

## 2016 Kentucky State Poetry Society Adult Poetry Contest Results

### Category 1: GRAND PRIX

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Paul Stroble – "Stereoscope"  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Stephanie Allison – "Past Lives"  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: John Secor – "I Feel Like a Peeping Tom"

### Category 2: CHAFFIN/KASH

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: E. Gail Chandler – "Learning My Colors"  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Rebecca Bailey – "Taste the Pomegranate"  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Charles K. Firmage – "Elusive Elegy"

### Category 3: PRESIDENT'S PRIZE

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Stephanie Allison – "When the Air Smelled of Chocolate"  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: LaVern Spencer McCarthy – "Incident at Kilgore--1945"  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: John Secor – "Born to be Mild"

### Category 4: THE FURRBAWL PRIZE

Patricia Smith – "To an Unnamed Poet"

- 1<sup>st</sup> HM: Barbara Blanks – "The Boy"  
2<sup>ND</sup> HM: Phillip Mathis – "The Salvation Awaiting"

### Category 5: THE TENNYSON

- 1st Place: Barbara Blanks – "Hold Back This Night"  
2nd Place: Linda Frisa – "Now Is The Time"  
3rd Place: Charles K. Firmage – "In Silence, Glide"  
  
1st HM: Crystie Cook – "I Won't Eat More"  
2nd HM: Lee Pelham Cotton – "On Our Last Walk"  
3rd HM: Mary A. Couch – "Within Wind's Sigh"

### Category 6: THE DOROTHY SUTTON AWARD

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Rebecca Bailey – "If Death Is My Grandmother"  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Patricia Smith – "Born Of Stardust"  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Michael Escoubas – "How To Write a Poem"  
  
1<sup>st</sup> HM: Carol Dee Meeks – "On How To Write Poetry"  
2<sup>nd</sup> HM: Nick Sweet – "Ruse de Cezanne"  
3<sup>rd</sup> HM: Lee Pelham Cotton – "Blue Skies, Bright Trees"

Category 7: WINKLEBLECK'S CHOICE AWARD

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Linda Frisa – “Ars Poetica”  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Dr. Emory D. Jones – “Blues Man”  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Debra Kuss – “A Well-Written Life”
- 1HM: Beth Staas – “Percy the Cat”  
2HM: Nick Sweet – “Decent/Descent”  
3HM: Joan Terry – “In the Eye of the Beholder”

Category 8: THE PULASKI WRITER'S ALLIANCE AWARD

- 1st Place: Katie Caswell – “Just a Simple Shadow”  
2nd Place: “When Nature Unwinds”  
3rd Place: Charles K. Firmage – “Hiding Time”
- 1st HM: The Road Leads Back To You  
2nd HM: In the Fog  
3rd HM: An Appetite for a Winding Creek

Category 9: MONDAY MORNING WRITER'S GOUP

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Charles K. Firmage – "Sea Jubilee"  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Nancy Cook – "Water is the Most Powerful Element:"  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Elaine Parker Akin – "The Dam"
- 1<sup>st</sup> HM: Becky Alexander – "Below Violet Falls"  
2<sup>nd</sup> HM: "Sea of Tranquility"  
3<sup>rd</sup> HM: E. Gail Chandler – "Fear Not"

Category 10: THE HESPELER MEMORIAL AWARD

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Nick Sweet – “Golden Rulers”  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: C.G. Thompson – “February, with Pony”  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: E. Gail Chandler – “Man with Fish”
- 1<sup>st</sup> HM: Von S. Bourland – “Big Bend Bound”  
2<sup>nd</sup> HM: Jerri Hardesty – “Sustenance”  
3<sup>rd</sup> HM: Barbara Blanks “Saturday's Childhood”

Category 11: THE DIRTY RIVER PRESS AWARD

- 1st: Cody Decker – “Cumberland Conquest”  
2nd: E. Gail Chandler – “Caught in History/June 1969”  
3rd: Stephanie Mojica “Coal Held Them All”

Category 12: HOW TWEET IT IS

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Charles K. Firmage – “Night Vision

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Debra Kuss – “C & C”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: “Billy's New Knife #52

1st HM: Beverly Stanislawski – “Marilyn”

2nd HM: Rebecca Bailey – “Corvus”

3rd HM: Becky Alexander – “Corona”