

Utah State Poetry Society, Inc.

Assisted by the Utah Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts
and affiliated with the National Federation of State Poetry Societies

2010 CONTEST RULES

1. POSTMARK DEADLINE: February 1, 2010
All USPS contests are judged double-blind by judges who are not members of USPS.
2. To contest as a member, annual dues (\$25 regular, \$15 student) must be postmarked by the 5th day of January, 2010. For membership information, contact Rosalyn Ostler, email: rosieo1@juno.com or phone 801-943-4211.
3. Any poem submitted must:
 - A. Follow line limit and form specified in each category. Line count does not include title, epigraph, or blank lines.
 - B. Be the original work of the contestant
 - C. Be unpublished at the time of entering (**exception:** Pearle M. Olsen Book Publication, see category #45 for details)
 - D. Be titled (**exception:** haiku)
 - E. Be in good taste
 - F. Not have won a cash award in any Utah contest
 - G. Not be changed or withdrawn
4. No poem may be entered in more than one category. **Exception:** an unpublished poem included in the Olsen Book category may be entered in one other category.
5. Entry fees:
 - A. Members may enter ONE poem per category for one \$15 fee. Members entering fewer than 15 poems total must pay \$1 per poem entered. **Exceptions:** Category #2, Shoot for the Loot (no limit to number of entries, but each entry requires a \$5 fee). Category #45, Pearle M. Olsen Book Publication Award, is limited to one entry for a \$20 reading fee. See category #45 for all details.
 - B. Nonmember fee is \$2 per poem. Nonmembers may enter one poem in each category specified "also open to nonmembers" and marked with ** before category number.
 - C. Write one check or money order, payable to USPS. **Exception:** book entry fee accompanies manuscript to Book Chair (check Category #45 for complete instructions when entering Pearle M. Olsen Book Publication Award).
 - D. Do not staple or tape entry fee to entries.
6. Preparation of entries (For book entry, see category #45 instructions):
 - A. Two clear copies, single-spaced, standard font, typed on 8½ x 11 white paper. No onionskin. No illustrations.
 - B. One poem per page except categories which allow a second page; then staple pages of each copy.
 - C. On both copies, put category name and number in upper left corner. When applicable, identify the form in upper left corner under category number and name.
 - D. No author identification on first copy. On the second copy, place your name, address, and phone number in upper right corner.
 - E. Separate originals from author-identified duplicates and place each stack in numerical order, with original (no ID) stack on top.
 - F. Prepare one 8½ x 11 cover page with your name and address. List numbers of categories entered, as well as the title of the poem entered in each category.
7. Mail all entries in one envelope, author-identified copies beneath unidentified copies, with cover sheet and check on top, to:

Barbara Funke - Contest Clerk
474 West Rolling Hills Dr.
St George, UT 84770-6111

8. Any violation of rules will disqualify the entry.
9. No fees or poems will be returned except the Pearle M. Olsen Book manuscripts. The winners list will be posted on our website www.utahpoets.com. A business-size (4 x 9) SASE with \$.88 postage may be included to receive the winners list.

DECISIONS OF THE JUDGES ARE FINAL. WINNERS ARE ANNOUNCED AT THE ANNUAL USPS AWARDS FESTIVAL IN APRIL. See the website for details.

MEMBERS OF USPS MAY ENTER ALL CATEGORIES EXCEPT CATEGORY #1, INTRODUCTION CONTEST.

NONMEMBERS MAY ENTER CATEGORIES MARKED WITH ** BEFORE CATEGORY NUMBER AND INCLUDING THE WORDS "ALSO OPEN TO NONMEMBERS".

****1. INTRODUCTION CONTEST** **OPEN TO NONMEMBERS ONLY**

Sponsor: USPS - We want to introduce the Utah State Poetry Society to you! This category is for Utah residents who are not currently members and have never been members of the USPS.

Any subject, any form

Line limit: 42

Add email address (if available) on upper

right corner of ID copy.

First Prize – Membership in USPS and NFSPS, for the remainder of 2010 and all of 2011. This includes full contesting privileges, all editions of *Panorama* and state and national newsletters, contest and workshop notification, free critiquing of 12 poems per year through the Critique Bureau, and a copy of the winning book in the Pearle M. Olsen Award, available October 2010 and October 2011.

Second Prize – Membership in USPS through December 31, 2010. The winner will receive 1 edition of *Panorama*, post-April newsletters, notification of contests and workshops, free critiquing of 12 poems, and a copy of the Pearle M. Olsen Award winning book, available October 2010.

Third prize – One book of your choice from the past winning books in the book award category.

2. \$HOOT FOR THE LOOT

USPS members only

Sponsor: USPS

Entry fee per poem \$5

Top 3 winning poems will be published in the 2010 *Panorama*. Entering this category gives permission for publication, should poem win 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place.

Any subject, any form

Line limit: 50

Prizes: \$250, \$100, \$50

3. MOSES & ANNIE BECKSTEAD MEMORIAL

USPS members only

Sponsor: Vicki Wheeler

Subject: Any

Form: A rhymed poem

Line limit: 28

Prizes: \$80, \$50, \$20

4. WORD WEAVERS AWARD USPS members only
 Sponsor: Word Weavers Chapter
 Subject: Nostalgia—a bittersweet longing for things, situations, or persons of the past.
 Any form Line
 limit 40 Prizes: \$50, \$40, \$30
5. ZARA SABIN MEMORIAL USPS members only
 Sponsor: Zara Sabin Memorial Fund, Administrator: Maxine Shreve
 Subject: The personal poem. An expression of a spontaneous, intense, personal emotion. The universal impersonal "we" does not fit this category. Imagery and metaphor should be used to develop and enrich expression and impact of the basic emotion.
 Any form Line
 limit: 24 Prizes: \$25, \$15, \$10
6. MAX C. GOLIGHTLY MEMORIAL USPS members only
 Sponsors: Helen Keith Beaman, Mary Keith Boyack, Karen Keith Gibson
 Subject: Without You
 Form: free verse
 Line limit: 40 Prizes: \$35, \$35, \$35
7. DANIEL SETH MORRISE AWARD USPS members only
 Sponsor: Martha Morrise
 Subject: Roots and Wings. The two most important things caregivers can give children are roots and wings. Any positive aspect of this subject. Use your imagination.
 Any form Line
 limit: 40 Prizes: \$40, \$30, \$20
8. READER AWARD USPS members only
 Sponsor: Jean Jenkins
 Subject: Diet and/or exercise. Humorous poetry
 Any form Line limit: 42 Prizes:
 \$50, \$35, \$15
- **9. "WORDS" POEM Also open to nonmembers
 Sponsor: Marilyn Bushman-Carlton
 Subject: Create a poem that contains the following ten words: *bells, remain, chocolate, novel, town, bee, earth, page, manner, daughter.*
 Any form Line
 limit: 30 Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20
10. ERIC W. CHRISTENSEN MEMORIAL USPS members only
 Sponsor: Elaine Christensen
 Subject: Relationships. The award will be given for a meaningful, insightful poem, using imagery, heightened sense of sound, and consistency of tone.
 Form: Free verse Line limit: 40 Prizes:
 \$50, \$30, \$20

- **11. LEA DELORIS MONSON MEMORIAL Also open to nonmembers
 Sponsor: Dixie Chapter
 Subject: The desert of the American southwest (not just a description).
 Any form Line limit: 40 Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20
- **12. DALE E. CUTTING SOCIAL & POLITICAL ISSUES Also open to nonmembers
 Sponsor: Pat Cutting
 Subject: An op-ed poem on a social or political issue you feel so strongly about that you would like to write a letter about it to the editor of a major newspaper.
 Any form Line limit: 50 Prizes: \$40, \$20, \$10
13. LILLIAN COLEMAN LETSON MEMORIAL USPS members only
 Sponsor: Elaine L. Ipson
 Form: Villanelle or Shakespearean sonnet. Must be true to the form.
 Any subject Prizes: \$40, \$30, \$20
14. JAY AND FRED A SNELL MEMORIAL USPS members only
 Sponsors: L. C. Snell and N. Colwell Snell
 Any subject, any form Line limit: 40 Prizes: \$40, \$25, \$15
15. DAVID C. & BRIAN C. FELT MEMORIAL USPS members only
 Sponsor: Geraldine Felt
 Subject: Occasion poem: A poem about a special event—a holiday, wedding, birthday, historic event, baptism, graduation, etc.
 Any form
 Line limit: 40 Prizes: \$40, \$25, \$15
16. VESTA CRAWFORD MEMORIAL USPS members only
 Sponsor: Crawford Memorial Fund
 The short poem
 Any subject, any form Line limit: minimum 6, maximum 12 Prizes: \$25, \$15, \$10
17. ANN W. HAFEN MEMORIAL USPS members only
 Sponsor: Hafen Memorial Fund
 Subject: Western general history. Any phase or facet of Western development. May be character portrait, representation of idealism or achievements characterizing pioneers.
 Any form
 Line limit: 40 Prizes: \$25, \$15, \$10
18. SCANCELTS AWARD USPS members only
 Sponsor: ScanCelts
 Subject: Open Theme
 Any form
 Line limit: 40 Prizes: \$40, \$40, \$40

19. DOROTHY & L. PAUL ROBERTS MEMORIAL USPS members only
 Sponsor: Roberts Foundation Memorial Fund
 Subject: An upbeat expression showing awareness of the beauty in the world around us.
 More than description.
 Any form
 Line limit: 42 Prizes: \$25, \$15, \$10
- **20. CHARLOTTE SHANNON MEMORIAL Also open to nonmembers
 Sponsors: Kathryn Clement and Pat Grimm
 Subject: An upside-down fairy tale: i.e., from the stepsister's/mother's point of view, a
 very uncharming prince, a servant in Sleeping Beauty's castle, etc. May be
 serious or humorous (but humor with bite!). Retell it your way. Freshness and
 imagery paramount.
 Form: free verse
 Line limit: 45 Prizes: \$30, \$20, \$10
21. PRESIDENT'S AWARD USPS members only
 Sponsor: LaVerna B. Johnson
 Subject: Encouraging hope, faith, joy
 Any form
 Line limit: 42 Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20
22. LIGHTEN YOUR LIFE AWARD USPS Members only
 Sponsor: Eric and Grace Read
 Any subject
 Form: Humorous light verse, rhymed and metered, using puns, similes. No limericks.
 Poems judged on author's ability to make light of human foibles in a fun, but not
 hurtful, way.
 Line limit: 16 Prizes: \$30, \$20, \$10
- **23. BONNIE GUDMUNDSON MEMORIAL Also open to nonmembers
 Sponsor: Rhyme & Reason Chapter
 Subject: Kindness
 Any form
 Line limit: 30 Prizes: \$40, \$30, \$20
- **24. KEN BREWER MEMORIAL AWARD Also open to nonmembers
 Sponsor: Ben Lomond Chapter
 Any subject, any form
 Line limit: Minimum 12 – Maximum 60 Prizes: \$35, \$25, \$15
25. LOVE POEM USPS members only
 Sponsor: Judy Johns
 Subject: Love poem (in good taste, aimed at the opposite sex)
 Any form
 Line limit: 50 Prizes: \$30, \$20, \$10

- **26. DAVID F. & ROBERT BALPH MEMORIAL** Also open to nonmembers
Sponsor: Martha H. Balph
Subject: A poem about a wild creature or creatures (broadly defined to include subjects from whales to hummingbirds or insects). If the poem is about a domestic animal, it should focus on the wild creature in that animal.
Any form
Line limit: 42 Prizes: \$30, \$20, \$10
- 27. WHITAKER AWARD** USPS members only
Sponsor: Rosalyn Ostler
For poets who have not won over \$50 in contesting. Check to make sure! Use specific concrete imagery.
Any subject, any form
Line limit: 36 Prizes: \$30, \$20, \$10
- 28. REX CAMPBELL MEMORIAL** USPS members only
Sponsor: USPS
"Sound of Music"—a lyric poem; subjective, nostalgic, with apparent melody and personal emotion, but not sentimental. Melody may be secured by a variety of rhythm patterns, in rhymed or unrhymed verse. See *Daffodils* by Wordsworth.
Any subject, any form
Line limit: 36 Prizes: \$25, \$15, \$10
- **29. LEROY MEAGHER HUMOR** Also open to nonmembers
Sponsor: Meagher Memorial Fund
A humorous poem in any form.
Any subject
Line limit: 32 Prizes: \$25, \$15, \$10
- **30. PEGGY TANGREN NATURE POEM** Also open to nonmembers
Sponsor: USPS
Subject: A poem featuring some aspect of nature. Description is not enough. Must have deep significance and strong emotional appeal.
Any form
Line limit: 42 Prizes: \$25, \$15, \$10
- **31. NORMAN L. BRINGHURST MEMORIAL AWARD** Also open to nonmembers
Sponsor: LaVerna Johnson
Subject: Freedom...America's promise
Form: a narrative poem
Line limit: 72 Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20
- **32. LEROY MEAGHER SONNET** Also open to nonmembers
Sponsor: Meagher Memorial Fund
Use correct Shakespearean, Petrarchan, or Beymorlin forms only. Properly identify form in upper left corner under category name and number.
Any subject Prizes: \$25, \$15, \$10

33. SARAH RUTH DAVIS NELSON MEMORIAL AWARD USPS members only
Sponsor: Anonymous Administrator – Bethany Ng
Any subject (content in good taste, please)
Form: limerick
Line limit: 5 Prizes: \$40, \$25, \$15, 4 HM - \$5 each
- **34. HAIKU Also open to nonmembers
Sponsor: USPS
Any subject
Any style or form of three-line haiku is acceptable Prizes: \$25, \$15, \$10
35. UP AND COMING AWARD USPS members only
Sponsor: USPS
Serious poetry by a member who has not yet won a cash prize from USPS
Any subject, any form
Line limit: 40 Prizes: \$25, \$15, \$10
- **36. EVA WILLES WANGSGAARD MEMORIAL Also open to nonmembers
Sponsor: USPS
Serious poetry in traditional forms, including blank verse. Properly identify form in upper left corner under category name and number.
Any subject
Form: Traditional
Line limit: 40 Prizes: \$25, \$15, \$10
- **37. USPS FREE VERSE Also open to nonmembers
Sponsor: USPS
Free of metrical and rhyme restrictions. No patterned rhyme.
Any subject
Line limit: 40 Prizes: \$25, \$15, \$10
38. CHILDREN'S POETRY USPS members only
Sponsor: Kolette Montague
Subject: Poetry for (not about) children
Any form
Line limit: one standard page Prizes: \$25, \$15, \$10
- **39. LEROY MEAGHER FREE VERSE Also open to nonmembers
Sponsor: Meagher Memorial Fund
Develop a complete poetic idea with every word relevant to the theme. Random rhymes are acceptable if germane to the poem, but no rhyme pattern.
Any subject
Line limit: 30 Prizes: \$25, \$15, \$10
40. KATHRYN KAY MEMORIAL AWARD USPS members only
Sponsor: Valley Winds Chapter
Subject: The struggles and/or joys of writing poetry
Any form
Line limit: 42 Prizes: \$25, \$15, \$10

41. LLOYD MURRAY LIGHT VERSE USPS members only
 Sponsor: Lloyd Murray Memorial Fund
 True light verse, rhymed and metered
 Line limit: 8 Prizes: \$25, \$15, \$10
42. PAST PRESIDENT'S AWARD USPS members only
 Sponsor: Vera Ogden Bakker
 Subject: A poem about a place in Utah
 Any form
 Line limit: 40 Prizes: \$30, \$20, \$10
- **43. BILL RUESCH COSMIC AWARENESS Also open to non-members
 Sponsor: Poetry Conspiracy
 Subject: Rumi said, "Out beyond ideas of wrongdoing and rightdoing/ there is a field. I'll meet you there." If you were to write wisdom poetry for the ages, poetry that speaks to all human beings, what might you write? Use your best poetic technique, and write what is true from your connection to the universal source of light and love. NO traditional religion, please.
 Any form
 Line limit: one standard page Prizes: \$26, \$16, \$11
44. ALICE MORREY BAILEY SWEEPSTAKES USPS members only
 Sponsor: USPS
 For the USPS member accumulating the MOST POINTS for winning entries:
 1st places - 5 points
 2nd places - 4 points
 3rd places - 3 points.
 No honorable mentions will be considered in this category.
Single prize: \$25

For more information about any of the above categories, contact the Contest Chairs:

Nad & Markay Brown
 1663 No. Hummingbird Dr.
 St George, UT 84770
 nadbmarb@gmail.com

45. PEARLE M. OLSEN BOOK PUBLICATION AWARD 2010 USPS members only
 This contest is judged double-blind by qualified poets who are not members of USPS.
 Co-sponsors: Pearle M. Olsen family and USPS
 Administrator: USPS Laureates (former USPS Poets of the Year)
 Prizes: First: Publication and 50 copies of book
 Second: \$50 Laureates Award
 Third: \$25 Awarded by USPS
 Poet may submit one entry only. Past first-place Pearle M. Olsen Book Publication Award winners are not eligible.
 Reading fee: \$20 check or money order, payable to USPS
 Mail to: Kevin Clark
1750 East Murray-Holladay Road #34
Holladay, UT 84117

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 an active member of USPS for the entire years of 2008, 2009, and renewed by Jan. 5, 2010
- 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. Be in good taste
- G. Have no illustrations, no bulky folders or binders, nor be bound or stapled (may be fastened with a large paper clip or 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 deft, light touch, but a complete collection of light verse or cowboy poetry will not be considered

IDENTIFICATION ENVELOPE (business size 4x9 unsealed) MUST:

- A. Have author's name and title of book typed on the outside (FOR CHAIR ONLY) in case there are duplicate titles
- B. Contain a card with the number and name of category, manuscript title, and the author's name, address, and phone number
- C. Contain a short autobiography or career sketch
- D. Contain two photos of the author
- E. Contain sufficient stamps for return postage of complete manuscript

MAILING/RETURN OF MANUSCRIPT:

- A. Place manuscript, ID envelope, entry fee payable to USPS, and an adequate self-addressed envelope for return of manuscript (stamps in ID envelope) ALL in one envelope addressed to the chair.
- B. All but the first-place manuscript will be returned at the Awards Festival or by mail.

NO EXCEPTIONS TO THE ABOVE RULES.

ANY VIOLATION OF THE RULES WILL DISQUALIFY THE ENTRY.

The Book Chair reserves the right to adjust the format of the winning book if necessary. Winner must be available through the summer of 2010 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 2010 Poetry Concert. The above requirements may be waived or modified in unusual circumstances, at the discretion of the Book Chair, officers of the Laureates, and the president of USPS. All entrants are encouraged to attend the April Awards Festival.

For more information about this category, contact the Book Chair (Kevin Clark).