THE 2020 ALLEN GINSBERG POETRY AWARD WINNERS

FIRST PRIZE

Sara Henning, Nacogdoches, TX
“TO MY HUSBAND, DRIVING INTO BAD WEATHER”
Ray Petersen, Redwood, NY
“What I Wanted When I Was Twelve”

SECOND PRIZE

Mary Crosby, Ringwood, NJ,
“Augury”
Jason Craig Poole, Bethlehem, PA
“The Truth About Cats”

THIRD PRIZE

Rachelle M. Parker, Maplewood, NJ
“I Worry About Atatiana Jefferson’s Nephew”

HONORABLE MENTION

Howard Berelson, Teaneck, NJ
“Lady in Blue”
Theresa Burns, South Orange, NJ
“Green”
Felicia Sanzari Chernesky, Flemington, NJ
“Mother Tongue”
Laura Didyk, Great Barrington, MA
“Poetry’s House”
Catherine Doty, Boonton, NJ
“Jc and Me in the Spring of 64”
Christopher Duffy, Woodridge, NJ
“When Men Wore Fedora’s”
Jim Dwyer, Saint Petersburg, FL
“Love Poem (nothing wrong but all the usual)”
Maria Famà, Philadelphia, PA
“Daddy’s Little Cap”
Linda Nemec Foster, Grand Rapids, MI
“A Modern Parable for the End of the World”
Jonathan Greenhouse, Jersey City, NJ
“My Father’s across the Atlantic, on the verge”
James D. Gwyn, Clifton, NJ
“In Plain Sight”
Catherine Hardy, Los Alamos, NM
“For a Student Who Wrote About Suicide and Who Is Absent Today”
Valarie Hastings, San Francisco, CA
“State of Emergency”
Mary Jo LoBello Jerome, New Hope, PA
“I Dream What My Mother Means to Say”
Diane Khoury, Cresskill, NJ
“My Mother and Her Piano”
Raphael Helena Kosek, Hopewell Jnct, NY
“Foggy Morning at the Autobody Shop”
Jennifer Lagier, Monterey, CA
“I Remember Him”
Annie Lanzillotto, Yonkers, NY
“Nerina”
Antoinette Libro, Sea Isle City, NJ
“Mail Order Mother”
John H. McDermott Jr., Cranford, NJ
“Gone Fishing?”
Gloria g. Murray, Deer Park, NY
“I could have been a hippie”
Lesléa Newman, Northampton, MA
“My Mother Is at the Bridge”
HONORABLE MENTION (CONT'D)

F. L. Niccoletti, West Orange, NJ
Lisa Coll Nicolaou, Fair Lawn, NJ
Marion Paganello, Fair Lawn, NJ
Jennifer Poteet, Montclair, NJ
Wanda S. Praisner, Bedminster, NJ
Arthur Russell, Nutley, NJ
Lori Ruzich, Verona, NJ
Gwen T. Samuels, Albuquerque, NM
Margaret R. Sáraco, Montclair, NJ
Maxine Susman, Princeton, NJ
Clare Ultimo, Brooklyn, NY
Jamie Wendt, Chicago, IL
Xandt Wyntreez, Montclair, NJ
Neal Zirn, Denver, CO

“My Watch In a Sow's Ear”
“My Great Grandmother's Smile”
“Lipstick”
“Jewels”
“After the Saturday Matinee”
“The Jetty”
“Pop's Advice”
“South of the Border”
“The Unlocked Door”
“Home Phone”
“Sex for Beginners”
“Sadelle Freeman, 1941”
“Do You Ever Think of Me?”
“Depression-era Frugal”

EDITOR’S CHOICE

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“Stillness”
“Why My Mother Never Read Any of My Poems”
“Scotch Tape Nails”
“The Scent of Us”
“Praise”
“Summer of the Sinkholes”
“My First Love”
“Alexander”
“Harry James”
“It's Not That He Raped Me”
“The Primary Handbook”
“Why I Read the Obits”
“The Compleat Wife, 1962”
“Feeding My Son”
“Winter on Searsburg Mountain, Vermont”

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