

**Margo LaGattuta** was posthumously named the first honorary Chancellor for PSM in 2011. The category is sponsored by Polly Opsahl and Friends of Margo.

**The Chancellor's Prize** is sponsored by Honorary Chancellor, Laurence W. Thomas.

**The Founder's Prize** is sponsored by Susan Anderson, in honor of her grandfather Clifford Allen, one of the founding members of the Poetry Society of Michigan.

**Barbara Sykes** loved to write humorous poems. The award is sponsored by her niece, Patricia Barnes.

**George Dila** is a beloved award-winning writer of fiction and poetry and the founder of Ludington Visiting Writers. The award is sponsored by Phillip Sterling.

**The Poetry Society of Michigan** was founded in 1935. Membership dues are \$25.00. Members receive two collections of poetry and four newsletters each year.

*Please see website for Membership Form and details.*

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**POETRY SOCIETY  
OF  
MICHIGAN**

**2018  
ANNUAL  
POETRY CONTEST**

**Deadline:  
August 1, 2018**

## Contest Categories

Category 1

### **Margo LaGattuta Memorial Award**

Any subject, any form.

Category 2

### **Chancellor's Prize**

Any subject. A poem whose ideas extend beyond the frame of the poem; which says one thing when it means something else.

Category 3

### **Founder's Prize**

A poem about Michigan, any form.

Category 4

### **The Barbara Sykes Memorial Humorous Poem**

A humorous poem, any form.

Category 5

### **George Dila Memorial Prize**

A prose poem, any subject.

Category 6 **Nature**

Category 7 **Love**

Category 8 **Spiritual**

Category 9 **Animals**

Category 10 **Family**

Category 11 **Loss**

Category 12 **Evening**

## Submissions Guidelines

- Poets do not have to be members of the Poetry Society of Michigan or reside in Michigan.
- Please enter only one poem per category.
- Entries must not exceed 40 lines, including lines between stanzas.
- Please do not send poems that have been previously published, including electronically, or that have previously won a prize.
- Electronic submissions are preferred. Please send two files—one with your contact info on each poem and one without. Category name should be in the upper left corner of all poems.
- If you cannot submit by email, please mail your submission to the address below. Send two copies of each poem. On both copies, place the category name in the upper left corner. On one copy only, place your name, address, phone number, and email. No poems will be returned.
- Please send a check or money order payable to **Poetry Society of Michigan**. Please note on your payment method if you are a member or non-member.

All who submit electronically will receive a list of winners via email. If you mail your entry and wish to receive a list of winners, please include a SASE.

Questions and email entries:

[psmcontestentry@gmail.com](mailto:psmcontestentry@gmail.com)

Mail entries and submission fees to:

Melanie Dunbar  
2272 114<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Allegan, MI 49010

## Entry Fees

### **Category 1:**

Members: \$4.00

Non-Members: \$5.00

### **Categories 2-12:**

Members: \$2.00 per poem

Non-Members: \$3.00 per poem

### **PRIZES**

Category 1

1st: \$100.00

2nd: \$50.00

3rd: \$25.00

Category 2

1st: \$75.00

2nd: \$45.00

3rd: \$30.00

Category 3

1st: \$50.00

2nd: \$35.00

3rd: \$15.00

Categories 4-12

1st: \$35.00

2nd: \$25.00

3rd: \$15.00

All 1st, 2nd, 3rd place poems and Honorable Mentions will be published in the Fall Contest Issue of Peninsula Poets.