

UTAH STATE POETRY SOCIETY

2021 CONTEST RULES

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.

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1. ANY POEM SUBMITTED MUST:

- a. be the original work of the contestant.
- b. be unpublished in any form, including electronically, on the submission deadline date, Feb 1.
- c. not have won a cash prize in any contest.
- d. have a **40 line limit** (printed lines) for all categories not stating line limit. Line limit does NOT include title, epigraph, or blank lines. But does include stanza headings in words or numbers.
- e. be titled, except haiku or tanka.
- f. be typed or computer generated. No illustrations.
- g. category needs to receive a minimum of 10 entries to be a valid contest.

No poems will be returned. Poet should retain copies.

2. EXCEPT AS INDICATED in \$shoot for the Loot and Wild Card categories, entrants may submit only one entry in any category, and may not submit the same poem in any other category. Exception: Each unpublished and/or non-cash Utah winner poem included in the Book Publication contest may be entered in one category.

3. CHECK OR MONEY ORDER enclosed must be made payable to UTSPS (initials sufficient) rather than to any individual.

- a. Each poet entering pays a \$5 entry fee, THEN
- b. Non-members may enter categories at \$3 each (except Wild Card category, \$5 per poem). Non-members may not enter contests which are designated "members only."
- c. Members may enter up to 15 categories for \$1 per poem, or \$15 total for entry in more than 15 categories [except \$shoot for the Loot (\$5 per poem) and Wild Card (\$2 per poem)] categories.

4. "MEMBERS ONLY" eligible if a paid-up member of UTSPS by January 5th of current contest year. Dues (\$30 regular; \$15 student) must be postmarked by January 5, current year. Print a membership form from our website: utahpoets.com, then mail to address on form with a check for membership made to UTSPS.

5. WHEN TO SUBMIT POEMS:

- a. Contest starting date: entries **must not** be postmarked before December 1st of year preceding contest year.
- b. Contest deadline: entries **must be postmarked on or before February 1** of contest year.

6. HOW TO SUBMIT POEMS:

- a. Send two copies of the poem, typed, photocopied, or computer-generated, on 8.5" x 11" white paper, in black ink, single-spaced. Use standard font similar to Times New Roman or Courier New - 12 to 14 point.

If a poem requires more than one page, staple together at the top left corner all pages of each copy.

- b. On BOTH copies, place number and name of contest in upper left corner.
- c. On second copy only, place name, address, phone number, and E-mail address of poet in upper right corner.
- d. Separate originals from duplicates and stack in numerical order **(1-35)** with originals on top.
- e. **Cover page: ALL POEMS in your packet are DISQUALIFIED** without cover page.

Type ONE 8½ x 11 cover page with your name, address, phone number, and e-mail.

List the **number** of each category entered and the title of poem(s) entered in each.

Also list entry fee data.

An Example for Nonmembers: Entry Fee \$5.00

3 poems Any Category except Wild Card or \$hoot for the Loot (\$3.00 each) \$9.00

2 poems Wild Card (\$5.00 each) \$10.00

Not eligible for \$hoot for the Loot

Total \$24.00

An Example for Members Only: Entry fee: \$5.00

3 poems Any Category Members Only except Wild Card or \$hoot for the Loot (\$1.00 each) \$3.00

2 poems Wild Card (\$2.00 each) \$4.00

2 poems \$hoot for Loot (\$5.00 each) \$10.00

Total \$22.00

Mail all entries at one time, unfolded, in a large envelope, including the cover sheet and entry fee. Mail to the Contest Clerk by First Class, Priority Mail or any form of delivery that does NOT require a signature upon receipt.

Mail Entries to:

UTSPS CONTEST, LORRAINE JEFFERY,

411 WEST 1560 NORTH,

OREM, UT 84057

Additions sent separately will not be considered.

The UTSPS will not assume mailing costs, nor be responsible for any entries lost or delayed in the mail.

VIOLATION OF ANY OF THESE RULES LEADS TO DISQUALIFICATION.

CATEGORIES

(CATEGORIES 1 THROUGH 21 ARE OPEN TO ALL)

1. 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.

Subject: Any

Form: Any

Prizes: See above

2. ANN C. LARSON MEMORIAL

Sponsors: Candy Lish Fowler & Bill Fowler

Subject: Any (nothing to do with politics, no explicit erotica or vulgarities).

Form: Any, except no prose.

Lines: 50 maximum

Prizes: \$100, \$15, \$10

3. BETTY FOWLER MEMORIAL - - YOU BETTER BELIEVE IT

Sponsors: 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

Lines: 45 maximum

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

4. VALLEY WINDS AWARD

Sponsor: Valley Winds Chapter

Subject: Kindness

Form: Any

Prizes: \$70, \$40, \$20

5. POET'S WORK

Sponsor: Paul Ford & Marie Andrews

Subject: Life as Other

Form: Persona

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

6. VON J. BARNEY MEMORIAL

Sponsor: V. Kimball Barney

Subject: The Mountains

Form: Any

Lines: 32 maximum

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

7. GRACE C. BARNEY MEMORIAL

Sponsor: V. Kimball Barney

Subject: Villanelle

Form: Any

Lines: 19 maximum

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

8. HISTORICAL CHARACTERS – HONORING DR. SHELDON B. JOHNSON

Sponsor: LaVerna Johnson

Subject: Eye doctor character

Form: Any

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

9. CELEBRATING A SMALL TOWN CHILDHOOD

Sponsor: Marilyn Bushman-Carlton

Subject: A poem dedicated, preferably by relating a descriptive but not didactic experience that took place in a small town. Besides avoiding sentimentalism, the sky's the limit.

Form: Any

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

10. LONG POEM

Sponsor: Judy Johns

Subject: Any

Form: Free verse

Lines: minimum 40, maximum 100

Prizes: \$30, \$20 \$15

11. DAVID F. AND ROBERT H. BALPH MEMORIAL

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.

Form: Any

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

12. AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE AWARD

Sponsor: Martha H. Balph

Subject: A poem about, or relating to American Indians – history, contemporary issues, arts, or spirituality.

Form: Any

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

13. WOOD MEMORIAL

Sponsor: Marilyn Richardson

Subject: Flying High

Form: Any

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

14. Pat Bader Memorial

Sponsor: Bob Bader

Subject: Love (no explicit erotica or vulgarities)

Form: Any

Prizes: \$50, \$25, \$15

15. LOLU PETERSON MEMORIAL

Sponsor: Patricia Peterson

Subject: Forest Aflame

Form: Any

Lines: No limit

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

16. PAUSE FOR POETRY

Sponsor: Steven Leitch

Subject: Any

Form: Any

Lines: Maximum 24

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

17. CLARENCE SOCKWELL MEMORIAL

Sponsor: UTSPS & Members

Subject: Don Juan Type & Humorous

Form: Any

Lines: Any

Prizes: \$70, \$40, \$30

18. NARRVAL E. HALL MEMORIAL

Sponsor: Michael L. Hanson

Subject: Law, Justice, Freedom or America

Form: Free Verse

Lines: Any

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

19. MARVAL E. HALL AVOCATION MEMORIAL

Sponsor: Michael L. Hanson

Subject: Western culture, cowboy life, cowboy humor, farm or ranch life or anecdotes

Form: Any

Lines: Any

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

20. INTRODUCTION CATEGORY (NON-MEMBER, UTAH RESIDENTS 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 2021 and 2022. 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 2021 and 2022.

Second Prize: Membership in UTSPS through December 31, 2021. 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 2021.

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.

21. ANN W. HAFEN MEMORIAL– FOR STUDENTS

For: K - 12 Students (One entry per poet)

Three entry groups: A- grades K- 4th, B- grades 5th - 8th, C- grades 9th - 12th

Sponsor: Hafen Memorial Fund UTSPS

Subject: Any

Form: Any

Special instructions: Students need no cover sheet or entry fee, but two copies of poem must be submitted. No identification on first copy, except Grade Level Category - (A, B or C) in upper left corner. Identification copy must include, in upper left corner: Grade level category: (A, B, or C). Poet's name, address, telephone and or email (to contact about win). Signature of sponsor (UTSPS member, parent/guardian, or teacher). This person is a witness that the poem is the original work of the student.

Each grade in each school may send up to ten poems total, following all the above rules.

Prizes: \$20, \$10, \$5 in each entry group

CATEGORIES 22 THROUGH 35 ARE FOR UTSPS PAID MEMBERS ONLY

22. C. S. WATTS MEMORIAL (Members only)

Sponsor: Juanita Watts

Subject: Any

Form: Traditional villanelle

Prizes: \$40, \$30, \$30

23. HAIKU (Members only)

Sponsor: UTSPS

Subject: Any

Any style or form of three-line Haiku is acceptable. No sequences.

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

24. DIXIE POETS AWARD (Members only)

Sponsor: Dixie Poets Chapter

Subject: Cowboy poetry

Form: Rhymed and metered

Lines: No limit

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

25. RHYME & REASON AWARD (Members only)

Sponsors: Rhyme & Reason Chapter and friends

Subject: Music in my life (poet's interpretations)

Form: Any

Prizes: \$60, \$40, \$30

26. MARTHA MORRISE MEMORIAL (FOR UTAH RESIDENT MEMBERS ONLY)

Sponsor: Geraldine Felt & UTSPS, Ben Lomond Chapter and friends

Subject: Shopping—Any locations

Form: Free verse

Line limit: 28 lines

Prizes: \$70, \$50, \$30

27. NORMA ASPLUND MEMORIAL (Members only)

Sponsor: Bill Asplund

Subject: My Best Friend

Form: Any

Prizes \$50, \$25, \$25

28. ZARA SABIN MEMORIAL (Members only)

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: maximum 24

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

29. Meagher Memorial Fund UTSPS (Members only)

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

Form: Any

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

30. DOROTHY & L. PAUL ROBERTS MEMORIAL (Members only)

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

31. SHORT POEM – VESTA CRAWFORD MEMORIAL (Members only)

Sponsor: Crawford Memorial Fund UTSPS

Subject: Any serious subject.

Form: Any **Line limit: minimum 6, maximum 12**

Lines: 6 minimum, 12 maximum

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

32. LLOYD MURRAY LIGHT VERSE (Members only)

Sponsor: Lloyd Murray Memorial Fund UTSPS

Subject: Any

Form: True **light verse**, rhymed, metered, humorous.

Line limit: maximum 8

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

33. LEROY MEAGHER SONNET (Members only)

(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

34. DAWNELL GRIFFITH (Members only)

Sponsor: UTSPS Members

Subject: Family Tree

Form: Any

Prizes: \$40, \$25, \$15

35. \$HOOT FOR THE LOOT (Members only)

Sponsor: UTSPS

Entry fee: **\$5 per poem** (no limit on number of entries). **Entering this category gives permission for publication. Winning poem will be published** in the *Panorama*.

Subject: Any

Form: Any

Prize: \$150

ALICE MORREY SWEEPSTAKES

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 **Contest Chair: Bob Bader, bobbader45@gmail.com**

The following information is included so poets may plan ahead and prepare the very best manuscript to enter. All poets are encouraged to seek feedback from any member of the Laureates (past book award winners).

UTAH STATE POETRY SOCIETY BOOK PUBLICATION AWARD 2021

Sponsor: Johnson Family Foundation and friends of the Laureates

Administrator: UTSPS Laureates (Past Poets of the Year)

NOTICE: CHANGE IN PUBLICATION PROCESS:

BEGINNING WITH THE 2019 BOOK OF THE YEAR, THE BOOK PUBLICATION AWARD WILL BE OFFERED EVERY-OTHER YEAR. Future BOOK OF THE YEAR contests will be held 2021, 2023, etc. Plan accordingly for your manuscript.

There needs to be at least 10 manuscripts submitted; otherwise there will not be a Book Contest for that year.

Each **Book of the Year** is published in *perfect bound* paperback format. **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, 2021

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 2020 and 2021**, and **renewed by Jan. 5, 2021**.

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. **BUT** a 3x5 card with manuscript title and author contact information must be included.

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.

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 2021 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 2021 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: Markay Brown
 2021 Book of the Year Chair
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 St. George, UT 84770**

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