Redemann Sage

#5 THE CRESCENDO AWARD

Subject: A response to hearing a musical performance Form: Any
1st Place \$50. 2nd Place \$35. 3rd Place \$15 3HM
Sponsored by Judith and Randall Krum

#6 SUNSHINE POETS AWARD

Subject: Humor. Form: Rhymed, metered.
1st Place \$50. 2nd Place \$35. 3rd Place \$15. 3HM
Sponsored by Sunshine Poets

#7 LISTENING AWARD

Subject: Listening. Form: Any.
1st Place \$50. 2nd Place \$25. 3rd Place \$15. 3HM
Sponsored by Linda Eve Diamond

#8* O HAPA DAYS

Subject: A mixed race/heritage/cultural observation or experience. (See web link.) Form: Any. 30 Line Limit.
1st Place \$40. 2nd Place \$20. 3rd Place \$10. 3HM
Sponsored by J. C. Kato

#9 HENRIETTA & MARK KROAH FOUNDERS AWARD (Free to FSPA Members)

Subject: Coffee or Tea. Form: Any.
1st Place \$25. 2nd Place \$15. 3rd Place \$10 3HM
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#10 PAST PRESIDENTS AWARD

Subject: Yesterday. Form: Any 1st Place \$25. 2nd Place \$15. 3rd Place \$10 3HM
Sponsored by Past Presidents of FSPA

#11 TAKING A CHANCE

Subject: Taking a Chance. Form: Any, Rhymed or Unrhymed.
1st Place \$25. 2nd Place \$15. 3rd Place \$10 3HM
Sponsored by Betty Prisendorf

#12 A POET'S VISION

Subject: Any. Form: Any.
1st Place \$25. 2nd Place \$15. 3rd Place \$10 3HM
Sponsored by Janet Watson

#13 RANDALL CADMAN MEMORIAL AWARD

Subject: Any. Form: Sonnet (humorous). 14 lines
1st Place \$25. 2nd Place \$15. 3rd Place \$10 3HM
Sponsored by New River Poets

#14 LAVAUGHN HESS MEMORIAL AWARD

Subject: Family. Form: Haiku.
1st Place \$25. 2nd Place \$15. 3rd Place \$10 3HM
Sponsored by Jennifer Hess Burrows

#15 THE PETRACHAN SONNET AWARD

Subject: Any. Form: Petrarchan sonnet. 14 Lines.
1st Place \$25. 2nd Place \$15. 3rd Place \$10 3HM
Sponsored by Joyce Shiver

#16 ADRIENNE RICH MEMORIAL AWARD

Subject: One lover speaking to another. Form: Ghazal – 5 or 6 couplets in length. Unmetered, unrhymed; see her Homage to Ghalib (See web link.)
1st Place \$25. 2nd Place \$15. 3rd Place \$10 3HM
Sponsored by Peter Hanen

**#17 WILLARD B. FOSTER
MEMORIAL AWARD**

Subject: Any. Form: Higgledy-piggledy
(a.k.a. double dactyl; see web link). 8
Line Limit.

1st Place \$25. 2nd Place \$15. 3rd Place
\$10. 3HM

Sponsored by John F. Foster

#18 THE PEACE AWARD

Subject: Peace. Form: Any. 50 Line
Limit

1st Place \$25. 2nd Place \$15. 3rd Place
\$10. 3HM

*Sponsored by Coleen T. Ward in honor
of her children and grandchildren*

#19 THE LIVE POETS AWARD

Subject: The Dark Side. Form: Any.

1st Place \$25. 2nd Place \$15. 3rd Place
\$10 3HM

*Sponsored by Live Poets Society of
Daytona Beach*

**#20 JUNE OWENS MEMORIAL
AWARD**

Subject: The Meanings of Somehow*.
(See web link.) Form: Any.

1st Place \$25. 2nd Place \$15. 3rd Place
\$10 3HM

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*This is the title of a June Owens poem.
The poet may interpret the subject as
he/she chooses.

#21 MIAMI POETS AWARD

Subject: Choices. Form: Any.

1st Place \$25. 2nd Place \$15. 3rd Place
\$10 3HM

Sponsored by Miami Poets

#22 TOMOKA POETS AWARD

Subject: Nature. Form: Any.

1st Place \$25. 2nd Place \$15. 3rd Place
\$10 3HM

Sponsored by Tomoka Poets

**#23 JANE OPEL MEMORIAL
AWARD**

Subject: Any. Form: Any. 1st Place

\$25. 2nd Place \$15. 3rd Place \$10 3HM

Sponsored by Poetry For the Love of It

**#24 KATE KENNEDY MEMORIAL
AWARD**

Subject: The Color of Emotion. Form:
Any.

1st Place \$25. 2nd Place \$15. 3rd Place
\$10 3HM

Sponsored by B. J. Alligood



CONTEST RULES: Please read
carefully and follow all directions. Any
violations will disqualify submission.

ALL POEMS MUST:

- a. be the original work of the contestant
- b. be unpublished in any form
- c. not have won more than \$10 in any
contest
- d. be written in English
- e. be titled unless a sijo or haiku
- f. have a 40 lines limit unless stated
otherwise
- g. not be simultaneously entered in any
other contest

2. CATEGORY SPECIFICS:

- The same poem must not be entered in
more than one category.

- Categories 1 & 2 are limited to 2
entries per category per poet.
- Categories 3 through 24 are limited to
one entry per category per poet.

3. FORMAT:

- Typed, single-spaced on one side of
8.5” x 11” white paper. No illustrations.
- Submit 2 copies – both with category
name and number on upper left.
- Poet’s name, address, phone and email
on duplicate copy only on upper right.
- Mail all entries together in one
envelope with check or money order
payable to FSPA, Inc. using regular first
class mail.

4. FEES:

- Categories 1 & 2 are \$2 per poem. (2
poem limit per category).
- Category 9 is free to FSPA members
only – all others must pay \$1.00.
- Remaining categories are \$1.00 each.
Please do not send cash.. Make checks
or money orders payable to FSPA, Inc.

5. PUBLISHING RIGHTS:

- Poets give FSPA, Inc. exclusive first
printing rights to all 1st place winning
poems awarded in the FSPA, Inc.
Annual Contest.
- 1st Place winning poems will be
printed in the FSPA Anthology.
- The Editor reserves the right to alter
line breaks having more than 50
characters per line, including spaces.
- Printing rights revert to the poet after
the Anthology is published (October
2016)

SUBMISSION PERIOD:

- May 1 to July 15, 2016
- July 15, 2016 is a “Postmarked by”
deadline.

MAIL ENTRIES TO:

Mary Rogers-Grantham
23 Zorro Court
Palm Coast, FL 32164.

Names of winners will be posted in
October 2016 on the FSPA website. The
Web Links below are provided to give
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the web link to view the informational
page. If you are viewing the information
in print format, type the address (URL)
accurately into the address bar of the
web browser.

Category 3 Web Link:

[http://www.floridastatepoetsassociation.
org/Irish%20Poetry%20Contest%20Det
ails.pdf](http://www.floridastatepoetsassociation.org/Irish%20Poetry%20Contest%20Details.pdf)

Category 8 Web Link:

[http://www.floridastatepoetsassociation.
org/OHapaDays7.pdf](http://www.floridastatepoetsassociation.org/OHapaDays7.pdf)

Category 16 Web Link:

[http://www.newpoetspress.com/
ghazal.html](http://www.newpoetspress.com/ghazal.html)

Category 17 Web Link:

[https://www.math.wisc.edu/~robbin/Hig
gedly.txt](https://www.math.wisc.edu/~robbin/Higgedly.txt)

Category 20 Web Link:

http://www.pw.org/content/june_owens_1