

**1. CLAIRE van BREEMEN  
DOWNES MEMORIAL  
GRAND PRIZE AWARD**

Prizes \$ 125  
75  
50

Any form. Any subject. 50 line limit. **Entry Fee: This Category Only** LOMP Members: \$1 per poem. Nonmembers: \$2 per poem. LIMIT: 8 poems per poet.  
*Sponsor: League of Minnesota Poets*

**2. STEVENS FAMILY AWARD**

Prizes \$ 70  
50  
30

Any form. Subject: Relationships. 50 line limit. *Sponsor: Susan S. Chambers & Christina Flaughter*  
*In memory of Murry, Barbara & Scott Stevens.*

**3. WOODTICK POETS AWARD**

Prizes \$ 65  
35  
20

Any form. Any subject 24 line limit.  
*Sponsor: Woodtick Poets Retreat Participants*

**4. SOUTHERN MN POETS  
SOCIETY AWARD**

Prizes \$ 60  
35  
15

Form: Narrative. Any subject. 45 line limit.  
*Sponsor: Southern Minnesota Poets Society*

**5. WRIT IN WATER AWARD**

Prizes \$ 60  
25  
15

Any form. Subject: A serious poem about making poetry. 40 line limit. *Sponsor: Alan Downes*  
*In memory of Claire van Breemen Downes*

**6. GRAND VIEW AWARD**

Prizes \$ 50  
30  
20

Any form. Subject: The elephant in the room. 45 line limit  
*Sponsor: The Grand View Poets*

**7. HELEN PAPPAS MEMORIAL  
AWARD**

Prizes \$ 50  
30  
20

Any form. Subject: Ancestry/heritage. 50 line limit.  
*Sponsor: Charmaine Donovan & John Pappas*

**8. FLORENCE HYNES WILLETTE  
MEMORIAL AWARD**

Prizes \$ 50  
30  
20

Any form. Subject: Humor  
30 line limit.  
*Sponsor: Mary Willette Hughes*

**9. ROY B. MOORE MEMORIAL  
AWARD**

Prizes \$ 50  
30  
20

Any Form. Subject: Changing Your Life. 20 to 30 lines. Dealing with major *deliberate* changes in the life of the speaker, or the consequences of such a change. But not directly related to physical health or medical conditions. Examples: marriage, retirement, divorce, religious affiliation, career change or economic activity.  
*Sponsor: John Calvin Rezmerski*

**10. LILIAN OSBORN MEMORIAL  
AWARD**

Prizes \$ 50  
30  
20

Any form. Any subject. 40 line limit.  
*Sponsor: Lilian Osborn Estate*

**11. MUSICA AWARD**

Prizes \$ 50  
30  
20

Form: Lyric Subject: Music, Song and/or Dance  
40 line limit  
*Sponsor: Steven and Mary Vogel*

**12. BLIZZARD WRITERS AWARD**

Prizes \$ 50  
30  
20

Subject: Aging. Any form.  
40 line limit.  
*Sponsor: Blizzard Writers Retreat Participants*

**13. YOU GO, ALAN! AWARD**

Prizes \$ 35  
20  
10

Any Form Subject: Intentional  
Commitment/Partners 40 line limit.  
*Honoring Alan Downes*  
*Sponsor: Anonymous*

**14. SOUTHEASTERN MN POETS  
AWARD**

Prizes \$ 35  
20  
10

Form: Free Verse. Subject: Journey Line limit:  
between 45-75  
*Sponsor: Southeastern Mn Poets Society*

**15. LOST IN TRANSLATION  
AWARD**

Prizes \$ 30  
20  
10

Any form. Subject: Foreign language. 40 line limit  
*Sponsor: Ruth Schmidt-Baeumler*  
*In memory of Swan Frost Pierson*

**16. HEARTLAND POETS AWARD**

Prizes \$ 30  
20  
10

Any form. Any subject. 35 line limit.  
*Sponsor: Heartland Poets*

**17. GOING GLOBAL AWARD**

Prizes \$ 30  
20  
10

Any Form. Subject: Global health today and your role in it. Accepting that climate change has begun, what part can and will you play in addressing issues that ensue? 40 line limit.  
*Sponsor: Ed Brekke Kramer*

**18. STEPPING OFF THE CLIFF**

Prizes \$ 30  
15  
10

Any form. Subject: Moving on. Letting go and/or embracing the new. 40 line limit.  
*Sponsor: Laurel Winter*

**19. BRING BACK THE PRAIRIES  
POETRY AWARD**

Prizes \$ 25  
15  
10

Any Form. Subject. Prairies 40 line limit.  
*Sponsor: Henry Panowitsch*

**20. MISSISSIPPI VALLEY POETS  
& WRITERS HAIKU AWARD**

Prizes \$ 20  
15  
10

Form: Japanese Traditional or Modern—but no sequences  
*Sponsor: Mississippi Valley Poets & Writers*

**21. MY MOTHER'S PURSE AWARD**

Prizes \$ 20  
15  
10

Any form. Subject: My Mother's Purse. 40 line limit.  
*Sponsor: Susan McMillan*

**22. LET LOVE SHOW**

Prizes \$ 20  
15  
10

Any form, Subject: A love poem  
40 Line limit  
*Sponsor: Bethany Berry*  
*In honor of the marriage of Sue Chambers & Henry Panowitsch*

## STUDENT CONTESTS:

NATIONAL MANNINGHAM STUDENT POETRY COMPETITION. This contest is open to all Minnesota students in public, private and parochial schools grades 6 through 12. Poems are first judged on a state level in the beginning of 2015. Winners at state level are submitted for national competition. For contest rules: send SASE to:

**Peter Stein**  
**2029 103rd Ave NW**  
**Coon Rapids, MN 55433**

The National Federation of State Poetry Societies also sponsors a college level scholarship competition in January of each year; see the website for more information: [www.nfsps.org](http://www.nfsps.org).

## LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA POETS (LOMP)

holds biannual meetings, supports regional chapters in Minnesota, and publishes the *MOCCASIN* anthology. Membership includes a subscription to the *LOMPLIGHTER* newsletter and membership in the National Federation of State Poetry Societies. Membership fee: \$20 a year, student memberships (K-12): \$10.

Send dues to LOMP Treasurer:  
**Susan McMillan**  
**6327 Oak Meadow Lane Northwest**  
**Rochester, MN 55906**

Or register online through our website:  
[www.mnpoets.org](http://www.mnpoets.org)

## REGIONAL CHAPTERS

Polaris Poets -- Duluth  
Grand View Poets-- St. Cloud/Sartell  
Heartland Poets -- Brainerd Lakes Area  
Mississippi Valley Poets & Writers -- Twin Cities  
Southeastern Minnesota Poets-- Rochester  
Southern Minnesota Poets Society -- Mankato

## GENERAL RULES

1. Send entries in one mailing to contest chair:

**Peter Stein**  
**2029 103rd Ave NW**  
**Coon Rapids, MN 55433**

Questions? e-mail: [pwilliamstein@yahoo.com](mailto:pwilliamstein@yahoo.com)

**No entries will be accepted before May 1, 2015**

2. Make check payable to: LOMP CONTEST
3. Enclose SASE for contest results, if desired.
4. Deadline: **July 31, 2015**(postmark)
5. **Fees: LOMP members**
  - a. Categories #2 - #25: total fee \$5
  - b. If entering fewer than 5 poems: \$1 per poem
  - c. Category #1 Grand Prize fee: \$1 per poem
  - d. One poem per category, except #1: limit 8
6. **Fees: Nonmembers**
  - a. Categories #2 - #25: \$1 per poem
  - b. Category #1 Grand Prize fee: \$2 per poem
  - c. One poem per category, except #1: limit 8
7. Money Orders must be United States issue.

## QUALIFICATIONS -- ALL ENTRIES:

1. Must be original work of the contestant.
2. Not have won a *money* award in any contest.
3. A poem entered must be unpublished and not currently submitted to any other contest
4. A poem can be submitted in one category only.
5. Limit one poem per category, except category #1.
6. Sponsors may enter their own category.
7. One column only per page, no copyright marks.
8. Poems should not contain art work of any kind.
9. Please *staple* poems that are more than one page.

## FORMAT

1. All poems must be titled, except haiku.
2. Poems typed on one side of 8-1/2 x 11 paper.
3. Make two copies. In upper left corner of **both copies**; indicate the category # and award.
4. **NO IDENTIFYING MARKS ON UNNAMED COPIES.**
5. **On second copy only, upper right corner:** Name, address, and email address and whether or not you are a member of LOMP.  
**Separate into two piles, one named, one unnamed.**
6. Poems won't be returned.

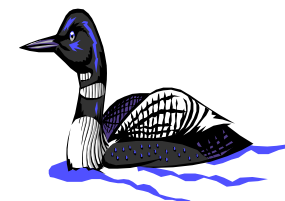
**WINNING CONTESTANTS:** Winners announced at LOMP convention in Fall (Oct or Nov).  
Winners' certificates and prize checks will be mailed if not present. Poems will not be published.

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