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Passaic County Community College

THE 2020 ALLEN GINSBERG POETRY AWARD WINNERS

FIRST PRIZE

Sara Henning, Nacogdoches, TX
Ray Petersen, Redwood, NY

"To My Husband, Driving into Bad Weather"
"What I Wanted When I Was Twelve"

SECOND PRIZE

Mary Crosby, Ringwood, NJ,
Jason Craig Poole, Bethlehem, PA

"Augury"
"The Truth About Cats"

THIRD PRIZE

Rachelle M. Parker, Maplewood, NJ

"I Worry About Atatiana Jefferson's Nephew"

HONORABLE MENTION

Howard Berelson, Teaneck, NJ
Theresa Burns, South Orange, NJ
Felicia Sanzari Chernesky, Flemington, NJ
Laura Didyk, Great Barrington, MA
Catherine Doty, Boonton, NJ
Christopher Duffy, Woodridge, NJ
Jim Dwyer, Saint Petersburg, FL
Maria Famà, Philadelphia, PA
Linda Nemeč Foster, Grand Rapids, MI
Jonathan Greenhouse, Jersey City, NJ
James D. Gwyn, Clifton, NJ
Catherine Hardy, Los Alamos, NM

"Lady in Blue"
"Green"
"Mother Tongue"
"Poetry's House"
"JC and Me in the Spring of 64"
"When Men Wore Fedora's"
"Love Poem (nothing wrong but all the usual)"
"Daddy's Little Cap"
"A Modern Parable for the End of the World"
"My Father's across the Atlantic, on the verge"
"In Plain Sight"
"For a Student Who Wrote About Suicide and Who Is
Absent Today"

Valarie Hastings, San Francisco, CA
Mary Jo LoBello Jerome, New Hope, PA
Diane Khoury, Cresskill, NJ
Raphael Helena Kosek, Hopewell Jnct, NY
Jennifer Lagier, Monterey, CA
Annie Lanzillotto, Yonkers, NY
Antoinette Libro, Sea Isle City, NJ
John H. McDermott Jr., Cranford, NJ
Gloria g. Murray, Deer Park, NY
Lesléa Newman, Northampton, MA

"State of Emergency"
"I Dream What My Mother Means to Say"
"My Mother and Her Piano"
"Foggy Morning at the Autobody Shop"
"I Remember Him"
"Nerina"
"Mail Order Mother"
"Gone Fishing?"
"I could have been a hippie"
"My Mother Is at the Bridge"

HONORABLE MENTION (CONT'D)

F. L. Niccoletti , West Orange, NJ	"My Watch In a Sow's Ear"
Lisa Coll Nicolaou, Fair Lawn, NJ	"My Great Grandmother's Smile"
Marion Paganello, Fair Lawn, NJ	"Lipstick"
Jennifer Poteet, Montclair, NJ	"Jewels"
Wanda S. Praisner, Bedminster, NJ	"After the Saturday Matinee"
Arthur Russell, Nutley, NJ	"The Jetty"
Lori Ruzich, Verona, NJ	"Pop's Advice"
Gwen T. Samuels, Albuquerque, NM	"South of the Border"
Margaret R. Sáraco, Montclair, NJ	"The Unlocked Door"
Maxine Susman, Princeton, NJ	"Home Phone"
Clare Ultimo, Brooklyn, NY	"Sex for Beginners"
Jamie Wendt, Chicago, IL	"Sadelle Freeman, 1941"
Xandt Wyntreez, Montclair, NJ	"Do You Ever Think of Me?"
Neal Zirn, Denver, CO	"Depression-era Frugal"

EDITOR'S CHOICE

Florence Ames , Woodland Hills, CA	"Stillness"
Anne-Marie Brumm, New York, NY	"Why My Mother Never Read Any of My Poems"
Amanda Latrenta Crane, River Edge, NJ	"Scotch Tape Nails"
Alyssa Dugasz, Woodbridge, NJ	"The Scent of Us"
Janine Horber, Washington, NJ	"Praise"
Josh Humphrey, Kearny, NJ	"Summer of the Sinkholes"
Laine Sutton Johnson, Hillsborough, NJ	"My First Love"
Gina Logan, Braintree, VT	"Alexander"
Greg Masters, New York, NY	"Harry James"
Margaret Gish Miller, Gig Harbor, WA	"It's Not That He Raped Me"
Meryl Natchez, Kensington, CA	"The Primary Handbook"
Tina Schumann, Seattle, WA	"Why I Read the Obits"
Donna Spector, Warwick, NY	"The Compleat Wife, 1962"
Shane Wagner, Chatham, NJ	"Feeding My Son"
Bill Wunder, Langhorne, PA	"Winter on Searsburg Mountain, Vermont"

Award Winners' Reading — February 6, 2021

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