

**ARIZONA STATE POETRY CONTEST ANNUAL
CONTEST CATEGORIES 2012**

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1. ASPS LEGACY AWARD

Any form
Any subject
Sponsor: Arizona State Poetry Society
Prizes: 1st - \$100, 2nd - \$65, 3rd - \$35

2 ARIZONA LEGENDS

This category is to commemorate those poets gone before us.
Dedicated to Priscilla White, ASPS Poet
Any form / Any subject
Sponsor: Christy White
Prizes: 1st - \$50, 2nd - \$35, 3rd - \$15

3. LONG FREE VERSE

Any subject - 75-line limit
Any form
Sponsor: Ameriprise Financial, Sun City
Prizes: 1st - \$50, 2nd - \$35, 3rd - \$15

4. LOOKING OUT MY BACKDOOR

Current events, state of the world, criticisms or politics
Any form - 60 line limit
Sponsor: Sunday Poets
Prizes: 1st - \$50, 2nd - \$30, 3rd - \$20

5. POETIC POSTINGS

Original poetry posted by author on Facebook. The date posted on their wall must be noted in parenthesis after title.
Any form
Sponsor: Carol Hogan
Prizes: 1st - \$25, 2nd - \$15, 3rd - \$10

6. CINQUAINS FOR THE OLD PUEBLO

Any subject
5 lines
Syllable count: 2-4-6-8-2
Sponsor: Tucson Poetry Society
Prizes: 1st - \$25, 2nd - \$15, 3rd - \$10

7. A PIECE OF YOUR MIND

Philosophical thoughts on any subject
Any form
Sponsor: Sun City Poetry Society
Prizes: 1st - \$25, 2nd - \$15, 3rd - \$10

8. HUMOR – In good taste

Any form
Sponsor: Northern Arizona Poets
Prizes: 1st - \$25, 2nd - \$15, 3rd - \$10

9. TWITTER POETRY (Poetweets)

Any 140 character poem (maximum count including spaces and title)
Any subject, Any form (consider twaiku, twinquain, etc.)
Sponsor: Granite Reef Poets
Prizes: 1st - \$25, 2nd - \$15, 3rd - \$10

10. BEACH

Any form
Sponsor: Gulf Coast Writers Assoc, MS____
Prizes: 1st - \$25, 2nd - \$15, 3rd - \$10

11. SHORT FREE VERSE

Any subject
16 Line limit
Sponsor: Scottsdale Mustang Poets
Prizes: 1st - \$25, 2nd - \$15, 3rd - \$10

12. LIFE IN THE SOUTHWEST

Any Form
Sponsor: East Valley Poets
Prizes: 1st - \$25, 2nd - \$15, 3rd - \$10

PLEASE FOLLOW GUIDELINES AND RULES BEFORE SUBMITTING!

**ARIZONA STATE POETRY SOCIETY
2012 ANNUAL CONTEST GUIDELINES/RULES**

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all poets and aspiring poets.

QUALIFICATIONS: Any original, unpublished poem not currently submitted to other contest(s). Poems which have previously won \$10.00 or more are not eligible for submission. Submissions must observe specified subjects, forms, line limits and format as specified. There is no refund for disqualified entries. All entries should be titled. (The use of the first line of any poem may suffice for a title.) Any number of poems may be entered in each category, but each individual poem may be submitted only once per entire contest. Submit entries at any time; all entries need not be sent in at one time.

FORMAT: Submit two (2) clearly typed copies of each poem (in English only), on 8-1/2"x11" white paper, without lines or illustrations. Submit each poem on a separate page; no staples, unless an individual poem exceeds one page. No entries will be returned.

PAGE LAYOUT EXAMPLE

UPPER LEFT CORNER:
COPY 1 & 2

Category 1
Legacy Award

UPPER RIGHT CORNER
COPY 1

Joe Smith
1234 Any Street
Smallville, IL 00000
123-456-7890

LINE LIMIT: Each entry has a 40-line limit, unless otherwise specified in the contest description. Spaces or breaks between stanzas or for effect will not count as a line. Introductory or editorial remarks, quotations, dedications, etc. will be counted line by line in the total line count

ENTRY FEES: Per poem:	Category 1	\$5.00
	Category 2, 3, & 4	3.00
	Categories 5 thru 11	2.00

Make checks or money orders (US funds only) to: **ASPS Annual Contest**

DEADLINE: Received by **September 5, 2012**. Send First Class or Priority Mail only (not Registered or any form of delivery requiring signature). Mail entries and #10 (business) self-addressed stamped envelope to:

Carol Hogan, Contest Chair
ASPS Annual Contest 2012
10401 N. Cave Creek Rd. Lot 116
Peoria, AZ 85020

JUDGES: Qualified non-ASPS members. Decisions are final.

PRIZE WINNERS: Awards (certificates and prize checks) not claimed at the ASPS Annual Fall Conference, November 17, 2012, will be mailed to winners. Winners: please deposit checks as soon as possible. First, second, and third prize-winning poems will be read at the **Annual Fall Conference of the Arizona State Poetry Society** and published in the ASPS journal, *Sandcutters*. Winners will receive a copy. *Sandcutters* claims first publication rights. Poets receiving Honorable Mentions will be listed in *Sandcutters*. All awardees will receive certificates. (Non-winning poems will be destroyed.)

Arizona State Poetry Society is a non-profit organization founded in 1966 in Phoenix, Arizona, and is a member of the National Federation of State Poetry Societies. Membership is \$20.00 per calendar year. Membership information is available at www.azpoetry.webs.com

**Special membership discount for those submitting poetry to this contest;
discount available to renewing members also: \$17 – Membership is good through 2013.**