

# Upper Left Coast Productions' *Diamante Poetry Contest*

Back in September we invited you to enter a noncompetitive poetry contest, of a specific kind of poetry called Diamante. It is based not on rhythm or rhyme but on grammar. It consists of sixteen words in seven lines; the first line being a noun and the subject; the second line two adjectives describing the subject; the third line, three participles (verbs used as adjectives by adding "ing"); the fourth line four nouns, the first two related to the subject and the last two related to the final noun; line five, the same as line three but regarding the final noun; line six, two adjectives describing the final noun; and the seventh line a noun that is the opposite of the subject or first noun.

James Patton, a regular contributor and poet as well as a teacher, suggested this, so in his own edited words;

Never having sponsored a poetry contest of any kind we were not too sure of what to expect in the way of entries and were pleased and a little overwhelmed by the more than two hundred submissions received. (238-Ed.)

Poems came from Salem and Seattle and points in between. Their subjects ranged from the meaning of life to canned meat. Some were direct and some were obscure. All were interesting reading and enjoyed by the judges.

Since there is always subjectivity to the enjoyment of any poem, and since no "big money" (in fact no money) was involved, the judges decided to present the top three poems in each category without ranking them. It might be noted that this also prevented further argument and possible violence among the judges. The staff of the Upper Left Edge congratulates and celebrates your poetry.

## BEACH

Beach  
sand phosphorescence  
drifting blowing shining  
feet dance toes water  
approaching splashing receding  
wet cold  
Ocean

Audrey Hoffman

Ocean  
briny frigid  
breaking splashing crashing  
reef kelp seashell seagull  
stretching roiling undeviating  
sandy granulitic  
Shore

Yoonie Kim

Ocean  
cold stormy  
crashing stirring turning  
wetness power heat fire  
burning frying scorching  
dry sandy  
Desert

Lisa Yock

## SERIOUS

School  
hectic friendly  
rushing studying working  
assignment deadline television telephone  
relaxing talking eating  
calm comfortable  
Home

Lisa Lancaster

Rage  
crimson livid  
striking pounding breaking  
regret silence passion vision  
rolling breathing caressing  
direct scarlet  
Lust

Shellee Billings

Forests  
green quiet  
swaying sighing growing  
abundance peace rape greed  
suffering wailing dying  
naked ugly  
Clearcut

Ann Berlureau

## HUMOR

Sonny  
short wimpy  
singing voting electing  
Republican dork makeup singer  
singing singing selling  
stylish aging  
Cher

Kyril Cuetkor (?)

Headache  
pain torture  
throbbing hurting splitting  
Aspirin Advil NyQuil Codeine  
relaxing resting snoozing  
calm peaceful  
Sleep

Meri Thornbrue

Girls  
noisy pretty  
talking gossiping flirting  
notes hair sports money  
playing spitting fighting  
muscular haughty  
Boys

Brian Garlick

## "WE REALLY LIKED IT BUT WE DON'T KNOW WHY"

Oregon  
green rainy  
growing dispersing conserving  
trees mountains people buildings  
polluting overcrowding destroying  
congested sunny  
California

Jon Baldwin

Spam  
cubic unidentifiable  
fearing chewing smiling  
tin meat? jar crystals!  
Sipping swishing hemorrhaging  
Sugary orange  
Tang

Brian Boone

Sinus pressure  
bothersome unpleasant  
overwhelming unrelenting irritating  
compression stress liberation alleviation  
soothing relieving comforting  
relaxed cured  
Sinaid

Ken Carpenter

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is a place where everybody  
has to mind his own business.  
Wendell Phillips



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Of course it's possible to love a human  
being if you don't know them too well.  
Charles Bukowski