

1. **GRAND PRIX - \$100/50/25** Any subject, any form. Entry fee: \$5 per poem—4 poem limit Sponsor: KSPS Contest Fund

2. **CHAFIN/KASH AWARD - \$100/50/25 KSPS MEMBERS ONLY** Honoring Lillie D. Chaffin and Dr. Vernon O. Kash. Any subject/contemporary form. Sponsor: Lillie D. Chaffin Endowment

3. **PRESIDENT'S PRIZE - \$60/25/15. Up to 3 HMs.** Theme: The Greats and the Grands: Swimming Against the Current. Write about an ancestor who chose a different direction in life. Must include the ancestor's name in poem or title. Any style, any form, 32 line limit. Sponsor: Becky Lindsay

4. **GREEN RIVER WRITERS AWARD - \$30/20/10. Up to 3 HMs.** Theme: The Thing Itself. Develop a sensory image that carries meaning. Any style, any form. Sponsor: Green River Writers, Inc.

5. **JOHN ENGLE MEMORIAL AWARD - \$30/20/10. 1 HM.** Theme: Unfulfilled. Any style, any form, 20 line limit. Sponsor: Marietta Ball

6. **GLENNA GLEE AWARD - \$25/15/10. Up to 3 HMs.** Theme: A Look to the Future. (What can we expect in the way of progress?) Any style, any form, 32 line limit. Sponsor: Glenna Glee

7. **PULASKI WRITERS' ALLIANCE AWARD - \$25/15/10. Up to 3 HMs.** Theme: In the Twilight Hours. Any style, any form, 32 line limit. Sponsor: Pulaski Writers' Alliance

8. **ANGELA THOMAS AWARD - \$50/30/20. 5 HMs \$10 each.** Honoring Angela Barker Thomas, poet and Kentucky native. Theme: If I Had It To Do Over, Would I Do It Again? Any form, 32 line limit. Sponsors: Rosalinda Galem, RN & Crystal Barker, RN

9. **SMALL TOWN LIVING - \$30/20/10. Up to 3 HMs.** Theme: Small Town Living. Open to interpretation. Free verse (no rhyming). 35 lines or less. Sponsor: Anna Lucas

10. **JANE CHANCELLOR MOORE MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR EKPHRASTIC VERSE - \$35/15. HMs (at judge's discretion).** Any style dealing with a work of visual art in any medium. A photocopy image of the work must accompany the submission on a separate page. Sponsor and judge: Larry Moore, curator of the Jane Chancellor Moore Gallery, Frankfort, KY

11. **THE FURRBOWL PRIZE - \$25 + signed clothbound copy of *The Furrbawl Poems*/\$15 + paperbackcopy/\$10 + paperback copy. HMs (at judge's discretion).** Theme: *"In the face of the storm..."* Whether we encounter them with awe or dread - or both - storms reveal the majesty and savagery of nature. Any style. Sponsor and judge, Steven Cope, author of *The Furrbawl Poems*

12. **CRESCENT HILL WRITERS AWARD - \$25/15/10. 3 HMs.** Theme: Fine Lines. Any style, any form. Sponsor: Crescent Hill Writers

13. **JIM PROCTOR MEMORIAL AWARD - \$25/15/10. Up to 3 HMs.** Theme: Seasons of Life. Any style, any form. Sponsor: Vada Scott Johnson

14. **ACCENTS PUBLISHING SHORT POEM AWARD - \$50 + anthology/2nd & 3rd anthology. No HMs.** Poems up to 50 words including the title. Sponsor: Accents Publishing

15. **SPECULATIVE POEM AWARD - \$50/30/10. HMs (at judge's discretion).** Theme: Speculative poem. Any style, any form. No erotica or splatter-punk. Sponsor: Karen Newman

16. **IF I HAD OR HAD NOT - \$30/20/10. No HMs.** Shakesperean-style sonnet. Write in sonnet form on a decision that impacted your life (or someone else's). Sponsor: Sally Adkins

17. **VACHEL LINDSAY PRIZE FOR POETRY PERFORMANCE - \$35/15. HMs (at judge's discretion).** For the best *performance* (not reading) of an original poem by the poet. Performance recordings may be submitted on CD or DVD in a format compatible with Windows Media Player; hard copies of the poem must also accompany the submission as required by general contest. This prize honors the progenitor of American performance art and is judged by Jenny Battles, site administrator of the Vachel Lindsay Home in Springfield, IL and Larry W. Moore, Broadstone Books.

18. **FLATWOODS POETRY SOCIETY AWARD - \$25/15/10. Up to 2 HMs.** Haiku - Seasonal. 5-7-5 syllables. Sponsor: Flatwoods Poetry Society

19. **FEELINGS - \$15/10/5. No HMs.** Theme: Feelings—Bitterness OR Surprise (choose one). 16 line limit. Sponsor: Cherie Clark

20. **BROADSTONE PRIZE FOR TRADITIONAL VERSE - \$25. No HMs.** Elizabethan Sonnet. Any subject. Judged by Broadstone Media co-founder Stephan L. Taylor

21. **WHEN JOHNNY/JONNI COMES MARCHING HOME - \$25/15/10. Up to 3 HMs.** Theme: Any aspect of post-war, post-deployment life of military veterans and/or families. (Poet's interpretation but no political venting, please). Sponsor: Angela Thomas

22. **AMUSE A CHILD /DOGS & DOLPHINS - \$15/10/5. Up to 3 HMs.** Theme: Poem appropriate for children, about any animal, domestic or wild, preferably upbeat and entertaining. Rhyming, 24 line limit. Judges: Katie and Shayla Barker (ages 8 & 11). Sponsor: Angela Barker Thomas

23. **THE WONDERS OF NATURE - \$15/10/5. Up to 3 HMs.** Theme: Our amazing natural world. Any style, any form. 32 line limit. Judge and sponsor: Jacob Barker (age 13)

24. **DOROTHY SUTTON AWARD - \$40/20/10. Up to 3 HMs.** Any subject, any form. Sponsor: Elizabeth Hyden

25. **IN LIVING COLOR - \$50/35/25. Up to 3 HMs.** Theme: Poem personifying a specific color or colors. Any style, any form. 32 line limit. Sponsor: Nancy Hampton

26. **BALLAD - \$25/15/10. Up to 3 HMs.** Ballad of 40 lines or less. Any subject. Sponsor: Bertha Johnson

27. **THE FACES OF FREEDOM - \$25/15/10. No HMs.** Theme: Reflections on freedom, preferably patriotic. Any style, any form. Sponsor: Miriam Woolfolk

GUIDELINES

ALL POEMS:

- Must be the original work of entrant.
- Cannot be published elsewhere.
- Cannot have won a cash prize.
- Be titled with something other than the contest category title, unless specified.
- Be typed, photocopied, or computer-generated, single-spaced on one side of 8 1/2 X 11 white paper.
- Use no more than a 56-character line width, including punctuation and spaces.
- Adhere to the style, form or subject stated in the category description. If there is no statement regarding these, any style, subject and/or form is acceptable.

PLEASE NOTE: All poems are limited to 32 lines including title, spaces between title and verse(s), and spaces between verses, unless stated otherwise by sponsor or judge. Observe 56-character line limit (including punctuation and spaces) in all cases.

TO SUBMIT POEMS:

- Send two clean copies of each poem.
- On both copies, place category number and name of category in the upper left-hand corner.
- On one copy only, place your name, address, phone number, email address and MEMBERSHIP STATUS in the upper right-hand corner.
- Separate copies with names and without names and organize each group in numerical order.
- Include a cover sheet, listing your name, address, phone number, email address,

category number and name, and titles of poems entered for each category.

- Submit only one poem per category except GRAND PRIX.
- No poem may be entered in more than one category.
- Do not send your only copy, as poems will not be returned.
- Enclose a No.10 (business) SASE (SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE) for a copy of Winners' List.

CONTEST FEES:

- Category 1. Grand Prix: \$5 per poem. Limit of (4) four poems for members and non-members.
- Category 2. Chaffin/Kash Award: Open to KSPS Members ONLY.
- All Other Categories:

Non-members \$2 each, one poem per category except in Grand Prix.

KSPS members: \$1 per poem except in the Grand Prix or may submit poetry in any number of categories for \$12 flat fee. Flat Fee for Members ONLY.

Make checks or money orders payable to: KSPS CONTEST FUND.

**DO NOT SEND CASH!
OVERPAYMENTS WILL NOT BE
RETURNED AND
UNDERPAYMENTS WILL RESULT
IN DISQUALIFICATION.**

MAIL SUBMISSIONS AND CONTEST FEES TO:

**Georgia Wallace
KSPS Contest Chair
11706 Frank Avenue
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DEADLINE: JUNE 30, 2012

For questions, contact Georgia Wallace at gwsd@insightbb.com or 502-244-5001.

AWARDS PRESENTATION:

Presentation of winning poems will be held at the annual Awards & Workshop Weekend to be held at General Butler State Resort Park on October 13, 2012. See website for details.

www.kystatepoetrysociety.org

Winning poets unable to attend will receive awards via mail.

First Place poems will be published in *Pegasus*, the KSPS literary journal. Copies may be purchased by sending \$3.50 per copy to:

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