



**MISSISSIPPI POETRY SOCIETY, INC.
2010 FALL FESTIVAL
CONTEST RULES**

ELIGIBILITY – This contest is open to all poets. Poems must be original and unpublished and should not have won or placed in any poetry contest, other than honorable mention. A poet may not enter the same poem in more than one category.

FORM – Entries must be in black ink on white or off-white 8.5" x 11" computer-generated paper or typewritten and must be submitted in an 8 ½ x 11 or 10 x 16 mailing envelope. No photocopies will be accepted. All entries must meet the form requirement and line limit specified by the category entered. Participants should submit two (2) copies of each poem per category. Each copy must have the category name and the category number in the UPPER LEFT corner. Only one copy should show the poet's name, complete US mailing address, and email address (if available) in the UPPER RIGHT corner. The entry fee is \$2 per category, except for students, and must be included with the entries. There is no entry fee for students. The maximum fee to enter this contest is \$10.00.

Checks must be made payable to Mississippi Poetry Society, Inc.

AWARDS – Certificates and monetary prizes will be awarded to the winners at the MPS Fall Festival in Jackson on November 13, 2010. Checks should be cashed within 45 days of their awarding. Send SASE or email address for winners list.

DEADLINE – A postmark of **October 16, 2010, is the deadline.** No entries postmarked after this date will be accepted. Send entries to the following address:

Mississippi Poetry Society, Inc.
Dierdre Payne, Contest Coordinator
P.O. Box 424
Ridgeland, MS 39158

CATEGORY #1 – MPS PRESIDENT'S AWARD (Sponsored by Emory D. Jones). **FORM** – Open. **SUBJECT** - Open. **LINE LIMIT** – 100. **PRIZES** – 1st --\$50, 2ND – \$30, 3RD – \$20; honorable mention as merited.

CATEGORY #2 – SOUTH BRANCH AWARD (In memory of Jim Atchley). **FORM** – Open. **SUBJECT** – The ocean. **LINE LIMIT** – 32. **PRIZES** – 1st--\$25; 2nd--\$15; 3rd--\$10; honorable mention as merited.

CATEGORY #3 – CENTRAL BRANCH AWARD (high school students, grades 9-12)
FORM – Open. **SUBJECT** – Open. **LINE LIMIT** – 40. One poem per student. **PRIZES** – 1ST--\$25, 2ND--\$15, 3RD--\$10; honorable mentions: Two.

CATEGORY #4 – MPS NORTH BRANCH **FORM** – Open. **SUBJECT** – Open. **LINE LIMIT** – 40. **PRIZES** – 1st – \$15; 2nd – \$10; 3rd – \$5; honorable mention as merited.

CATEGORY #5 – PATRICIA JARVIS GREEN MEMORIAL AWARD (sponsored by Helen Jarvis) **FORM** - Open. **SUBJECT** – Nature. **LINE LIMIT**: 40. **PRIZES** – 1ST--\$12.50, 2ND--\$7.50, 3RD--\$5; honorable mentions: three.

CATEGORY #6 – MYRTLE RAE DAVIS JONES MEMORIAL AWARD (Sponsored by Emory D. Jones). FORM - Open. SUBJECT - Open. LINE LIMIT - 40. PRIZES - 1st - \$15; 2nd - \$10; 3rd - \$5; honorable mention as merited.

CATEGORY #7 - BARRON AND DESSIE CAULFIELD AWARD (Sponsored by Dorothy Wiman). FORM - Villanelle. SUBJECT - Open. LINE LIMIT - 20. PRIZES - 1st - \$30; 2nd - \$20; 3rd - \$15; honorable mention as merited.

CATEGORY #8 – FRANCIS MAH MEMORIAL AWARD (Sponsored by Jeanine Mah). FORM - Open. SUBJECT - Open. LINE LIMIT - 40. PRIZES - 1ST--\$40; 2ND--\$30; 3RD--\$20; honorable mention: three.

CATEGORY #9 – BARRON CAULFIELD MEMORIAL AWARD (Sponsored by Dessie Caulfield). FORM - Petrarchan (Italian) sonnet. SUBJECT - Open. LINE LIMIT - 14. PRIZES - 1st - \$15; 2nd - \$12; 3rd - \$7.50; honorable mention: two

CATEGORY #10 - MPS SOUTH BRANCH STUDENT AWARD, GRADES 1-5. FORM - Open. SUBJECT - Apples. LINE LIMIT - 32. One poem per student. PRIZES - 1st - \$20; 2nd - \$15; 3rd - \$10; honorable mention as merited.

CATEGORY #11 – MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT GRADES 6-8 AWARD (Sponsored by Emory D. Jones). FORM - Open. SUBJECT - Open. LINE LIMIT - 40. One poem per student. PRIZES - 1st - \$20; 2nd - \$10; 3rd - \$5; honorable mention as merited.

CATEGORY #12 - BELHAVEN AWARD FOR UNDERGRADUATES (Sponsored by Jeanne Kelly). FORM - Open. SUBJECT - Open. LINE LIMIT - 40. One poem per student. PRIZES - 1st - \$25; 2nd - \$15; 3rd - \$10; honorable mentions: two.

CATEGORY #13 - WANDER AWARD (Sponsored by John Michael Shelton). FORM - Rhymed couplet. SUBJECT - Travel. LINE LIMIT - 40. PRIZES - 1st - \$15; 2nd - \$10; 3rd - \$5; honorable mentions: three

CATEGORY #14 STUFF HAPPENS AWARD (Sponsored by DeSha Montgomery). FORM - Open. SUBJECT - Open. LINE LIMIT - 30. PRIZES - 1st - \$30; 2nd - \$20; 3rd - \$10; honorable mention: one.

CATEGORY #15 – POETS ANONYMOUS AWARD (Sponsored by Poets Anonymous). FORM - Open. SUBJECT - Open. LINE LIMIT: 40. PRIZES - 1ST--\$30, 2ND--\$20, 3RD--\$10; honorable mentions: two.

CATEGORY #16 – POETIC LICENSE: ILLUSTRATED MEMORY. FORM - Open SUBJECT - Recognizable Mississippi people, places, or things. LINE LIMIT - 30. PRIZES - 1st - \$60; 2nd - \$30; 3rd - none; honorable mention: none. An image of the subject must accompany the poem. The image must be authentic and easily identifiable. Images will not be returned.