

Rules and Other Minutia:

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 the Winners' List.

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.

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.

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 DIS-
QUALIFICATION.**

MAIL SUBMISSIONS AND CONTEST FEES TO:

Mick Parsons
119 E. Tenny Avenue
Louisville, KY 40214

If you have questions about the contest call or email the contest chair: (502)509-2024, mickp@gmx.com

If you would like to join the Kentucky State Poetry Society, contact the Membership Chair:

Mary Allen, KSPS Membership Chair
1092 Chinoe Road
Lexington, KY 40502-3098.

2015

Kentucky State Poetry Society

(Founded 1966)

Adult Poetry Contest



Deadline:

June 30th, 2015

kystatepoetrysociety.org

Mick Parsons, Contest Chair

CONTEST CATEGORIES

1. Grand Prix – \$100/\$50/\$25:

Theme: Any subject, any form. 4 poem limit.

Sponsor: KSPS Contest Fund

2. Chaffin/Kash Award – \$100/\$50/\$25

KSPS members Only. Honoring Lillie D. Chaffin and Dr. Vernon O. Kash.

Theme: Any subject/contemporary form.

Sponsor: Lillie D. Chaffin Endowment

3. President's Prize - \$50/\$25/\$15

Theme: Poems in Open Form and Free Verse

Sponsor and Judge: George Eklund

4. Green River Writers Award - \$30/\$20/\$10

Theme: The Thing Itself. Must be based in sensory image. Any style, any form.

Sponsor: Green River Writers, Inc.

5. The Furrbawl Prize – \$100, HM at judge's discretion

Theme: For poetry probing the borderlands of human-kind and nature. Any style or length, but send your best finished work only - not open to early drafts.

Sponsored by Broadstone Books, publisher of The Furrbawl Poems. Judged by Steven R. Cope

6. Accents Publishing Short Poem — \$50 / HM (up to 3)

Theme: Any subject. Up to 50 words, including title.

Sponsor: Accents Publishing Judge: Katerina Stoykova-Klemer

7. Humor Award – \$30/\$20/\$10

Theme: Misbehavin'. Take theme and run with it. Any style, any form.

Sponsor: Becky Lindsay, Pegasus editor.

8. Pantoum— \$30/\$20

Theme: Any. No more than 24 lines of text.

Sponsor and Judge: Jean Tucker

9. The Dirty River Press Award — \$50/\$25/\$10

Theme: Submerged and Emerged. Any style. No more than 32 lines.

Sponsor: Dirty River Press. Judge: Mick Parsons

10. Of Mice and Men --\$30/\$20/\$10/ 3HM

Theme: When Things Go Awry...

Sponsor and Judge: Debra Kuss

11. Balance of Five Poets' Award -- \$50/\$30/\$20

Theme: Sonnet (Traditional or Contemporary). 14 line limit.

Sponsors and Judges: Barbara Wade & Dorothy H. Schare

12. Faces of Freedom -- \$25/\$15/\$10/ 3 HM

Theme: Living in America. 25 line limit.

Sponsor and Judge: Miriam Lamy Woolfolk

13: Cumberland Award -- \$25/\$15/\$10/ 3 HM

Theme: Any

Sponsor and Judge: Elizabeth Howard

14. Tanka With a Pause

Theme: Any. 8 or 9 lines *Special Instructions: 5 lines of 5-7-5-7-7 syllables. (Ex: Line 1 – 5 syllables/Line 2 – 7 syllables). Write a definite pause after the first hemistich. A poem without a paus will be eliminated.*

Sponsor and Judge: Von S. Bourland

15. Monday Morning Writers Group -- \$30/\$20/\$10/3 HM

Theme: Essentials in life. 32 line limit. *Special Instructions: If you could pack a tote bag to carry through life, what would you put in it?*

Sponsors and Judges: The Monday Morning Writers Group

16. Dorothy Sutton Award -- \$50/\$25/\$10/3 HM

Theme: Any Subject, Any Style, and Form. Line length: 56 characters.

Sponsor: Elizabeth Hyden Judge: Dorothy Sutton

17. Jim Proctor Memorial Award -- \$25/\$15/\$10

Theme: Any form. 18 lines or less.

Sponsor and Judge: Vada Scott Johnson

18. Crescent Hill Writers Award -- \$30/\$20/\$10

Theme: Any form, any subject.

Sponsors and Judges: Crescent Hill Writers

19. Pulaski Writers Alliance -- \$25/\$15/\$10/ 3 HM

Theme: If Love Has a Face.

Sponsor and Judge: Pulaski Writers Alliance

20. Winklebleck's Choice Award --\$40/\$20/\$10/3 HM

Theme: Any Subject, Any Form. Humorous or Serious. 45 line limit.

Sponsor and Judge: Barbara Blanks

21. "Where Do They Go?" -- \$25/\$15/\$10

Theme: Any style, any form. Answer the question, "Where do they go?" 32 line limit. *Special Instructions: Do not use "Where do they go?" as the title.*

Sponsor and Judge: Angela Barker Thomas