

1925: gladiolus  
Frank Neuhauser  
Louisville Courier-Journal  
Louisville, Kentucky

1926: cerise  
Pauline Bell  
Louisville Courier-Journal  
Louisville, Kentucky

1927: luxuriance  
Dean Lucas  
Akron Beacon Journal  
Akron, Ohio

1928: albumen  
Betty Robinson  
South Bend News-Tribune  
South Bend, Indiana

1929: asceticism  
Virginia Hogan  
The Omaha World-Herald  
Omaha, Nebraska

1930: fracas  
Helen Jensen  
Des Moines Register & Tribune  
Des Moines, Iowa

1931: foulard  
Ward Randall  
White Hall Register-Republican  
White Hall, Illinois

1932: knack  
Dorothy Greenwalk  
Des Moines Register & Tribune  
Des Moines, Iowa

1933: torsion  
Alma Roach  
Akron Beacon Journal  
Akron, Ohio

1934: deteriorating  
Sarah Wilson  
Portland Evening Express  
Portland, Maine

1935: intelligible  
Clara Mohler  
Akron Beacon Journal  
Akron, Ohio

1936: interning  
Jean Trowbridge  
Des Moines Register & Tribune  
Des Moines, Iowa

1937: promiscuous  
Waneeta Beckley  
Louisville Courier-Journal  
Louisville, Kentucky

1938: sanitarium  
Marian Richardson  
Louisville Times  
Louisville, Kentucky

1939: canonical  
Elizabeth Ann Rice  
Worcester Telegram & Gazette  
Worcester, Massachusetts

1940: therapy  
Laurel Kuykendall  
The Knoxville News-Sentinel  
Knoxville, Tennessee

1941: initials  
Louis Edward Sissman  
Detroit News  
Detroit, Michigan

1942: sacrilegious  
Richard Earnhart  
El Paso Herald-Post  
El Paso, Texas

1946: semaphore  
John McKinney  
Des Moines Register & Tribune  
Des Moines, Iowa

1947: chlorophyll  
Mattie Lou Pollard  
Atlanta Journal  
Atlanta, Georgia

1948: psychiatry  
Jean Chappelle  
Akron Beacon Journal  
Akron, Ohio

1949: dulcimer  
Kim Calvin  
Canton Repository  
Canton, Ohio

1950: meticulousity  
Diana Reynard  
Cleveland Press

Cleveland, Ohio  
and  
Colquitt Dean  
Atlanta Journal  
Atlanta, Georgia

1951: insouciant  
Irving Belz  
Memphis Press Scimitar  
Memphis, Tennessee

1952: vignette  
Doris Ann Hall  
Winston-Salem Journal  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

1953: soubrette  
Elizabeth Hess  
Arizona Republic  
Phoenix, Arizona

1954: transept  
William Cashore  
Norristown Times Herald  
Norristown, Pennsylvania

1955: crustaceology  
Sandra Sloss  
St. Louis Globe-Democrat  
St. Louis, Missouri

1956: condominium  
Melody Sachko  
The Pittsburgh Press  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

1957: schappe  
Sandra Owen  
Canton Repository  
Canton, Ohio  
and  
Dana Bennett  
Rocky Mountain News  
Denver, Colorado

1958: syllepsis  
Jolitta Schlehuder  
Topeka Daily Capital  
Topeka, Kansas

1959: catamaran  
Joel Montgomery  
Rocky Mountain News  
Denver, Colorado

1960: eudaemonic  
Henry Feldman  
The Knoxville News-Sentinel  
Knoxville, Tennessee

1961: smaragdine  
John Capehart  
Tulsa Tribune  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

1962: esquamulose  
Nettie Crawford  
El Paso Herald-Post  
El Paso, Texas  
and  
Michael Day  
St. Louis Globe-Democrat  
St. Louis, Missouri

1963: equipage  
Glen Van Slyke III  
The Knoxville News-Sentinel  
Knoxville, Tennessee

1964: sycophant  
William Kerek  
Akron Beacon Journal  
Akron, Ohio

1965: eczema  
Michael Kerpan Jr.  
Tulsa Tribune  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

1966: ratoon  
Robert A. Wake  
Houston Chronicle  
Houston, Texas

1967: chihuahua  
Jennifer Reinke  
The Omaha World-Herald  
Omaha, Nebraska

1968: abalone  
Robert L. Walters  
The Topeka Daily Capital  
Topeka, Kansas

1969: interlocutory  
Susan Yoachum  
Dallas Morning News  
Dallas, Texas

1970: croissant  
Libby Childress  
Winston-Salem Journal & Sentinel  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

1971: shalloon  
Jonathan Knisely  
Philadelphia Bulletin  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

1972: macerate  
Robin Kral  
Lubbock Avalanche-Journal  
Lubbock, Texas

1973: vouchsafe  
Barrie Trinkle  
Fort Worth Press  
Fort Worth, Texas

1974: hydrophyte  
Julie Ann Junkin  
Birmingham Post-Herald  
Birmingham, Alabama

1975: incisor  
Hugh Tosteson  
San Juan Star  
San Juan, Puerto Rico

1976: narcolepsy  
Tim Kneale  
Syracuse Herald Journal-American  
Syracuse, New York

1977: cambist  
John Paola  
The Pittsburgh Press  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

1978: deification  
Peg McCarthy  
The Topeka Capital-Journal  
Topeka, Kansas

1979: maculature  
Katie Kerwin  
Rocky Mountain News  
Denver, Colorado

1980: elucubrate  
Jacques Bailly  
Rocky Mountain News  
Denver, Colorado

1981: sarcophagus  
Paige Pipkin  
El Paso Herald-Post  
El Paso, Texas

1982: psoriasis  
Molly Dieveney  
Rocky Mountain News  
Denver, Colorado

1983: Purim  
Blake Giddens  
El Paso Herald-Post

El Paso, Texas

1984: luge  
Daniel Greenblatt  
Loudoun Times-Mirror  
Leesburg, Virginia

1985: milieu  
Balu Natarajan  
Chicago Tribune  
Chicago, Illinois

1986: odontalgia  
Jon Pennington  
The Patriot News  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

1987: staphylococci  
Stephanie Petit  
The Pittsburgh Press  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

1988: elegiacal  
Rageshree Ramachandran  
The Sacramento Bee  
Sacramento, California

1989: spoliator  
Scott Isaacs  
Rocky Mountain News  
Denver, Colorado

1990: fibranne  
Amy Marie Dimak  
The Seattle Times  
Seattle, Washington

1991: antipyretic  
Joanne Lagatta  
The Wisconsin State Journal  
Madison, Wisconsin

1992: lyceum  
Amanda Goad  
The Richmond News Leader  
Richmond, Virginia

1993: kamikaze  
Geoff Hooper  
The Commercial Appeal  
Memphis, Tennessee

1994: antediluvian  
Ned G. Andrews  
The Knoxville News-Sentinel  
Knoxville, Tennessee

1995: xanthosis  
Justin Tyler Carroll

The Commercial Appeal  
Memphis, Tennessee

1996: vivisepture  
Wendy Guey  
The Palm Beach Post  
West Palm Beach, Florida

1997: euonym  
Rebecca Sealton  
Daily News  
New York, New York

1998: chiaroscurist  
Jody-Anne Maxwell  
Phillips & Phillips Stationery Suppliers, Ltd.  
Kingston, Jamaica

1999: logorrhea  
Nupur Lala  
The Tampa Tribune  
Tampa, Florida

2000: demarche  
George Abraham Thampy  
St. Louis Post-Dispatch  
St. Louis, Missouri

2001: succedaneum  
Sean Conley  
Aitkin Independent Age  
Aitkin, Minnesota

2002: prospicience  
Pratyush Buddiga  
Rocky Mountain News  
Denver, Colorado

2003: pococurante  
Sai R. Gunturi  
The Dallas Morning News  
Dallas, Texas

2004: autochthonous  
David Scott Pilarski Tidmarsh  
South Bend Tribune  
South Bend, Indiana

2005: appoggiatura  
Anurag Kashyap  
San Diego Union-Tribune  
San Diego, California

2006: Ursprache  
Kerry Close  
Asbury Park Press/Home News Tribune  
Asbury Park, New Jersey

2007: serrefine

Evan M. O'Dorney  
Contra Costa Times  
Walnut Creek, California

2008: guerdon  
Sameer Mishra  
Journal and Courier  
Lafayette, Indiana