ASPS SPRING 2023 CONTESTS

1. ALABAMA STATE POETRY SOCIETY SPRING CONTEST (Sponsored by ASPS)

Open to ASPS Members Only

$75, $50, $25, $10 and 3 Honorable Mentions in order of merit

Any form, any subject, no line limit.

1. SPRING YOUNG POETS CONTEST (Sponsored by Emily Grimes-Henderson)

Open to poets in 9th through 12th grade

$50, $30, $20 and Honorable Mentions at judge’s discretion

Subject: Spring and the natural world, how you relate to it and/or how it makes you feel.

Form: Any

40 line limit

1. ROSEMARIE STUTTS HAIKU CONTEST (Sponsored by Tuscaloosa Writers & Illustrators Guild)

$50, $25, $15, $10, HM at Judge’s Discretion

Subject: Any

Form: Haiku (traditional or non-traditional)

1. COME TO YOURS SENSES CONTEST (Sponsored by Jeanette Willert)  
   $50, $30, $20, HM’s at Judge’s Discretion

Subject: Write a poem in which your subject is an historical or significant personal event. YOU ARE THERE. In your poem, use your senses and tell us what you see, hear, smell, taste, and feel (as in texture).

Form: Any

40 line limit

1. BEACH BARDS PUBLISHING CONTEST (Sponsored by Kim Shackelford, Nancy Dickhute, and Heidi Schmidt)

$75, $50, $25

Subject: It’s Spring! New Birth and New Growth

Form: Sonnet

Line Limit: 14 (as dictated by form)

1. MIKE & NANCY MEMORIAL AWARD (sponsored by Teri Reese)

$75, $50, $25 and 3 HMs

Subject: “A Change in Course”

Form: Prose Poem

Length: Title through end of poem not to exceed half a page

1. BUDDY ROBERTS MEMORIAL AWARD (Sponsored by Harry and Rita Moritz)

$50, $25, $15, $10, Honorable Mentions at judge’s discretion

Subject: Making a Difference

Form: Poet’s Choice (If you use a form, name it.)

40 line limit

1. PRECIOUS PRODIGAL CONTEST (Sponsored by Harry and Rita Moritz)

$60, $25, $15

Subject: Any

Form: Any Standard Form (Entry must state the form, and comply with its requirements)

Line Limit: As dictated by form

1. I’LL TAKE THE FRENCH FORM, S’IL VOUS PLAIT (sponsored by Writer’s Anonymous)

$75, 50, 25 (Honorable Mentions at judge’s discretion)

Subject: Open (no politics)

Form: Any French form (such as Villanelle, Rondel, Cinquain, Rondeau, etc.)

Line Limit: As dictated by form

1. THALASSIC POETRY CONTEST (sponsored by Jessica Temple)

$50, $50, $20, HM at judge’s discretion

Subject: The Sea

Form: Any

40 line limit

1. ELIZA DARGAN WARE MEMORIAL CONTEST (Sponsored by Dargan Ware)

$30, $20, $10, HMs at judge’s discretion

Subject: Mountains (real or metaphorical)

Form: Any

40 line limit

1. STORK CONTEST (Sponsored by Myra Ward)

$25, $15, $10, $5 (Honorable Mentions at judge’s discretion)

Subject: The Stork

Any Form

40 line limit

**RULES!** (We gotta have rules, otherwise there is chaos.)

1. **Deadline for entry is April 15, 2023. Entries must be either postmarked or received online by that date.**

2. Entry Fees:

ASPS Members: $1 per poem.

Non-Members: $5 per poem.

No limit on number of poems whether member or non-member!

3. More than one poem can be submitted in any category, but only one poem per poet may win in a category.

4. The same poem may not be entered into more than one category.

5. Poems cannot have won a monetary award in a previous ASPS contest.

6. Poems cannot have been previously published, including online.

7. The line limit for each category is stated in the contest.

**Submission Guidelines:**

By Mail:

* Submit **2 copies** of each poem on 8 ½ by 11 paper, using plain type and fonts only.
* On each copy, **put category name and number** in the ***upper left hand corner***.
* On one copy only, put your **name, address, e-mail, and “member” or “non-member”** in the ***upper right hand corner***. (Address labels are acceptable.)
* Submissions should be mailed to:

Dargan M. Ware, Contest Chair

2154 Highland Avenue S.

Birmingham, AL 35205

Online:

* Entries can be submitted at alpoets.org until midnight on **April 15**
* Create the documents as you would to mail, with two copies of each poem
* Submit your entries as a single .pdf file.

If you would like a copy of the winners list, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the contest chair.

**Questions? Complaints? Brilliant poetry-related thoughts?** Email the contest chair at dware@davisnorris.com