

**Kentucky State Poetry Society  
2012 Adult Poetry Contest Winners**

1. **GRAND PRIX** – Sponsor: KSPS  
1<sup>st</sup> Place – Apple Tree in Winter – Jim Barton, Huttig, AR  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Being Alive in the World Today – Mary O’Dell, Louisville, KY  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Rosetta – Sandy McCord, Richmond, KY  
HM – Curse for a Spurned Tea Lover – Jordi Alonso, Loveland, OH  
HM – Oh Joy, Oh Rapture Unforeseen – Patricia Whiting, West Palm Beach, FL  
HM – Femme Fatale – Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX
2. **CHAFFIN/KASH AWARD** – KSPS Members Only – Sponsor: Lillie D. Chaffin Endowment  
1<sup>st</sup> Place – October Exchange – Dalene Stull, Danville, OH  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Writer’s Winter – Barbara Wade, Berea, KY  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – After the Service – Jessica Thompson, New Harmony, IN  
HM – Tomboy – Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL  
HM – Zen of the Blind Dog – Rebecca Bailey, Grangeville, ID  
HM – Ode to Bread – Jordi Alonso, Loveland, OH
3. **PRESIDENT’S PRIZE** – Sponsor: KSPS  
1<sup>st</sup> Place – Still Will – Jim Barton, Huttig, AR  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Gandolf and Cricket – Joan Terry, Dallas, GA  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – New Beginning, Ole Jensen/Marianne – Vera Ogden Bakker, West Bountiful, UT  
HM – Ten to Twenty Blues – Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX  
HM – Uncle Alva – Glenna Glee, Anderson, IN  
HM – Rose Pappalardo – Jerry Hardesty, Brierfield, AL
4. **GREEN RIVER WRITERS AWARD** – Sponsor: Green River Writers, Inc.  
1<sup>st</sup> Place – A Conversation about Winter – Rebecca Bailey, Grangeville, ID  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Baking A Cake – Beth Staas, Westmont, IL  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Peruvia Paso – Sandy McCord, Richmond, KY  
HM – Salmon Kelts – Bethany Brengan, Port Hadlock, WA  
HM – In the Still Dirt – Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR  
HM – Heirloom – Vera Ogden Bakker, West Bountiful, UT
5. **JOHN ENGLE MEMORIAL AWARD** – Sponsor: Marietta Ball  
1<sup>st</sup> Place – American History – E. Gail Chandler, Shelbyville, KY  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Perspective – Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Grant Avenue – Patricia Whiting, West Palm Beach, FL  
HM – Words Not Spoken – Dalene Stull, Danville, OH  
HM – Suicide – Caroline Zarlengo Sposto, Memphis, TN  
HM – Self-Fulfilling Prophecy – Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX
6. **GLENNA GLEE AWARD** – Sponsor: Glenna Jenkins  
1<sup>st</sup> Place – Never Write Another Check – Dalene Stull, Danville, OH  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Of Wings and Prayers – Joan Terry, Dallas, GA  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – The Apple Has All the Appeal – Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX  
HM – Finally – Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL  
HM – Message to the Gods – Becky Alexander, Cambridge, Ontario, Canada  
HM – That Old Space-Time Continuum – E. Gail Chandler, Shelbyville, KY
7. **PULASKI WRITERS’ ALLIANCE** – Sponsor: Pulaski Writers’ Alliance  
1<sup>st</sup> Place – In-between – Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – September a lament – Becky Alexander, Cambridge, Ontario, Canada  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Devotion – Trina Lee, Oklahoma City, OK  
HM – As Night Falls – Mary A. Couch, Noblesville, IN  
HM – At Ninety-Nine – Dalene Stull, Danville, OH  
HM – Just Before Dark – Patricia Smith, Park Hills, KY

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8. **THE ANGELA THOMAS AWARD** – Sponsors: Crystal Barker, RN and Rosalinda Galam, RN  
1<sup>st</sup> Place – Things Almost Remembered – Joan Terry, Dallas, GA  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – The Empty Picnic Basket – Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Lamentation upon a First Trimester Termination – Patricia Smith, Park Hills, KY  
HM – Could Have – Debra Kuss, Corbin, KY  
HM – Repeat Performance – Glenna Glee, Anderson, IN  
HM – Looking Back – Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL  
HM – Re-thinking – Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR  
HM – The Writer’s Lament – Mark Hudson, Evanston, IL
9. **SMALL TOWN LIVING** – Sponsor: Anna Lucas  
1<sup>st</sup> Place – What I Knew I Did Not Believe – Barb McMakin, Crestwood, KY  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Seen Through the Window of the Soak-N-Suds: A Woman Folding Underwear --  
Mary O’Dell, Louisville, KY  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Behind Closed Doors – E. Gail Chandler, Shelbyville, KY  
HM – small town blues – Melinda Rice, Parachute, CO  
HM – West Kentucky Blues – Bethany Brengan, Port Hadlock, WA  
HM – Razing Cain – Victoria Bailey, Henderson, KY;  
Walking to School – Patricia Whiting, West Palm Beach, FL
10. **JANE CHANCELLOR MOORE MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR EKPHRASTIC VERSE** –  
Sponsor: Jane Chancellor Moore Gallery, Larry Moore, curator  
1<sup>st</sup> Place – Dead Raven in Snow – Rebecca Bailey, Grangeville, ID  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Emily’s Green – Dorothy Hopkins Schnare, Berea, KY  
HM – Meander, Cast in Bronze – Barb McMakin, Crestwood, KY  
HM – The Lady in White – Von S. Bourland, Happy, TX  
HM – In Munch’s Dance of Life – Rubynelle Thyne, Woodstock, GA  
HM – The Silent Partner – Elaine Parker Akin, Louisville, KY
11. **THE FURRBOWL PRIZE** – Sponsor: Steven Cope  
1<sup>st</sup> Place – Yoga Class in Tornado Season – Elaine Fowler Palencia, Champaign, IL  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – A Front Approaching – Mary O’Dell, Louisville, KY  
No 3rd or HM’s awarded
12. **CRESCENT HILL WRITERS AWARD** – Sponsor: Crescent Hill Writers  
1<sup>st</sup> Place – Dancing at the Edge – Carol J. Megge, Inverness, FL  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Sharing Lines – Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Harvesting the Pearl – Barb McMakin, Crestwood, KY  
HM – Undone – Betty Leake, West Chester, OH  
HM – Mapquest – Rebecca Bailey, Grangeville, ID  
HM – A Poet’s Lines – Sara Gipson, Scott, AR
13. **THE JIM PROCTOR MEMORIAL AWARD** – Sponsor: Vada Scott Johnson  
1<sup>st</sup> Place – The Sunset Girls – Nancy Hampton, Edgewood, KY  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Fever – E. Gail Chandler, Shelbyville, KY  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Victory in Mt. Vernon (Missouri) – Charles Firmage, Kuna, ID  
HM – The Constancy of Change – Christine Strevinsky, Shepherdsville, KY  
HM – The True Sting – Barbara Wade, Berea, KY
14. **ACCENTS PUBLISHING SHORT POEM AWARD** – Sponsor: Accents Publishing  
1<sup>st</sup> Place – Watching It Happen – Victoria Bailey, Henderson, KY  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Benevolence – Jessica D. Thompson, New Harmony, IN  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – New Pasture – Barb McMakin, Crestwood, KY  
HM – Bereaved – LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK

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15. **SPECULATIVE POEM AWARD** – Sponsor: Karen L. Newman  
1<sup>st</sup> Place – Detour – Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – She Awakes Wearing The Wrong Dress – E. Gail Chandler, Shelbyville, KY  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – In the Shadow – Carol J. Megge, Inverness, FL  
HM – Reactions – Florence Bruce, Memphis, TN  
HM – Meeting a Moose in the Alaskan Wilds – Vera Ogden Bakker, West Bountiful, UT
16. **IF I HAD OR HAD NOT** – Sponsor: Sally Adkins  
1<sup>st</sup> Place – Separating – Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Good, Gentle Blur – Lee Pelham Cotton, Locust Hill, VA  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Collected Poems by Edna St. Vincent Millay – Dalene Stull, Danville, OH  
NO HM's awarded
17. **VACHEL LINDSAY PRIZE FOR POETRY PERFORMANCE** –  
Sponsors: Vachel Lindsay Home & Broadstone Books  
1<sup>st</sup> Place – Broken Taboo – Mary Kennedy, Louisville, KY  
HM – I Am Elemental 4 (Fire) – Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL
18. **FLATWOODS POETRY SOCIETY AWARD** – Sponsor: Flatwoods Poetry Society  
1<sup>st</sup> Place – Hazy Harvest Moon – Georganna Tresslar, Indianapolis, IN  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Summer Field Scene – Gloria Stanton, Somerset, KY  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Chrysalis on Branch – Mary A. Couch, Noblesville, IN  
HM – Butterfly Bush – Vada S. Johnson, Radcliff, KY  
HM – Crimson columbine – Rebecca Bailey, Grangeville, ID  
HM – Trees Stand Silently – Glenna Glee, Anderson, IN
19. **FEELINGS** – Sponsor: Cherie Clark  
1<sup>st</sup> Place – Retaliation – Sara Gipson, Scott, AR  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – A Friend is a Friend in Need – Kevin B. Johnson, West Liberty, KY  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Choosing Sides at 4:57 AM – Alice B. Couch, Noblesville, IN  
HM – The Purity of White Crows – Von S. Bourland, Happy, TX  
HM – Oh, To Be Satisfied – Becky Alexander, Cambridge, Ontario, Canada  
HM – Deathbed Confessions – Eugene Shea, Hanna, WY
20. **BROADSTONE MEDIA PRIZE**– Sponsor: Broadstone Books  
1<sup>st</sup> Place – The Willow and the Oak – Patricia Smith, Park Hills, KY  
HM – Cementing Immortality – Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR  
HM – Each Spring – Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL
21. **WHEN JOHNNY/JONNI COMES MARCHING HOME** – Sponsor: Angela Barker Thomas  
1<sup>st</sup> Place – Home is the Soldier – Don Bramkamp, Cincinnati, OH  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Finding Our Way – E. Gail Chandler, Shelbyville, KY  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Out of the Mouth of a Soldier – Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX  
HM – When John Returned – Sara Gipson, Scott, AR  
HM – Bottled Up – Becky Alexander, Cambridge, Ontario, Canada  
HM – The Killing Zone – John Bercaw, Florence, KY
22. **AMUSE A CHILD/DOGS & DOLPHINS** – Sponsor: Angela Barker Thomas  
1<sup>st</sup> Place – Why I Have Cats – Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Boswell Reigns – Elaine Parker Akin, Louisville, KY  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Puppies for Sale – Amanda Benton, Paducah, KY  
HM – Cat's Opera – Peggy Lukens, Fort Mitchell, KY  
HM – Toy In My Shoe – Mary A. Couch, Noblesville, IN  
HM – Webster Jim – Mary Kennedy, Louisville, KY

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23. **THE WONDER OF NATURE** – Sponsor: Jacob Barker  
1<sup>st</sup> Place – Flirt with Death – Sara Gipson, Scott, AR  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – The Wayward Cucumber Plant – Elaine Parker Akin, Louisville, KY  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Summer Storm – Beth Staas, Westmont, IL  
HM – Hiding in Plain Sight – Joan Terry, Dallas, GA  
HM – The Field – Betty Leake, West Chester, OH  
HM – They Hide So Blatantly – Melinda Rice, Parachute, CO
24. **THE DOROTHY SUTTON AWARD** – Sponsor: Elizabeth Hyden  
1<sup>st</sup> Place – The Uncertainty Principle – Beth Staas, Westmont, IL  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Emily’s Secret Mirrors – Cecil Tresslar, Indianapolis, IN  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Hunting and Gathering – Sandy McCord, Richmond, KY  
HM – True Love – Elaine Parker Akin, Louisville, KY  
HM – A Most Worthy *Enterprise* – Lee Pelham Cotton, Locust Hill, VA  
HM – A Proposal of Lies – Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR
25. **IN LIVING COLOR** – Sponsor: Nancy Hampton  
1<sup>st</sup> Place – Green-out – Sandy McCord, Richmond, KY  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – In Defense of Yellow – Georganna Tresslar, Indianapolis, IN  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Black is the Darkness – David Autin, Louisville, KY  
HM – The Psychedelic Party – LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK  
HM – Yellow – Barbara Groce, Morgantown, GA  
HM – For Royalty – Dalene Stall, Danville, OH
26. **BALLAD** – Sponsor: Bertha Johnson  
1<sup>st</sup> Place – The Ballad of Henry Jones – Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Dancing Belinda – Sherry Farmer, Grayson, KY  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – The Ballad of Barefoot Hill – Jim Barton, Huttig, AR  
HM – Incident from Childhood – Patricia Smith, Park Hills, KY  
HM – The Ballad of Biological Urges – Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX  
HM – The Vision of William Moore – John William Crawford, Arkadelphia, AR
27. **THE FACES OF FREEDOM** – Sponsor: Miriam Woolfolk  
1<sup>st</sup> Place – Another July 4th – Jim Barton, Huttig, AR  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Memorial – September 11, 2011 – Mary O’Dell, Louisville, KY  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Let’s All Pull Together – Jim Hubler, Battletown, KY  
HM – Who’s Right, Whose Rights – Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX  
HM – Freedom’s Legacy – Beverly Stanislawski, Crown Point, IN  
HM – On Patriotism’s Stage – Glenna Glee, Anderson, IN