

2011 FSPA Annual Contest Winners

Category 1 FSPA Free Verse Award—Free Verse—Judge: Larry Hand GA 77 entries—1st place Daniel R. Tardona FL "Nature Most Articulate"—2nd place Laura Loughridge AR "Nature's Stasis"—3rd place Paul Amidon NY "Dance Recital"—1st HM Judith Krum FL—2nd HM Mary A. Couch IN—3rd HM Paul Amidon NY

Category 2 FSPA Formal Verse Award—Traditional Form—Judge: Eleanor Berry OR 59 entries—1st place Lee Pelham Cotton VA "Not A Good Fit For Us"—2nd place Janet Watson FL "Upon Instilling Eye Drops Twice a Day"—3rd place Lee Pelham Cotton VA "Still, He Prefers to Call Them 'Shooting Stars'"—1st HM Dalene Stull OH—2nd HM Mary Jo Balistreri WI—3rd HM Sara Gipson AR

Category 3 Henrietta & Mark Kroah Founders Award—Villanelle—Judge: Dian Barnett GA 49 entries—1st place Florence Bruce TN "Old Bride"—2nd place Barbara Blanks TX "Accommodating Rabbits"—3rd place Lee Pelham Cotton VA "A Time to Dream"—1st HM Faye Adams MO—2nd HM Judith Krum FL—3rd HM Mary Jo Balistreri WI

Category 4 Past Presidents Award—Spoon River—Judge: Nancy Breen OH 38 entries—1st place Janet Watson FL "The Man Who Loved Marcella"—2nd place Caroline Walton FL "Potions & Pander"—3rd place Genevieve Didier DeWitt LA "Sammy Mann"—1st HM Barbara J. Funke IN—2nd HM Leslie Blakeburn TN—3rd HM B.J. Alligood FL

Category 5 R.W. Emerson Award—Any Form, inspired by Emerson's lines—Judge: Darleen Butler IN 20 entries—1st place Janet Watson FL "Archangel's Watch"—2nd place Glenna Glee IN "Upon Wide Wings"—3rd place Lee Pelham Cotton VA "Counsel for a Young Airman"—1st HM Deborah Gerrish NJ—2nd HM Coleen T. Ward FL—3rd HM Von S. Bourland TX

Category 6 Robert Shelford Memorial Award—Limerick—Judge: Vera Bakker UT 45 entries—1st place Marilyn Tullys OH "Who is really in charge?"—2nd place Valerie Esker FL "Just Desserts"—3rd place Joyce Shiver FL "Wash his mouth out with soap"—1st HM Janet Watson FL—2nd HM Beverly Stanislawski IN—3rd HM LaVern Spencer McCarthy OK

Category 7 Jeanne Buelke Memorial Award—Portrait Poem—Judge: Valerie Martin Bailey TX 48 entries—1st place Judith Krum FL "Smoking Her Chesterfields"—2nd place Esther Latz FL "Confessions to Deacon Jones"—3rd place Fran Orenstein FL "The Pictures on Her Wall"—1st HM Gail Teachworth FL—2nd HM Mary Jo Balistreri WI—3rd HM Leslie Blakeburn TN

Category 8 J. Hartwell Jones Memorial Award—Gloss—Judge: Lucille Morgan Wilson IA 28 entries—1st place Hilda F. Wales NM "We Pass Through The Night"—2nd place Coleen T. Ward FL "A Taking of Water"—3rd place Barbara J. Funke IN "Anticlimax"—1st HM Joyce Shiver FL—2nd HM Barbara Blanks TX—3rd HM John F. Foster FL

Category 9 Joyce Mikkola Memorial Award—Ballad—Judge: DeAnna Spurlock PA 31 entries—1st place Joyce Shiver FL "The Farm Woman"—2nd place Janet Watson FL "Over the Falls in a Barrel"—3rd place Gail Teachworth FL "A Ballad in White and Red"—1st HM Lee Pelham Cotton VA—2nd HM Coleen T. Ward FL—3rd HM Barbara Blanks TX

Category 10 Sonnet Award—Sonnet—Judge: Christine DeLea OR 47 entries—1st place Lee Pelham Cotton VA "Burned Out"—2nd place Barbara Humphreys FL "Voice of the Tufted Titmouse"—3rd place Catherine Moran AR "Filling the space"—1st HM Janet Watson FL—2nd HM Sam Wood NV—3rd HM Coleen T. Ward FL

Category 11 Humor Award—Humorous subject, no jokes—Judge: Jim Barton AR 51 entries—1st place B.J. Alligood FL "Signs of Menopause"—2nd place Barbara Blanks TX "Lost and Mounds"—3rd place Judith Krum FL "On the tip of my tongue"—1st HM Kolette Montague UT—2nd HM Laura Loughridge AR—3rd HM Caroline Walton FL

Category 12 Matador Award—Matadors, Free Verse—Judge: Polly Opsahl MI 13 entries—1st place Janet Watson FL "The Color of Pain"—2nd place B.J. Alligood FL "The Dance of El Toro"—3rd place John F. Foster FL "Matador"—1st HM Jerri Hardesty AL—2nd HM Joyce Shiver FL—3rd HM Marilyn Tullys OH

Category 13 LaVaughn Hess Award—Rubaiyat—Judge: Linda A. Scholfield OH 16 entries—1st place Coleen T. Ward FL "Sandy Dunes Trailer Park Manager's Office, Early Morning"—2nd place Shirley Reese IN "Poor Rhyming Dictionary"—3rd place Judith Krum FL "The Nectar of the Rose"—1st HM Joyce Shiver FL—2nd HM Janet Watson FL—3rd HM Carol Dee Meeks OK

Category 14 John Buelke Memorial Award—Poet's Choice—Judge: Susan Stevens Chambers MN 61 entries—1st place Mary Jo Balistreri WI "Poetry"—2nd place Audrey Cooke FL "Craig's List"—3rd place Coleen T. Ward FL "A Dry Future"—1st HM LaVern Spencer McCarthy OK—2nd HM Kolette Montague UT—3rd HM Barbara Blanks TX

Category 15 Travelers' Award—A journey, Free Verse—Judge: Doris Stengel MN 49 entries—1st place Caroline Zarlengo Sposto TN "Jap Camp"—2nd place Janet Watson FL "The Road to Hana"—3rd place Barbara Blanks TX "Gone to Texas"—1st HM Catherine Moran AR—2nd HM Coleen T. Ward FL—3rd HM Barbara J. Funke IN

Category 16 Sunshine Poets Award—Minute—Judge: Esther Towns IN 38 entries—1st place Crystie Cook UT "A Point About Pigeons"—2nd place Coleen T. Ward FL "The End's Beginning"—3rd place Lynda La Rocca CO "Houseguest From Hell"—1st HM Wilda Morris IL—2nd HM Barbara Blanks TX—3rd HM Jerri Hardesty AL

Category 17 Peace Award—Subject: Peace—Judge: Linda Banks TX 44 entries—1st place Coleen T. Ward FL "A Teacher's Ten Weeks of Truth"—2nd place Mary Jo Balistreri WI "Solace in December"—3rd place Catherine Moran AR "Peace in the shower"—1st HM Crystie Cook UT—2nd HM Betty Prisendorf FL—3rd HM Dalene Stull OH

Category 18 Live Poets Award—Subject: The Dark Side—Judge: Floyd Lamrouex "Michaud" TX 58 entries—1st place D. Beecher Smith, II TN "The Eskimo Alternative"—2nd place Beverly Stanislawski IN "Ebon Hours of Life"—3rd place B.J. Allgood FL "Living in the Void"—1st HM Valerie Esker FL—2nd HM Dalene Stull OH—3rd HM Paul Amidon NY

Category 19 June Owens Memorial Award—A "How To" Poem—Judge: Dena Gorrell OK 30 entries—1st place Glenna Glee IN "How to Perform on Stage"—2nd place Jerri Hardesty AL "Baking Christmas Cookies"—3rd place Marilyn Tullys OH "Praying"—1st HM Gail Denham OR—2nd HM Crystie Cook UT—3rd HM Catherine Moran AR

Category 20 Miami Poets Award—Subject: Time—Judge: Robert Frederickson UT 50 entries—1st place Lee Pelham Cotton VA "Richmond Piano Bar, 1981"—2nd place Louise Cook UT "Time Bridge"—3rd place Vera Mae Bakker UT "The Hourglass Runs Dry"—1st HM Barbara Blanks TX—2nd HM Coleen T. Ward FL—3rd HM Esther Latz FL

Category 21 Tomoka Poets Award—Subject: Remembering the Movies—Judge: Rosalyn Ostler UT 29 entries—1st place Joyce Shiver FL "Martha's Movies"—2nd place Catherine Moran AR "Watch Atticus Finch One More Time"—3rd place Barbara Blanks TX "Oh My Goodness"—1st HM Louise Cook UT—2nd HM David L. Byrn AZ—3rd HM Cheri Lynn Quattrochi AR

Category 22 Joseph V. Hickey Memorial Award—Subject: Mountain (metaphoric)—Judge: John Ottley, Jr. GA 25 entries—1st place Marilyn Tullys OH "Gazing at x-ray"—2nd place Mary Jo Balistreri WI "Elegy For My Father"—3rd place Jean Calkins NC "How Many Lives?"—1st HM Sara Gipson AR—2nd HM Hilda F. Wales NM—3rd HM Gail Denham OR

Category 23 Readers' Award—Subject: On Writers or Writing—Judge: Carolyn Walker MI 44 entries—1st place Glenna Glee IN "Writing the Villanelle"—2nd place Audrey Cooke FL "Myth Makers"—3rd place John McBride IA "Here at Alexandria's Great Library, where Euclid and Archimedes Studied"—1st HM Joyce Shiver FL—2nd HM Fran Orenstein FL—3rd HM Von S. Bourland TX

Category 24 Nightlight Award—Subject: Sleeping Babies—Judge: Jeanette C. Maes MA 23 entries—1st place Barbara Blanks TX "Jump Start"—2nd place Betty Ann Whitney FL "Cradle of Green"—3rd place Mary A. Couch IN "Dawn's Tomorrow Beckons Us"—1st HM Vera Mae Bakker UT—2nd HM Gail Teachworth FL—3rd HM Coleen T. Ward FL

Category 25 Children's Award—Poem must tell a story, Rhymed and Metered—Judge: Bill Reyer OH 30 entries—1st place Caroline Walton FL "Miss Hill's Third Grade Class"—2nd place Darlene Stull OH "I Whine at Spelling"—3rd place B.J. Allgood FL "Summer Fare"—1st HM Fran Orenstein FL—2nd HM Mary A. Couch IN—3rd HM Vera Mae Bakker UT