

THE 95th ANNUAL POETS' DINNER – JUNE 4, 2022 – AWARD-WINNING POEMS

GRAND PRIZE: First Yoga Teacher Gwyan O’Gara Sebastopol

BEGINNINGS & ENDINGS:

First:	False Spring	Dorty Nowak	Berkeley
Second:	Birth-Year Words	Robert Eastwood	San Ramon
Third:	Bluebells	Claire J. Baker	Pinole
1 HM:	Hitchhiker	Louise Moises	Richmond
2 HM:	We Read their Names	Kimberly Satterfield	Emeryville
3 HM:	Where Are We	Gail Wasserman	Benicia

HUMOR:

First:	Wabi Sabi	Cathy Crystal	Oakland
Second:	Cooking Up A Stew	Dorty Nowak	Berkeley
Third:	Watching the Yankees with Uncle Richard	Mary Eichbauer	Benicia
1 HM:	The MRI Sonnet	Dorothy Gilbert	Richmond
2 HM:	Le mot juste	Deborah Bachels Schmidt	El Sobrante
3 HM:	A Bird in Paradise	Jan Hersh	Danville

LOVE:

First:	Whale-of-a-Heart	Johanna Ely	Benicia
Second:	Token of Love	Sandra Simmer	Richmond
Third:	Love in the Time of Covid, a villanelle	Sandra Anfang	Petaluma
1 HM:	Cocoon	Aline Soules	Danville
2 HM:	Scent of Loss	Judith Chibante	Fresno
3 HM:	A Grandmother’s Blessing	Gail Entrekin	Orinda

NATURE:

First:	The Calligraphy of Winter	Johanna Ely	Benicia
Second:	That Summer off Quartz Creek Road	Marty Williams	Oakland
Third:	Atmospheric River	Valerie Sopher	El Cerrito
1 HM:	The New Moon in the Old Moon’s Arms	Claire J. Baker	Pinole
2 HM:	The Valley	Aline Soules	Danville
3 HM:	Silk Moth	Deborah Bachels Schmidt	El Sobrante

PEOPLE:

First:	An Ode to H2O	Ellaraine Lockie	Sunnyvale
Second:	Estrangement	Connie Post	Livermore
Third:	She Remembers	Suzanne Bruce	Fairfield
1 HM:	Three Chords and the Truth	Charlie McCauley	Martinez
2 HM:	Changing Course	Kathleen McClung	San Francisco
3 HM:	Waiting	Aline Soules	Danville

POET'S CHOICE:

First:	Rue St. Honore in the Afternoon...	Mary Eichbauer	Benicia
Second:	Probationes Penna (Pen Trials)	Deborah Bachels Schmidt	El Sobrante
Third:	Geronimo Haikus	Jim Cardwell	Oroville
1 HM:	Wizard of Oz Abecedarian	Kathleen McClung	San Francisco
2 HM:	Ultimatum	Claire J. Baker	Pinole
3 HM:	Uppity Woman	Becky Bishop White	Benicia

SPACES & PLACES:

First:	New York, March 2020	Dorty Nowak	Berkeley
Second:	Shugacity	Kathleen Herrmann	Vallejo
Third:	Thumbing Around	Charlie McCauley	Martinez
1 HM:	To the Jazz Combo Setting Up...	Kathleen McClung	San Francisco
2 HM:	Smoky Hollow	Greg DeHart	Oakland
3 HM:	I Am Wandering	Sam Hersh	Danville

THEME – DISCOVERY:

First:	For Susan	Charan Sue Wollard	Livermore
Second:	Digging	Laura Schulkind	Berkeley
Third:	The Apsara	Cathy Crystal	Oakland
1 HM:	Solstice Shivers	Evie Groch	El Cerrito
2 HM:	California January	Louise Moises	Richmond
3 HM:	What the Bee Discovers	Johanna Ely	Benicia