

2017 CONTEST RULES

UTAH STATE POETRY SOCIETY

Supported in part by the Utah Division of Arts & Museums, with funding from the State of Utah and the National Endowment for the Arts, and affiliated with the National Federation of State Poetry Societies.

1. **POSTMARK DEADLINE:** No earlier than December 1, 2016, no later than February 1, 2017 AND received by February 7, 2017.
2. To enter contest as a MEMBER, dues (\$30 regular; \$15 student) must be postmarked by January 5, 2017. Print a membership form from our website: utahpoets.com, then mail with a check made to UTSPS to Rosalyn Ostler, 7685 Dell Rd, Salt Lake City, UT 84121. **DO NOT send membership dues to Contest Chair.**
3. EACH poem MUST:
 - a. be the original work of the contestant.
 - b. be **no longer** than 40 lines **unless otherwise indicated** in individual category. Line limit does NOT include title, epigraph, or blank lines. But **does** include stanza headings in words or numbers.
 - c. be **unpublished**, including electronically, at the deadline date (Feb. 1).
 - d. be titled except haiku category.
 - e. conform to the high standards of the UTSPS. Avoid slander, denigrations, negative discrimination, profanities or obscenities. Avoid plagiarism.
 - f. have not won a cash award in any Utah contest.
 - g. be entered in one category only. **Exception:** each unpublished poem included in the UTSPS Book Publication category may be entered in one numbered category.
4. Entry FEE per contestant:

EACH PERSON ENTERING PAYS A \$10 ENTRY FEE, THEN:

 - a. MEMBERS may enter one poem per category. Each MEMBER entering 14 or fewer poems pays an additional \$1 per poem. If entering 15 or more poems, the **total fee** is \$25. **Exception:** Shoot For The Loot category 1 requires additional \$5 per poem. Wild Card category 3 requires additional \$2 per poem.
 - b. Each NONMEMBER entering pays a \$10 entry fee, **THEN** may enter one poem per category paying an additional \$2 per poem. **Exception:** Wild Card category 3, pay total of \$4 per poem entered. Nonmembers may **not** enter Shoot for the Loot category.
 - c. Write ONE check or money order per poet, payable to UTSPS. Do NOT staple or tape entry fee.
 - d. Send only one poet's entries, unfolded, per envelope.
5. PREPARATION of entries:
 - a. No more than one poem per page. If a single poem is longer than one page, staple pages together.
 - b. Send two clear copies of each entry – black ink, standard font (Times New Roman or Courier New, 12 to 14 point) typed on 8½ x 11 white paper.
 - c. On BOTH copies, place category number and category name in upper LEFT corner.
 - d. On second copy only, place in the upper RIGHT corner: your name, address, phone number, e-mail address.
 - e. SEPARATE originals from author-identified copies. STACK each group in category numerical order.
 - f. Type ONE 8½ x 11 cover page with your name, address, phone number, and e-mail. ALL POEMS in your packet are DISQUALIFIED without this cover page.

List the **number** of each category entered and the title of poem(s) entered in each.
Also list entry fee data. Example: Member basic fee: \$25.00
3 poems category 1 (\$5.00 each) \$15.00
4 poems category 2 (\$2.00 each) \$8.00
Total \$48.00
6. MAIL ALL POEMS, unfolded, and payment with author-identified copies on bottom, then plain originals, then cover sheet and entry fee check on top in ONE envelope. Additions sent separately will not be considered.

VIOLATION OF ANY OF THESE RULES WILL LEAD TO DISQUALIFICATION.

Send to Contest Clerk: UTSPS Contest, Sue Leth, 237 East Calgary Dr, St George, UT 84790

7. WINNERS ARE ANNOUNCED first at the annual 2017 UTSPS April Awards Festival. After Festival, the Winners List is posted on our website: www.utahpoets.com and our blog: utahpoetry.blogspot.com

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CATEGORIES

(Each category has a 40-line limit unless otherwise indicated.)

1. **\$HOOT FOR THE LOOT** (for MEMBERS only)

Sponsor: UTSPS

Entry fee: **\$5 per poem** (no limit on number of entries). **Entering this category gives permission for publication.** 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place poems **will be published** in the 2015 *Panorama*.

Subject: any

Form: any Prizes: \$200, \$100, \$50

2. **DANIEL SETH MORRISE AWARD** (for **UTAH** poets only)

Sponsor: Martha Morrise

Subject: A child on your family tree who has experienced adversity.

Line Limit: No less than 30, no more than 40 lines

Form: free verse (emphasis on alliteration and metaphor) Prizes: \$50, \$40, \$30

3. **WILD CARD AWARD**

Requires each poet to pay an **additional entry fee of \$2 per poem**. Any number of unpublished or published (if author retains rights) poems may be entered, except poems having previously won cash prizes in this Wild Card category. All fees become "the pot." First place winner gets 30%, second place 25%, third place 20%. Remaining 25% goes to UTSPS April Awards Festival expenses.

Subject: any

Form: any Prizes: See above

4. **HELEN MAR COOK MEMORIAL**

An insightful poem about an every-day item. Use poetic techniques.

Form: any Prizes: \$65, \$54, \$32

5. **BETTY FOWLER MEMORIAL - - YOU BETTER BELIEVE IT**

Sponsor: Bill & Candy Lish Fowler

Subject: About the USA. Could be a hometown: a community event, noteworthy character, town tradition, but nothing to do with politics.

Form: any Prizes: \$75, \$30, \$20

6. **CLERYNTH J. LARSON MEMORIAL**

Honoring Mrs. Larson who was an elementary school teacher for over 40 years.

Sponsor: Candy Lish Fowler & Bill Fowler

Subject: A meaningful or humorous experience relating to an elementary teacher or young student.

Form: any, except no rhyming poetry Prizes: \$100, \$15, \$10

7. **WORD WEAVERS AWARD**

Sponsor: Word Weavers Chapter

Subject: Nostalgia – a bittersweet longing for things, situations, or persons of the past.

Form: any Prizes: \$50, \$40, \$30

8. KATHRYN KAY MEMORIAL

Sponsor: Valley Winds Chapter

Subject: The Environment and Us – environmental impacts/concerns we humans have on/for our world.

Form: any Prizes: \$50, \$35, \$20

9. ANNE MARGARET PETERSON MEMORIAL

Sponsor: Patricia Peterson

Subject: War Nurse/Nurses

Form: any Prizes: \$50, \$35, \$15

10. ZARA SABIN MEMORIAL

Sponsor: Zara Sabin Memorial Fund

Subject: The Personal Poem. An expression of a spontaneous, intense, personal emotion. Imagery and metaphor should be used to develop and enrich expression and impact of the basic emotion.

Form: any

Line limit: no more than 24 Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20

11. TOMAS MEMORIAL

Sponsor: Greg Bulaj

Subject: Poetry for children.

Form: any Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20

12. HONORING WOMEN

Sponsor: Marilyn Bushman-Carlton

Subject: A woman you know personally who has been an inspiration to you. Make it about her and her inspirational qualities, without slipping into sentimentalism.

Form: any Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20

13. LEROY MEAGHER HUMOR

Sponsor: Meagher Memorial Fund UTSPS

Subject: Any humorous — make us giggle, chuckle, or laugh.

Form: any Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20

14. LEROY MEAGHER SONNET **(Place sonnet form under category number and name)**

Sponsor: Meagher Memorial Fund UTSPS

Subject: any

Form: Use correct Shakespearean, Petrarchan, or Beymorlin forms only. Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20

15. DOROTHY & L. PAUL ROBERTS MEMORIAL

Sponsor: Roberts Memorial Fund UTSPS

Subject: An upbeat expression showing awareness of the beauty in the world around us.

Form: any Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20

16. SHORT POEM – VESTA CRAWFORD MEMORIAL

Sponsor: Crawford Memorial Fund UTSPS

Subject: any

Form: any **Line limit: minimum 6, maximum 12** Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20

17. ANN W. HAFEN MEMORIAL

Sponsor: Hafen Memorial Fund UTSPS

Subject: The Old West: any phase, facet or character.

Form: any Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20

18. LLOYD MURRAY LIGHT VERSE

Sponsor: Lloyd Murray Memorial Fund UTSPS

Subject: any

Form: True light verse, rhymed and metered. **Line limit: no more than 8** Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20

19. NORMA ASPLUND MEMORIAL

Sponsor: Bill Asplund

Subject: Poem about teaching young people.

Form: Any Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20

20. SPOON RIVER

Sponsor: Grace & Eric Read

Subject: Any

Form: Spoon River: Traditional, first person account written as an EPITAPH from the grave. Other people can be mentioned, but the poem must be about the person who is writing it. Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20

21. REBA KOHLER AND RENA WEBB MEMORIAL

Sponsors: Dale H. and Joyce W. Kohler

Subject: any

Form: Any Prize: \$50, \$35, \$15

22. HUNGRY POETS

Sponsor: Hungry Poets

Subject: any

Form: Golden Shovel: Look online for poem form created by Terrence Hayes Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$16

23. REDROCK WRITERS' FOUNDERS AWARD

To honor LaVerna B. Johnson and D. Gary Christian

Sponsor: Redrock Writers & Dixie Poets

Subject: unintended consequences

Form: any Prizes of \$35, \$25, \$15

24. LONG POEM

Sponsor: Judy Johns

Subject: any

Form: free verse Line limit: **minimum 40, maximum 100** Prizes: \$40, \$20, \$10

25. OGDEN MEMORIAL

Sponsor: Vera Bakker

Subject: Poem about a place

Form: any Prizes: \$30, \$20, \$10

26. DAVID F AND ROBERT BALPH MEMORIAL

Sponsor: Martha Balph

Subject: A poem about a wild creature or creatures, broadly defined to include subjects from whales to hummingbirds or insects. If th poem is about a domestic animal, it should focus on the wild creature in that animal.

Form: any Prizes: \$30, \$20, \$10

27. WOOD MEMORIAL

Sponsor: Marilyn Richardson

Subject: flying high

Form: any Prizes: \$30, \$20, \$10

28. LOVE POEM

Sponsor: Kolette Montague

Subject: Love poem (no explicit erotica or vulgarities).

Form: any Prizes: \$30, \$20, \$10

29. PAT BADER AND PAT KIMBER MEMORIAL

Sponsor: Bob Bader

Subject: Poetry for Children

Form: any Prizes: \$30, \$20, \$10

30. WHITAKER AWARD

Sponsor: Rosalyn Ostler

For poets who have not won over \$50 in contesting. Check to make sure! Use specific concrete imagery.

Subject: any

Form: any Prizes: \$25, \$15, \$10

31. HAIKU

Sponsor: UTSPS

Subject: any

Any style or form of three-line Haiku is acceptable. Prizes: \$25, \$15, \$10

32. COWBOY POETRY

Sponsor: Norman L Bringham Memorial Fund

Subject: A well-developed poem about today's working West. Poems with factual historical themes related to cowboying, ranching, or rural life are also acceptable.

Form: Traditional Cowboy Verse, humorous or serious. Visit www.cowboypoetry.org for examples, or visit a cowboy rockin' on a porch somewhere and capture one of his/her accounts in a poem. Be sure to give credit for the story.

One Cash Prize: Author memorizing and reciting the winning poem receives \$50. (Prize will only be \$25 if it is read.) Three \$5 honorable mentions also awarded. Top 4 poets will be notified that they may be reciting poem aloud.

33. INTRODUCTION CATEGORY **NONMEMBERS ONLY**

UTAH RESIDENTS who have never been members of UTSPS are eligible.

Sponsor: UTSPS

Subject: any

Form: any

First Prize: Membership in UTSPS and NFSPS for the rest of 2017 and 2018. This includes full contesting privileges, *Panorama*, with right to submit for publication, state and national newsletters, contest and workshop notices, free critiques for 12 poems per year, and a copy of the UTSPS Award Book, for both 2017 and 2018.

Second Prize: Membership in UTSPS through December 31, 2017. This includes *Panorama*, with submission rights, post-April newsletters, contest and workshop notices, free critiques for 12 poems, and a copy of the UTSPS Award book available October 2017.

Third Prize: One book of your choice from past winning books in the book award category. If you are not present at the April Awards Festival, a book will be selected for you and mailed to you.

ALICE MORREY BAILEY SWEEPSTAKES

members only

Sponsor: UTSPS

A Certificate will be awarded to the UTSPS member accumulating the most points for winning entries (1st place 5 points, 2nd place 4 points, 3rd place 3 points.)

For more information, contact General Contest Chair: Kolette Montague at either poetkmm@msn.com or (801)292-0283.

UTAH STATE POETRY SOCIETY BOOK PUBLICATION AWARD 2017

Sponsor: Johnson Family Foundation and friends of the Laureates

Administrator: UTSPS Laureates (Past Poets of the Year)

Each Book of the Year is published in *perfect bound* paperback format, providing more funds to perpetuate this program. **Entrants should understand that winning the contest will necessitate an arduous few months, as time and effort go into preparing the manuscript and completing publication.**

POSTMARK DEADLINE: February 1, 2017.

NO MANUSCRIPT WILL BE RETURNED

POEMS MUST:

- A. be solely the work of the entrant, who has been a **resident** of Utah for three consecutive years prior to the contest, and a **paid member** of UTSPS for the entire years of 2015 and 2016, and renewed by Jan. 5, 2017.
- B. show originality in thought and expression of language.
- C. use imagery and show knowledge of poetic technique.

MANUSCRIPT MUST:

- A. contain 50 numbered pages of poems (no more or less). Poems may be published and unpublished, but manuscript as a whole must be original and unpublished.
- B. be single-spaced in clear black type.
- C. have no more than one poem per page, on one side of paper.
- D. have no more than 32 lines per page, with longer poems continued on subsequent page(s).
- E. contain a title page and a table of contents, not to be counted with the 50 pages of poems.
- F. conform to the high standards of the UTSPS. Avoid slander, denigrations, negative discrimination, profanities or obscenities. Avoid plagiarism.
- G. have no illustrations, no bulky folders or binders, nor be bound or stapled. Please fasten with a binder clip.
- H. contain no author identification.

MANUSCRIPT MAY:

- A. have section pages, not to be counted in the 50 pages of poems.
- B. contain previously published individual poems (permission for use not needed at this time).
- C. include poems which have won cash prizes.
- D. contain poems which vary from traditional to modern.
- E. include poems with a light touch, but a complete collection of light verse or cowboy poetry is not considered.

NO MANUSCRIPT WILL BE RETURNED TO THE POET

The Book Publication Committee reserves the right to adjust the format of the winning book, if necessary.

Winner **must be available through the summer** of 2017 while the book is being prepared and printed and must also attend certain special events. Winner must be present for the reading of the book at the October 2017 Poetry Concert. This may be waived or modified in extenuating circumstances, at the discretion of the Book Publication Committee and the president of UTSPS.

Prizes: First: Publication and 50 copies of book Second: \$50 Laureates Award Third: \$25 awarded by UTSPS

Poet may submit one entry only. Previous first-place Book Publication Award winners are not eligible.

Reading fee: \$20 check or money order, payable to UTSPS

Mail to: Elaine Christensen

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For more information about this category contact Book Contest Chair Elaine Christensen at elainec826@gmail.com

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