



Congratulations to **Karian Markos** for her  
manuscript

***Esemplastic - Many and One***

2024 Winner of

**The Prairie State Poetry Prize  
for a 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Book of Poetry**

This year's judge, Lennart Lundh, poet, photographer, and author of *How I Went into the Woods* (Kelsay Books, 2023) and dozens more, selected Karian Markos' winning manuscript, *Esemplastic - Many and One*. Karian Markos is a Greek American poet, fiction writer and nonprofit attorney living with her husband and three children in Chicago's western suburbs. Her award-winning work has been published in magazines and anthologies such as *Living Crue Magazine*,

*Highland Park Poetry*, *Prairie Light Review*, *Bombfire* and elsewhere. **Publication by Highland Park Poetry Press in Summer 2024!**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – *My Tongue Carbon Dates Your Skin* by Marianne Peel
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – *The Poetry of Riding Freight Trains Across America* by David J. Rogers

Next year's contest opens for submissions in July 2024. Guest judge will be Jan Chronister.

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