



## **POETS' ROUNDTABLE OF ARKANSAS**

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### **2025 Dr. Lily Peter Spring Celebration Contest Winners April 12, 2025**

**Dr. Lily Peter Memorial Award** – 22 entries – judged by Dot Hatfield – sponsored by Roxie Wilson

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	Lydia Cheatham	“Success”
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	Jerri Hardesty	“A Blessing For Poets”
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>	Ann Carolyn Cates	“Suddenly Breadwinner”
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Honorable Mention</b>	Betty Jo Middleton	“A Memory of Paris”
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Honorable Mention</b>	Larry Witherspoon	“Moon Shine”
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Honorable Mention</b>	Terrie Jacks	“adrift”

**Verna Lee Hinegardner Memorial Award** – 21 entries – judged by Nick Boone – sponsored by John Crawford

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	Karen Moulton	“Benediction”
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	Lorraine Jeffery	“Eight Seconds”
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>	Teresa Klepac	“Fascinating Clutter”
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Honorable Mention</b>	Laura Bridges	“In Surgery – A Dream”
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Honorable Mention</b>	Alyssa Darby	“Grief Is A Crossroad”
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Honorable Mention</b>	Ann Carolyn Cates	“Springtide”

**Freeda Baker Nichols Memorial Award** – 22 entries – judged by Jan Hamlett – sponsored by Pat Laster

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	Lorraine Jeffery	“Shaky Legs”
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	John McPherson	“That Dark Messenger”
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>	Sara Gipson	“Toting Love”
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Honorable Mention</b>	Karen Moulton	“The Yin and Yang of This Place”
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Honorable Mention</b>	Jerri Hardesty	“Stealing from the Wind”
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Honorable Mention</b>	Larry Witherspoon	“The Trumpets of Magness Lake”

**Spring Celebration Serious Verse** – 10 entries – judged by conference attendees (three-way tie)

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	Cathy Moran	“waiting for the words”
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	John McPherson	“Unblissful Ignorance”
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	Karen Moulton	“Literary Still Life”

**Spring Celebration Light Verse** – 4 entries – judged by conference attendees

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	Larry Witherspoon	“Disqualified”
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**2025 Pat Laster Collegiate Poetry Contest** – 33 entries – judged by Joan Barrett Roberts – sponsored by Lydia Cheatham

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	Emma Field	“royal woods”
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	Kas Armstrong	“Waiting on God in a Hair Salon”
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>	Aithne Emmons	“Catalogue”
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Honorable Mention</b>	Madeline Mundkowsky	“A Love Poem to the Ginkgo Tree in Sewanee”
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Honorable Mention</b>	Jiana Manglicmot	“I found our yellow home”
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Honorable Mention</b>	Clara Kernodle	“East”

**PRA Student Contest – Senior Division** – 9 entries – judged by John McPherson

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	Caroline Riley	“The Glue that Binds”
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	Olivia Nony	“Head First”
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>	Lilly Gray	“A Love So Deep”
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Honorable Mention</b>	Samantha Olvey	“Unsullied Waters”
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Honorable Mention</b>	Ysabelle Baccam	“If it is Not Being...”
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Honorable Mention</b>	Katie Carpenter	“Untitled”

**PRA Student Contest – Junior Division** – 47 entries – judged by Rick Houston

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	Zane Henry	“The Boy Who Fought in World War 2”
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	Gabriel Moran	“Emotion”
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>	Sajeda Abdalrahman	“The Moons Rise”
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Honorable Mention</b>	Olivia McVey	“The Little Frog and the Large Dog”
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Honorable Mention</b>	Kenadee Kesterson	“Poor Boy”
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Honorable Mention</b>	Aiden Horowitz	“Deep Water Blues”