

PSO WINNERS – MARCH 2024

Category 1:

- 1st Place Catherine Moran – “Caught in a chance”
- 2nd Place LaVern Spencer McCarthy – “The Things That Last”
- 3rd Place Jerri Hardesty – “Home for Christmas”
- 1st HM Lorraine Jeffery – “Polaroid Pictures” (TIE)
- 1st HM Dena R. Gorrell – “I Think She’s Got It” (TIE)
- 2nd HM Patricia J. Koch – “Shadows of Innocence”
- 3rd HM Rita Aiken Moritz – “A Song Bird’s Symphony”

Category 2:

- 1st Place Judith Rycroft – “Escape”
- 2nd Place Teresa H. Klepac – “Star Cast Lavendar Fields”
- 3rd Place Trina Lee – “Time Past”
- 1st HM Dena R. Gorrell – “I Will Understand Someday”
- 2nd HM Rita Aiken Moritz – “Marriage D’Amour”

Category 3:

- 1st Place Catherine Moran – “Discovering the light”
- 2nd Place Rita Aiken Moritz – “Pots of Clay”
- 3rd Place Delores Walker – “Juxtaposition”
- 1st HM Sara Gipson – “Moment in the Sun”
- 2nd HM LaVern Spencer McCarthy – “The Light Seeker”
- 3rd HM Donna Geise – “Arrival”

Category 4:

- 1st Place Lorraine Jeffery – “Eight Seconds”
- 2nd Place Rita Aiken Moritz – “She Finished Best”
- 3rd Place Dr. Emory D. Jones – “Survivor”
- 1st HM Patricia J. Koch – “Watch the Thunder Roll”
- 2nd HM Jerri Hardesty – “Friendly Competition”

Category 5:

- 1st Place Dena R. Gorrell – untitled haiku
- 2nd Place Jerri Hardesty – untitled haiku
- 3rd Place LaVern Spencer McCarthy – untitled haiku
- HM Daniel Moreschi – untitled haiku

Category 6:

- 1st Place Jerri Hardesty – “Hiking the Hills”
- 2nd Place Lorraine Jeffery – “On Purpose”
- 3rd Place LaVern Spencer McCarthy – “Father’s Revival”
- 1st HM Trina Lee – “Time Lapse”
- 2nd HM Tanya R. Whitney – “Hands of Time”
- 3rd HM Dena R. Gorrell – “My Father, My Hero”
- Citation Patricia J. Koch – “My Father’s Hands”

Category 7:

- 1st Place Trina Lee – “Overworked”
- 2nd Place Audrey Streetman – “Grief”
- 3rd Place Judith Rycroft – “Yea, though I walk through the valley”
- 1st HM Lisbeth L. McCarty – “Purity”
- 2nd HM John W. Crawford – “What is New?”
- 3rd HM John W. Coppock – “A Graphic for the Web”

Category 8:

- 1st Place LaVern Spencer McCarthy – “Homecoming”
- 2nd Place Sara Gipson – “Snow Kisses”
- 3rd Place Audrey Streetman – “There’s Something About a Sunday”
- 1st HM Anita Dees – “Oranges for a Friend”
- 2nd HM Dena R. Gorrell – “We Almost Skipped Christmas”
- 3rd HM Jerri Hardesty – “Just Sayin’”
- 4th HM John W. Coppock – “The Daily Same but Changed”

Category 9:

- 1st Place Jerri Hardesty – “We Are the Bards”
- 2nd Place Donna Geise – “So We Could Smile”
- 3rd Place Rita Aiken Moritz – “These Things Take Time”
- 1st HM Sara Gipson – “Remember Jane”
- 2nd HM Trina Lee – “The Arrangement”
- 3rd HM Delores Walker – “A Stroll to Remember”

Category 10:

- 1st Place Donna Geise – “Grandparents: A Modern Sestina”
- 2nd Place LaVern Spencer McCarthy – “Politics and Leftovers”
- 3rd Place Gail Denham – “Ode to a Family Gathering”
- 1st HM Sara Gipson – “Camping with Twin Brothers”
- 2nd HM Rita Aiken Moritz – “Summer Days and Lemonade”

Category 11:

- 1st Place Donna Geise – “From Me to You”
- 2nd Place Sara Gipson – “Snowy Egret Photographs”
- 3rd Place Trina Lee – “Ian”
- 1st HM Delores Walker – “Arpeggio”
- 2nd HM Judith Rycroft – “Sanctuary”
- 3rd HM Jerri Hardesty – “Delta T (Temperature Change)”

Category 12:

- 1st Place Rita Aiken Moritz – “Ode to the Scissortail Flycatcher”
- 2nd Place Delores Walker – “By the Wayside”
- 3rd Place Lisbeth L. McCarty – “Fork-Tailed Generosity”
- HM Patricia J. Koch – “Mother Nature”

Category 13:

- 1st Place Catherine Moran – “All the secrets of a visit”
- 2nd Place Rita Aiken Moritz – “We Were More Than Sisters”
- 3rd Place LaVern Spencer McCarthy – “My Friend, Mary”
- 1st HM Lisbeth L. McCarty – “Definitely”
- 2nd HM Donna Geise – “Backseat Girls”
- 3rd HM Patricia J. Koch – “Through the Years”

Category 14:

- 1st Place Catherine Moran – “Waiting to hear your voice”
- 2nd Place Gail Denham – “Yard Sale Find”
- 3rd Place Rita Aiken Moritz – “Her Phoenix Muse”
- 1st HM Dena R. Gorrell – “Peach Blossom Memories”
- 2nd HM Jerri Hardesty – “Cleaning House”
- 3rd HM Delores Walker – “Time Moves On”

Category 15:

- 1st Place Rita Aiken Moritz – “Happiness is a Choice”
- 2nd Place Gail Denham – “River”
- 3rd Place Sara Gipson – “Perseverance”
- 1st HM Georgia Herz – “Hurdles”
- 2nd HM Trina Lee – “Rhetoric”
- 3rd HM Donna Geise – “Windows”

PSO Poet Laureate = LaVern Spencer McCarthy

1st Runner-Up PL = Trina Lee

2nd Runner-Up PL = Dena R. Gorrell