

FRIEDA'S LITTLE 'ATOMS' PACK A PASSEL OF POETIC PUNCH

Frieda Risvold's recently invented 3-word poetry form, the "Atom" we introduced in the March issue of The Diplomat, drew 44 responses plus one suggestion the name be changed to "Mini-aha.". The three winners, each of whom received a \$5 Credit Certificate, got both a 1st Place and Honorable Mention each, for successfully creating the following three-word pieces patterned after haiku, except instead of syllables of 5/7/5, the letters of the words are 5/7/5. Frieda, who says most of the best Atom poems start with a noun as subject, followed by a verb and object, can also begin with an adjective. "I feel they should be a complete thought, image or pearl of wisdom, and not just a list of three words," Frieda says, adding, "Here's another Mini-aha:"

music
soothes
beast

Congratulations to winners: Jane Logan, 2007 National Senior Poet Laureate, Sparks, Nevada; Helen E. Rilling, Auburn, Illinois; Helen

The Winners

1st Place

Honorable Mention

JANE LOGAN
Sparks, Nevada

taxes
reduced
sleep

ghost
waiting
entry

HELEN E. RILLING
Auburn, Illinois

winds
whistle
music

plant
gardens
early

HELEN WEBB
South Point, Ohio

judge
forgave
crook

begin
singing
again



AMY'S ASK THE EXPERTS: JANE LOGAN, CURRENT PREVAILING NATIONAL SENIOR POET LAUREATE

Q. What would you advise to poets who wish to unseat you in this year's contest? Any one-line wisdom to share?

A. Dew knot trussed yore spell checker to ketch awl yore spelling miss steaks.

In Memoriam

ROCHELLE BRENER WEIS

(February 27, 1945 - March 19, 2008)

2007 Arizona Senior Poet Laureate

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Rochelle Brener Weis, celebrated poet and writer, Senior Poet Laureate of Arizona, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 19, at home in Sedona/Village of Oak Creek. She was 63 and a valiant warrior against her long illness, miraculously outliving more than one prediction. Rochelle moved to Sedona almost six years ago from Albany, New York, where she was founder and director of the Mandala Center for Creative Wellness. Rochelle won the Writer's Digest International Award for the best volume of self-published poems under her professional name, Rochelle Brener, in 2004. That book, Snap Shots: Photo Op Poems from an Everyday Life and other volumes of her poetry, Calling the Night Away and The Magnitude of Red, are available at Sedona's Well Red Coyote. The highest honor, Senior Poet Laureate of Arizona, 2007, was awarded by the Amy Kitchener Angels without Wings Foundation. She was born in Syracuse, NY, only child of Eugene Seymour Brener and Evelyn Grossman Brener. She is survived by her devoted husband, Carl Weis, of 365 Verde Valley School Rd., Sedona/VOC, her son Barry Evan Squire-Jones of Sunshine, FL, and her daughter, Karen Lee Squire of Sedona/VOC. A Celebration of Rochelle's life was held April 28 at Canyon Moon Theatre, Village of Oak Creek Mall, Highway 179, Sedona, AZ. Donations may be made to norazpoets.org or to International Women's Writing Guild. Her Arizona laureate poem appears on our website in the Registry of Signature Poems.