OPAP Online Supplement

April/May 2017

FSPA Anthology Thirty-Four Photo Contest

In 2016, year over fifty photographs were submitted to be possibly used in the 2016 Anthology. Unfortunately we had space for only eleven different photos in the book. However, we have been showcasing many of the non-used submissions in this and other online supplements of OPAP through since the November 2017 issue. I do hope you enjoy seeing your fellow FSPA member's additional talents. ***This is the third showcase grouping***. More coming in August!

Scary Tree by Elaine Person, Orlando Area Poets

Vero Beach Umbrellas by Diane Reitz, Orlando Area Poets

Good Campfire by Gail Denham, MAL

Untitled by Patricia Lieb, MAL

2016-2017 FSPA STUDENT POETRY CONTEST WINNERS LIST

JUNIOR DIVISION—Judge: Marilyn Downing, Pennsylvania

Sixth Grade
1st place: Winner of *The Lee Bennett Hopkins Poetry Award for Young People*
Remi Jones, Silver Sands Middle School, Volusia
2nd place: Jazzmyn Martinez, Glades Middle School, Miami-Dade
3rd place: Trisha Pana, Glades Middle School, Miami-Dade
1st HM: Samuel Ford, Challenger Middle School, Lee
2nd HM: Mariam Ahmed, Franklin Academy, Broward
3rd HM: Joey Rodriguez, Glades Middle School, Miami-Dade

Seventh Grade
1st place: Winner of *The Lee Bennett Hopkins Poetry Award for Young People*
Analysse Kaitlyn Humaran, Southwood Middle School, Miami-Dade
2nd place: Luna Sosa, W.R. Thomas Middle School, Miami-Dade
3rd place: Kayli Bowen, Williams Middle Magnet School, Hillsborough
1st HM: Celine Ones, Jose Marti MAST 6-12 Academy, Miami-Dade
2nd HM: Tessa Jinghuan Lozowicki, Southwood Middle School, Miami-Dade
3rd HM: Jena Ballester, Southwood Middle School, Miami-Dade

Eighth Grade
1st place: Winner of *The Lee Bennett Hopkins Poetry Award for Young People*
Emily Benson, Pine View School, Sarasota
2nd place: Keren Yehezkely, Aventura Waterways Preparatory Academy, Miami-Dade
3rd place: Gabriela Sartan, Aventura Waterways Preparatory Academy, Miami-Dade
1st HM: Jordan Schmidt, Palmetto Middle School, Miami-Dade
2nd HM: Isabella Ferre, Aventura Waterways Preparatory Academy, Miami-Dade
3rd HM: Melissa Perera Rodriguez, W.R. Thomas Middle School, Miami-Dade

SENIOR DIVISION – Judge: Elizabeth O'Brien, New Mexico

Ninth Grade
1st place: Winner of *The Lee Bennett Hopkins Poetry Award for Young People*
Chris DuBose, Vernon High School, Washington
2nd place: Mercedes Perz, Gainesville High School, Alachua
3rd place: Carolina Calvo, Mariner High School, Lee
1st HM: Sarina Patel, King High School, Hillsborough
2nd HM: Jason Puwalski, Fort Myers High School, Lee
3rd HM: Devin Dubon, Miami Lakes Educational Center, Miami-Dade

Tenth Grade
1st place: Winner of *The Lee Bennett Hopkins Poetry Award for Young People*
Robyn Forbes, Miami Lakes Educational Center, Miami-Dade
2nd place: Kyla Baal, Dreyfoos H.S.O.A., Palm Beach
3rd place: Carsey Egalite, Fort Myers High School, Lee
1st HM: Chris Cavaliere, Ponte Vedra High School, St. Johns
2nd HM: Rylee McIver, H.B. Plant High School, Hillsborough
3rd HM: Ericka L. Miller, Miami Lakes Educational Center, Miami-Dade

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Send information on your local Poetry Events

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Eleventh Grade

1st place: Winner of *The Lee Bennett Hopkins Poetry Award for Young People*

Grantham Norris, Fort Myers Senior High School, Lee

2nd place: Hannah Butcher, Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts, Palm Beach

3rd place: Alicia Mrachek, Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts, Palm Beach

1st HM: Camilo Alvarez, Miami Senior High, Miami-Dade

2nd HM: Jonathan Eckholdt, Harmony High School, Osceola

3rd HM: Ashlee Sealy, Medical Academy for Science and Technology, Miami-Dade

Twelfth Grade

1st place: Winner of *The Lee Bennett Hopkins Poetry Award for Young People*

Katie O'Malley, Osceola County School for the Arts, Osceola

2nd place: Zakiriya Perez, F.W. Buchholz High School, Alachua

3rd place: Prophet Valsaint, Miami Norland Senior High School, Miami-Dade

1st HM: Delaney Williams, Spruce Creek High School, Volusia

2nd HM: Naomi Overby, Spruce Creek High School, Volusia

3rd HM: Sophia DuRose, Osceola County School for the Arts, Osceola

Princess Place, Rocker Reflection by Stephanie Salkin, Tomoka Poets

1st PlaceWinner in the Pennsylvania Poetry Society's 2016 Contest

A Latchkey Kid Speaks Out

by Madelyn Eastlund

Every kid I know who carries a house key
hates "latchkey" stories about them
being neglected kids. Get the facts straight.
(Try to understand—every family is different!)
Take Mom—left with two kids—no savings.
It was welfare or a job to support them. That simple.
Mom works. She isn't here after school
But we aren't neglected kids. . .
(We are kids whose mom works.)

Kids taught by Mom, that material things
aren't important, but that being a family
—doing our share—is important; and respect
and loving each other is important.
Mom works. We have keys to our home.

After school we do chores and homework.
We talk to friends on the telephone,
go to scout meetings and church meetings
and my sister has dancing lessens—paid
by Mom scrimping on something for herself.
(That's Mom!)

Saturdays we all go down to the Laundromat
to wash our clothes and then we help her shop
for the week's food at the supermarket.
(After church on Sunday Mom cooks a storm
of meals for the week!)
Mom works. She isn't here after school

But we aren't neglected kids. . .
(. . . What we really are. . . is a family!)

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This poem will also be published in the Pennsylvania Poetry Society's anthology.

Call for Poems

If you have a poem that you are especially proud of and would like to share it with your fellow FSPA Members, send it to me for consideration!

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