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2024 Dr. Lily Peter Spring Celebration Contest Winners

Dr. Lily Peter Memorial Award - Chair John McPherson - 23 entries - Judged by Nick Boone of

Searcy, AR - sponsored by Roxie Wilson

1st "Cloister: A French Sonnet" Dr. Emory Jones, Iuka, MS
2nd "Divergent" Alyssa Darby, Cabot, AR
3rd "The Language of Silence" Sherri Croom, Brookland, AR
1st HM "After" Lorraine Jeffery, Orem, UT

2nd HM "March of the Monarchs" Daniel Moreschi, Wales, United Kingdom

3rd HM "Subject of a Divorce Decree" Dennis Patton, Alexander, AR

Verna Lee Hinegardner Memorial Award - Chair John McPherson - 22 entries - Judged by Rhonda

Roberts of Searcy, AR - sponsored by Dr. John Crawford

"Snow Kisses" Sara Gipson, Scott, AR 1st 2nd "In the Embrace of Grace" Sherri Croom, Brookland, AR 3rd "A Mother's Love" Janice Canerdy, Potts Camp, MS 1st HM "Searching for Yesterday" Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL "First Love Lesson" 2nd HM Fay Guinn, Jonesboro, AR "Shopping Spree of Armageddon" Mike Wahl, Athens, AL 3rd HM

Freeda Baker Nichols Memorial Award - Chair Pat Laster - 23 entries - Judged by Jan Hamlett of

Little Rock, AR - sponsored by Pat Laster

1st"Mississippi Musings"Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL2nd"Close Neighbors"Lorraine Jeffery, Orem, UT3rd"In the Corner"Marilyn Joyner, El Dorado, AR1st HM"Through a Glass Darkly"John McPherson, Searcy, AR

2nd HM "Last Look" Larry Witherspoon, Little Rock, AR

3rd HM "Glorious Morsels" Pat Durmon, Norfork, AR

2024 Spring Celebration Serious Verse - 5 entries - Judged by attendees

1st - tie"The beasts inside"Cathy Moran, Little Rock, AR1st - tie"In Solitude"Sherri Croom, Brookland, AR

2024 Spring Celebration Light Verse - 5 entries - Judged by attendees

1st "The Not So Normal Dog" Dennis Patton, Alexander, AR

2024 Pat Laster Collegiate Poetry Contest - Chair Karen Moulton - Judged by Donna Smith of

Fayetteville, AR

3rd HM

1st "White Paint" Jordan Self, University of Arkansas at

Monticello

2nd "Lives" Ayden Pritchard, Harding University

3rd "Verses of the Universes" Michelle Dewinta Johnston, Hendrix College

1st HM"Piety"Elliott Coombes, Harding University2nd HM"january"Joseph Huffaker, Harding University

3rd HM "Jonesing" Mercedes McCool, University of Arkansas at

Monticello

2024 Harding Stedler Memorial Student Contest - Senior Division - Chair Lisa Lindsey - 17 entries

- Judged by Donna Geise of Owens Cross Roads, Alabama

"Finding Comfort in Darkness"

1st "Summer Days" Alana Green, Benton Junior High

2nd "The Magic of the Night" Makenna Kutzschebauch, AR School for

Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts

Logan Clark, Benton Middle School

3rd "Boys in Blue" Easton Ochoa, Benton Junior High

2024 Harding Stedler Memorial Student Contest - Junior Division - Chair Lisa Lindsey - 111 entries - Judged by Gail Denham of Bend, OR

1st "Pomegranate" Megan Shmidt, Benton Middle School
2nd "Three Braided Trees" Olivia Cheatham, Benton Middle School
3rd "A True Curse" Olivia Ray Strawn, Benton Middle School
1st HM "A Gunners Dream" Landon Mcanally, Benton Middle School
2nd HM "What is love" Azrael Pedretti, Benton Middle School