

2020 PSM Poetry Contest

Category 1

Margo LaGattuta Memorial Award

In 2011 Margo LaGattuta was posthumously named the first Honorary Chancellor for PSM. The category is sponsored by Polly Opsahl and Friends of Margo. Any Subject, Any Form Prizes 1 st: \$100.00; 2 nd: \$50.00; 3 rd:\$25.00

Category 2

Chancellor's Prize

The Chancellor's Award is sponsored by Honorary Chancellor, Laurence W. Thomas, for a poem whose ideas extend beyond the frame of the poem; which says one thing when it means something else. Any subject. Prizes 1 st: \$75.00; 2 nd: \$45.00; 3 rd: \$30.00

Category 3

Founder's Prize

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, for a poem about Michigan, any form. Prizes 1 st: \$50.00; 2 nd: \$35.00; 3 rd: \$15.00

Prizes for Categories 4-8: 1 st: \$35.00; 2 nd: \$25.00; 3 rd: \$15.00

Category 4

The Barbara Sykes Memorial Humorous Poem

Barbara Sykes loved to write humorous poems. The award is sponsored by her niece, Patricia Barnes, for a humorous poem, in any form.

Category 5

George Dila Memorial Prize

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 for a prose poem, any subject.

Category 6: A poem in any style about Nature

Category 7: A poem in any style about Love

Category 8: A poem in any style about Coronavirus (or related topics like Social Distancing, Stay-at-home, Quarantine . . .)

DEADLINE: AUGUST 1, 2020

Category 1: Members: \$4.00 Non-Members: \$5.00

Categories 2-8: Members: \$2.00 per poem Non-Members: \$3.00 per poem

*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 entries as attachments to psmcontestentry@gmail.com. Entries should include two files—one with your contact info on each poem and one without. Category name should be in the upper left corner of every poem.

*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.

*Entry fees may be paid by 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. Winning poems and Honorable Mentions will be published in the 2020 Contest Issue of Peninsula Poets.

Questions and email entries:

psmcontestentry@gmail.com Mail entries and submission fees to:

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