**2024 Member Contest Winners**

**January 2024**

**Judged By: Nancy Cook**

**Category I – Traditional**

Charles Firmage ~  *Come Into My Parlor*

David Navarro *~ In Sync*

Linda Payne *~ Winter Forest*

**Category II – Free Verse**

Allison Fraclose ~  *Your Ashes*

Mark Hammerschick *~ Balanced on the Edge of the Gloaming*

Jane Stuart *~ Across the Moon*

**Category III – Below Zero**

Laura Rodley ~  *Weather Whiplash*

Roseann St. Aubin *~ Patience in Winter*

Brenda Wildrick *~ Snow Falls on the Housed and Unhoused Alike*

**March 2024**

**Judged By: Tiel Aisha Ansari**

**Category I – Traditional**

Sally Boyington ~  *Spadefoot Toad – Golden Shovel*

Tina Durham *~ Three Horses on the Rio Verde*

Sonya Manes *~ Ode to and Recipe for Marizipan*

**Category II – Free Verse**

Cierra Crea ~  *Issue*

Tina Durham *~ Arizona Song*

Julia Keefer *~ All Good Stories Start with Bones*

**Category III – It was Irresistable**

Karen Admussen ~  *Buttons & Beeps*

Sharon Munson *~ Faint Beat of a Butterfly’s Wing*

Nan Rubin *~ Wanting*

**May 2024**

**Judged By: Barbara Funke**

**Category I – Traditional**

Martha H. Balph *~ Upon Julia’s Cold*

Janice Canerdy *~ The Trail of Tears – (Kyrielle)*

Gail Denham ~  *Dance Because – (Cinquain)*

**Category II – Free Verse**

Martha H. Balph *~ Eulogy for an Old Friend*

Sondraya Bradley ~  *Nightingale Bird of My Dream*

Frances Donohue-Fisher *~ Maybe?*

**Category III – Three Birds**

Lollie Butler *~ Red Bird*

Jasmine Gatti ~ *Catching Three Coocoos*

Gavin Kayner *~ Owls*

**July 2024**

**Judged By: Carol Willette Bachofner**

**Category I – Traditional**

David Boyce *~ Bitter Always is My Most Passioned Heart (Sonnet)*

Ann Penton *~ this starlight ran (Haiku)*

Leah Serrano ~  *Tarantula hands (Haiku)*

Honorable Mention

Eileen Flaxman *~ Perfect Days (Sonnet)*

**Category II – Free Verse**

Lynn Heil *~ Lightning Bugs*

Cynthia Hilts ~  *paradise amid the gravel*

Leah Serrano *~ I could (could I?)*

**Category III – Sweet, Cold Water**

Cynthia Hilts *~ salt nectar sea*

Mark Hudson ~ *The Wind Whips the Water*

Tanya Whitney *~ A Tiny Drop of Water*

**September 2024**

**Judged By: Heather Clark**

**Category I – Traditional**

John W. Crawford *~ Bear and Neighbor Yap*

Paula Goldsmith ~  *My Mind*

Barbara Sherman *~ Sonnet for the Catalinas*

**Category II – Free Verse**

Henry Childers ~  *May 17, 2024 – Mom’s Birthday is Today*

John W. Crawford *~ The Brownie Way of Life*

June Powers *~ I Buried Your Gifts*

**Category III – Deep Underground**

Gurupreet Khalsa ~ *Grindavik*

Barbara Sherman *~ Spadefoot*

Bonnie Wehle *~ Day of the Dead*