

2021 PSM Poetry Contest

DEADLINE: AUGUST 1, 2021

Submission Guidelines have changed this year

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: 1st \$100, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$25

Category 2

Chancellor's Prize

The Chancellor's Prize: A poem of no more than fourteen lines, on any subject, by anyone who has not published a book of poems (self-published books excepted).

Sponsored by Honorary Chancellor Eric Torgersen.

Prizes: 1st \$75, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$25

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 subject, any form.

Prizes: 1st \$50, 2nd \$35, 3rd \$15

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.

Prizes: 1st \$35, 2nd \$25, 3rd \$15

Category 5

George Dila Memorial Prose Poem

George Dila was 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.

Prizes: 1st \$35, 2nd \$25, 3rd \$15

Category 6

A poem in any style about **Nature**

Prizes: 1st \$35, 2nd \$25, 3rd \$15

Category 7

Love is a universal language. This award is sponsored by Denise Sedman in loving memory of her beloved friend, Patricia Kearney. Any style.

Prizes: 1st \$50, 2nd \$35, 3rd \$15

Category 8

Music has influenced many of our lives. This award is sponsored by the Detroit Writers' Guild (DWG) in honor of the great jazz saxophonist Faruq Z. Bey. Any form.

Prizes: 1st \$100, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$25

Category 9

A poem in any style about **Loss**

Prizes: 1st \$35, 2nd \$25, 3rd \$15

Category 10

Women and Science

Lucille E. Thompson Decker Memorial Award is sponsored by Dr. Kathleen P. Decker on behalf of her mother. Lucille was born in 1927 in Grand Rapids and had a distinguished academic and professional career before retiring as a Senior Associate Editor in the Biochemistry Department at Chemical Abstracts Services.

Prizes: 1st \$50, 2nd \$35, 3rd \$15

Entry Fees and Submission Guidelines

Only submit 1 poem per category. You may submit to multiple categories.

Category 1 and 8:

Members: \$4 per poem, per category

Non-Members: \$5 per poem, per category

Categories 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10

Members: \$2 per poem, per category

Non-Members: \$3 per poem, per category

CONTEST RULES – DEADLINE AUGUST 1, 2021

ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS are preferred. Email to psmcontestentry21@gmail.com. Please send your entry for your categories as a separate attached file. Page breaks between poems would be appreciated.

- Use the body of the email to include your contact info (phone/email/address), categories and the title of each poem. **Send the attachment as one Word document with no contact information!**
- All contest entry attachments should have the category name in the upper right-hand corner. You may enter multiple categories, but only poem per category. Send a separate check payable to the Poetry Society of Michigan (or PSM) with a cover page of the categories you entered and number of poems to: Denise Sedman, 429 Ravencrest Ln, Westland, MI 48185. Entries cannot be processed until after we receive a check.

SNAIL-MAILED SUBMISSIONS If you cannot submit your entry by email, please send TWO copies to 2021 PSM Contest, c/o Denise Sedman, 429 Ravencrest Ln, Westland, MI 48185.

- Include a separate cover page with your contact information (phone, address, email), the categories and title of each poem. The poems should be on separate pages with only each category name in the upper right-hand corner. **Do not include any identifying information on your poems!**
- If you enter more than one category, please follow the same rules as above. Your poems will not be returned. A check payable to PSM must be included.
- If you would like a list of the winners, please include a SASE.

ALL SUBMISSIONS

- Poets do not have to be members of the Poetry Society of Michigan or reside in Michigan.
- Entries must not exceed 40 lines, including lines between stanzas.
- Please do not send poems that have been previously published, including electronically or if they have previously won prize. Self-published poems excluded.

AFTER THE CONTEST

- Winners and Honorable Mentions will be notified electronically and will receive a complimentary Contest Edition of Peninsula Poets.
- After the winning poets have been announced, you can purchase one copy of the Contest Edition for \$8.00, shipping included by mailing a check payable to Poetry Society of Michigan at P.O. Box 1035, Cadillac, MI 49601. Mention the check is for the contest edition.
- If you wish to receive just a copy of all winner's names, please send an SASE to PSM Contest, c/o Denise Sedman, 429 Ravencrest Ln, Westland, MI 48185.

Questions? Email: psmcontestentry21@gmail.com.