



PSV 2023-2024 Adult Contest Awards

OPEN TO ALL

ENDOWED CATEGORIES

1. **EDGAR ALLAN POE MEMORIAL.** Any form. No line limit. Awards: \$100, \$50, \$25.
Sponsored by PSV.
2. **SARAH LOCKWOOD MEMORIAL.** Sonnet in rhyme and meter. Any subject. Awards: \$100, \$50, \$25.
3. **BESS GRESHAM MEMORIAL.** Any form. Subject: friends and friendship. 48-line limit. Awards: \$50, \$30, \$20.
4. **CARLETON DREWRY MEMORIAL.** Any form. Subject: farm life or working the earth. 48-line limit. Awards: \$50, \$30, \$20.
5. **BRODIE HERNDON MEMORIAL.** Any form. Subject: heroism. 48-line limit. Awards: \$50, \$30, \$20.
6. **NANCY BYRD TURNER MEMORIAL.** Sonnet or other traditional form. State the form. Any subject. Awards: \$50, \$30, \$20.
7. **CENIE H. MOON PRIZE.** Any form. Subject: a woman or women. 48-line limit. Awards: \$50, \$30, \$20.
8. **JUDAH, SARAH, GRACE, AND TOM MEMORIAL.** Any form. Subject: encouraging reflection on inter-ethnic relations. 48-line limit. Awards: \$50, \$30, \$20.
9. **CHARLOTTE WISE MEMORIAL.** Any form. Any subject. 64-line limit. Awards: \$50, \$30, \$20.
10. **ROBERT S. SERGEANT MEMORIAL.** Any form. Subject: birds. 48-line limit. Awards: \$50, \$30, \$20.
11. **ANNE SPENCER MEMORIAL.** Any form. Subject: overcoming adversity. 64-line limit. Awards: \$50, \$30, \$20. *Sponsored by PSV.*
12. **HANDY ANDY AWARD.** Limerick. Awards: \$25, \$15, \$10

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13. **STRONG POINT OF VIEW.** Poem centered on Instruction, Debate, or Proverbial Slant (make your light shine). Any form. 36-line limit. Awards: \$50, \$30, \$20. *Sponsored by anonymous member.*

14. **ELIZABETH NEUWIRTH MEMORIAL.** Iambic pentameter. Subject: a specific work of art other than poetry (identify the work in the title, or in the poem, or in an epigraph.). 48-line limit. Awards: \$50, \$30, \$20. *Sponsored by Claudia Gary.*

15. **JOE PENDLETON CAMPBELL MEMORIAL.** Narrative poem. Any form. Any subject. 64-line limit. Awards: \$50, \$30, \$20. *Sponsored by Paula Savoy.*

16. **DR. LUCILE E. THOMPSON MEMORIAL.** Celebrating women in science and technology. Any form. 48-line limit. Awards: \$75, \$50, \$25. *Sponsored by Dr. Kathleen P. Decker.*

17. **HONORING FATHERHOOD AWARD.** Any form. Subject: honoring fathers and/or their sacrifices. 48-line limit. Awards: \$50, \$30, \$20. *Sponsored by Bill and Michelle (MiCKi) O'Hearn in memory of Theodore Tomala, Jr.*

18. **EKPHRASTIC POETRY AWARD.** Subject: a work of art other than poetry. (Either send a copy of the work or include a link to it.) Any form. 48-line limit. Awards: \$50, \$40, \$30. *Sponsored by Terry Cox-Joseph.*

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19. **JOANNE SCOTT KENNEDY MEMORIAL.** New Voices. Open only to poets who have never received a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd prize in any PSV contest. Any form. Any subject. 48-line limit. Awards: \$50, \$30, \$20. *Sponsored by Sofia Starnes.*

20. **ELIZABETH J. URQUHART MEMORIAL.** A sense of place. Places— man-made, natural, personal, or historical— inform poetry with the power to evoke the past and transcend the present. Any form. Any subject. 48-line limit. Awards: \$50, \$30, \$20. *Sponsored by Mary DeLara and Guy Terrell.*

21. **JEFFREY HEWITT MEMORIAL.** Any form. Subject: the theme of social commentary. 48-line limit. Awards: \$75, \$50, \$25. *Sponsored by Friends of Jeff Hewitt, former PSV President.*

22. **ALEXANDRA "ZAN" DELAINE HAILEY MEMORIAL.** Any form. Subject: inspired by an artist or a creator across disciplines. Example: Alexandra's Poet Laureate Project was inspired by Vincent van Gogh's letters to his brother Theo. 48-line limit. Awards: \$50, \$30, \$20. *Sponsored by the Hailey family.*

23. **HARDY HAIKU.** Three to four (3 to 4) related haiku (i.e. a series). Any subject. Awards: \$50, \$30, \$20. *Sponsored by anonymous long-term member.*

24. **CLIMATE CHANGE.** Any form. Subject: the gravity of the climate change crisis and the vulnerable state of our environment. 48-line limit. Awards: \$50, \$30, \$20. *Sponsored by anonymous member.*

25. **FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS.** Any form. Subject: family. 48-line limit. Awards: \$100, \$50, \$25. *Sponsored by Diana Kincannon.*

26. **RUSS AND ELLEN NOTAR WORLD VISION POETRY AWARD.** Any form. Subject: celebrating the world and its many languages and peoples or commenting upon the world in which we live. 48-line limit. \$50, \$30, \$20. *Sponsored by Susan Notar.*

27. **PSV SPOKEN WORD & VERSE VIDEO CONTEST.** Video of poet/poets (not more than 4 poets) reading/reciting an original poem 2-4 minutes in length. Submit in MP4 format through Google Drive or YouTube link. Poet/poets reading/reciting the original poem must be visual in the video for at least 50% of the duration. Pans to natural backgrounds allowed but NO USE OF ANIMATION, SPECIAL EFFECTS OR MUSIC IS PERMITTED.

Video poems will be judged on the following criteria:

1. Quality, originality of poem.
2. Vocal intonation and expression.
3. Balance of gesture & speech.
4. Quality and clarity of video.

Awards: \$100, \$50, \$25. *Sponsored by Nathan Richardson.*

PSV Resources

For more information about The Poetry Society of Virginia, visit:
<https://www.poetrysocietyofvirginia.org/>

Virginia Voices - Recorded readings (owned and curated by PSV member Bill Glose):
<https://www.youtube.com/@virginiapoetryon-line5270>
<https://www.youtube.com/@poetrysocietyofvirginia7859/video>

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