

# 2023 ANNUAL CONTEST RESULTS AND THE WINNERS ARE ...

## POETRY CONTEST

### First Prize - \$500.00

Robyn Petrik (BC) for "It Never Ends Well"

### Second Prize - \$250.00

Renee Cronley (MB) for  
"Taking Vital Signs on a Shared Frequency"

### Third Prize - \$100.00

Albert N. Katz (NB) for "Cracked Boulders"

### Honourable Mentions

Lex Langille (BC) for "September"  
Valerie Fletcher Adolph (BC) for  
"Who Is That Old Lady?"  
Ann Sprague (ON) for "Growing Cancer"  
Ruth Ann Wilhelm (ON) for "My Left Eye Wept"  
Melanie Flores (ON) for  
"The Tower and Beyond"  
Sydney Alexander (BC) for "June"  
Michelle Ruff (ON) for "The Future Is Dead"  
Brenda Gunn (AB) for "Grounded"  
Anne Dorcas (QC) for "I'll See You"  
Marianne Jones (ON) for "Surrender"



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## SHORT-STORY CONTEST

### First Prize - \$500.00

Edmund Fines (ON) for "Sugar Packets"

### Second Prize - \$250.00

Becky Hingley (ON) for "Camp Cryo"

### Third Prize - \$100.00

Laura Frost (ON) for "The Route Taken"

### Honourable Mentions

Amanda Thomson (AB) for  
"The Absence of Starlight"  
Valerie Fletcher Adolph (BC) for  
"Bringing Home Baby"  
Peter Pharand (ON) for "And Just Watch Fish"  
J. F. Garrard (ON) for "Robots and Dinosaurs"  
Katy Tearle (ON) for "We Survive"  
Lois Kelly (ON) for "How Can I Help You?"  
Archie Nicholson (ON) for "Dirty Dishes"  
Hannah Peebles (ON) for "Bones"  
K. S. Palakovic (ON) for "Moon"  
Jeanne Faria (ON) for "Buffalo Pound"

## POETRY CONTEST for Young Writers

### First Prize - \$200.00

Marina Xiao (ON) for "Blur into One"

### Second Prize - \$100.00

Lola Walker (BC) for "when everyone left"

### Third Prize - \$50.00

Malin Teeple (AB) for "Monster"

### Honourable Mentions

Meridian Patenaude (AB) for  
"A Letter to Childhood"  
Aly Whitfield (ON) for  
"They Think They Know Me"  
Claire Bisch (ON) for "The Biggest Lie"  
Olivia Jonas (ON) for "Without You, I Am Lost"  
Aileen Dhaliwal (ON) for "Sculptured"  
Isabella Chen (BC) for "At the Beach"  
Emily Xu (MB) for  
"You Will Always Be My Friend"  
Mirabelle Ai (BC) for "Nature"  
Fynn Coleman (BC) for "The Tree and Deer"  
Llewyn Rogerson-van Stam (ON) for "Kiwi"



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## SHORT-STORY CONTEST for Young Writers

### First Prize - \$200.00

Julian Lee (BC) for "Fresh Sliced Sashimi"

### Second Prize - \$100.00

Smith McSavaney (BC) for "None Had To"

### Third Prize - \$50.00

Sarah Seetoh (BC) for "Black and White"

### Honourable Mentions

Willa Holmes (AB) for  
"The Cards You've Been Dealt"  
Zhoé Hébert (MB) for "Fishing Competition"  
Lizzie Hutten-Czapski (ON) for "Insult to Vermin"  
Samyukta Warriar (AB) for "The Toffee Jar"  
Emma Fursevich (BC) for "Becoming a Tracker"  
Hazel Chau (AB) for "The Warrior"  
Keira Forler (ON) for "Life as a Pair of Glasses"  
Tiffany Luk (BC) for "Solar Sickness"  
Mishel Kamran (ON) for "Mad Wizard"  
Hudson Danh (BC) for  
"The Narwhal and the Three Stingrays"



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