



Spring Contest Open until March 1

Submit your poems now for cash prizes and publication!

Each year the Oregon Poetry Association holds two poetry contests for adults, awarding over a thousand dollars in prizes and helping poets share their work with appreciative readers. Winning poems are published as blog posts on OPA's [website](#) and in OPA's anthology series *Verseweavers*.^{*} We encourage you to submit your poems now, and to share this email with your poet friends.

Anyone may enter poems in the contest, except for OPA board members, contest volunteers, and friends and family of the judges. Oregon residency is not a requirement for entry. Five categories offer first, second, and third prizes, along with three honorable mentions. Categories are as follows:

- Poet's Choice: Limit 80 lines, any subject, any form. Judge: [Armin Tolentino](#)
- Members Only: Limit 20 lines, any subject, any form. Entrant must be a current OPA member. Judge: [Tim Whitsel](#)
- New Poets: Limit 30 lines, any subject, any form. A new poet is someone with no more than two poems published in online or print journals. Self-published work is not considered published in this context. Judge: [Connie Post](#)
- Traditional Form--Sonnet: Limit 14 lines, of course! Any subject. Judge: [Amy MacLennan](#)
- Theme--Borders and Boundaries: Limit 40 lines, any form, on the subject of "borders and boundaries," whether actual or metaphorical. Judge: [M.E. Hope](#)

Awards:

Poet's Choice: 1st \$100, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$30; three honorable mentions.

All other categories: 1st \$50, 2nd \$30, 3rd \$20: three honorable mentions.

Entry Fee:

OPA Members: flat rate of \$8 for up to five poems (limit one poem per category)

Nonmembers: flat rate of \$15 for up to four poems (limit one poem per category)

Deadline:

Submit via [Submittable](#) or postmark by March 1, 2018, midnight PDT.

Postal entries should be mailed to OPA, Contest Entries, PO Box 14582, Portland, OR 97293. Guidelines at oregonpoets.org/contests/adult-contest/.

We look forward to your submissions!