

OPEN TO PSV MEMBERS ONLY

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 President of PSV.

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 – 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 MP3 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.



2023

PSV 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.

PSV Resources

For more information about The Poetry Society of Virginia, visit:

<https://www.poetrysocietyofvirginia.org/>

Recorded readings:

<https://www.youtube.com/@virginiapoetryonline5270>

<https://www.youtube.com/@poetrysocietyofvirginia7859/videos>

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