

Utah State Poetry Society 2017 Contest Winners List

Category 1: Shoot for the Loot		Entries: 63	(4 disqualified)
Sponsor: UTSPS		Judge: BJ Alligood, FL	
1 st	Praise Green	Elaine Christensen	Sandy UT
2 nd	Three Songs	Candy Lish Fowler	St George UT
3 rd	Haibun: The Waste Land	Judy Johns	Pleasant View UT
1HM	One More Deep Breath	Elaine Christensen	Sandy UT
2 HM	Unpublished Lives	Candy Lish Fowler	St George UT
3 HM	Bright Dim	Candy Lish Fowler	St George UT
SR	A Dream of Eden	Martha Balph	Millville UT
SR	Night Meeting at Looking Glass Rock	Susan Foster	Hurricane UT
SR	The Common Milkweed	Donna K Mackert	Bluffdale UT
SR	Today I Bought My Burial Plot	Donna K Mackert	Bluffdale UT

Category 2: Daniel Seth Morrise		Entries: 18	(2 disqualified)
Sponsor: Martha Morrise		Judge: Valeria Bailey TX	
1 st	Desert Dreams	Susan Foster	Hurricane UT
2 nd	Black Crickets	Louise Cook	Sandy UT
3 rd	On the Record	Robert V Davis	Ogden UT
1 HM	The Web	Barbara J Funke	St George UT
2 HM	Cinderella and Sunflowers	Markay Brown	St George UT
3 HM	Kate's Wish	Elaine Christensen	Sandy UT
SR	A Delicate Child	Dawnell H Griffin	Cove UT
SR	Travel Guide	Judy Johns	Pleasant View UT

Category 3: Wild Card		Entries: 124	(3 disqualified)
Sponsor: UTSPS – winners		Judge: Linda Banks TX	
1 st	Imprisoned in Wood	Martha H Balph	Millville UT
2 nd	Honeysuckle Helix	Kolette Montague	Centerville UT
3 rd	Tornado	Elaine Christensen	Sandy UT
1 HM	Immersed	Markay Brown	St George UT
2 HM	Slow Learner	Martha H Balph	Millville UT
3 HM	Ditch Banks	Candy Lish Fowler	St George UT
SR	Great-Grandmother at Eighty	Candy Lish Fowler	St George UT
SR	Where Do Ghosts Go?	Candy Lish Fowler	St George UT
SR	Woman in Red	Martha H Balph	Millville UT
SR	Vienna 1966	N Colwell Snell	Murray UT

Category 4: Helen Mar Cook Memorial		Entries: 34	(5 disqualified)
Sponsor: UTSPS and Friends		Judge: Patricia Barnes MI	
1 st	Hobbled By Shoes on a Snowy Day	Martha H Balph	Millville UT
2 nd	Thoughts on My Toilet Brush	Catherine Moran	Little Rock AR
3 rd	Windows	Bonnie Anderson	St George UT
1 HM	Clipping Wings, an Ode	Barbara J Funke	St George UT
2 HM	Water to a Parched Land	William Sypher	Barboursville VA
3 HM	Sock It to Me	O William Asplund	Layton UT
SR	Ode to a Toothbrush	Markay Brown	St George UT
SR	Sentry	Jerry Hardesty	Briarfield AL
SR	Little Pot Bellied Stove	Doug Brewer	Holladay UT

SR	Cook's Council	Grace Diane Jessen	Glenwood UT
Category 5: Betty Fowler Memorial		Entries: 27 (2 disqualified)	
Sponsor: Bill and Candy Lish Fowler		Judge: Jim Barton AR	
1 st	Mardi Gras	Jerri Hardesty	Brierfield AL
2 nd	Breakfast at the Main Street Grill	Markay Brown	St George UT
3 rd	Natalie Paruz, Saw Lady	Barbara Blanks	Garland TX
1 HM	Dust Bowl Days Honeymoon	Von S Bourland	Happy TX
2 HM	Rustic Rural Regions	Anita Krotz	SLC UT
3 HM	Dodge	Doug Brewer	Holladay UT
SR	To Before	Louise Cook	Sandy UT
SR	I Believe	Kolette Montague	Centerville UT
SR	High School Graduation	Grace Diane Jessen	Glenwood UT
Category 6: Clerynth J Larson Memorial		Entries: 22 (2 disqualified)	
Sponsor: Bill and Candy Lish Fowler		Judge: Debbi Brody NM	
1 st	Under Sea Life	Becky Alexander	Ontario CAN
2 nd	Celia's Cloth	Kolette Montague	Centerville UT
3 rd	Ancient History	Elaine Christensen	Sandy UT
1 HM	A Visit to Sister Farnsworth	Clarence P Socwell	North Ogden UT
2 HM	Tutoring David	Kathryn Jaspersen	North Salt Lake UT
3 HM	Rainbow Teacher	Marie Tollstrup	St George UT
Category 7: Word Weavers Award		Entries: 50 (3 disqualified)	
Sponsor: Word Weavers Chapter		Judge: Sharon Barris OK	
1 st	Infinite Beingness, Revisited	Michael Parker	Orem UT
2 nd	To My First Child Remembering	Susan Foster	Hurricane UT
3 rd	Musing to Gershwin	Markay Brown	St George UT
1 HM	Book Marked	Barbara Blanks	Garland TX
2 HM	Dime Novel Detective	Sophia Gauthier	SLC UT
3 HM	Fliers	Candy Lish Fowler	St George UT
SR	Seasons of Memories	Catherine Moran	Little Rock AR
SR	Years After	Nancy Cook	St Paul MN
SR	Crafting Takeoff	Maurine Haltiner	SLC UT
SR	More Agile in Flight	Fae Ellsworth	Virgin UT
Category 8: Kathryn Kay Memorial		Entries: 27 (1 disqualified)	
Sponsor: Valley Winds Chapter		Judge: Rob Carney	
1 st	Last Report from Orange	Marie Haltiner	SLC UT
2 nd	Overnight	Elaine Christensen	Sandy UT
3 rd	Topography of Resistance	Barbara J Funke	St George UT
1 HM	The Shimmer	Margaret Pettis	Hyrum UT
2 HM	Before We Mined the Mountain	Donna K Mackert	Bluffdale UT
3 HM	I Explain to My Great-Grandfather	Loraine Jeffery	Orem UT
Category 9: Anne Margaret Peterson Memorial		Entries: 10 (1 disqualified)	
Sponsor: Patricia Peterson		Judge: Amy Carpenter-Leugs MI	
1 st	Made in the USA	Nancy Cook	St Paul MN
2 nd	From a Midwife's Tale	Clarence P Socwell	North Ogden UT
3 rd	The Nurse	Grace Diane Jessen	Glenwood UT

1 HM	The War Nurse	Dawnell H Griffin	Cove UT
2 HM	Cavern Where the Heart Is	Anita Krotz	SLC UT
3 HM	They Follow the Troops	Sara Gipson	Scott AZ

Category 10: Zara Sabin Memorial Entries: 41 (7 disqualified)
 Sponsor: Zara Sabin Memorial Fund Judge: Sue Chambers

1 st	I'm Arrested	Maurine Haltiner	SLC UT
2 nd	Parselmouth	Anita Krotz	SLC UT
3 rd	Till Death Did Them Part	William Sypher	Barboursville VA
1 HM	Grudge	Pam Tucker	St George UT
2 HM	Vulnerable Once More	Catherine Moran	Little Rock AR
3 HM	Color	Dawnell H Griffin	Cove UT
SR	Quest for Encouragement	Von S Bourland	Happy TX
SR	Turning the Earth	Kolette Montague	Centerville UT
SR	Even in Spring	Donna K Mackert	Bluffdale UT
SR	Grandson Poet	Elaine Christensen	Sandy UT

Category 11: Tomas Memorial Entries: 28 (1 disqualified)
 Sponsor: Greg Bulaj Judge: Caroline Dewey AL

1 st	My Hoppy Frog	Joyce Shiver	Crystal River FL
2 nd	Sky! Sky!	Patricia Peterson	Cottonwood Heights UT
3 rd	It Almost Smells Like Christmas	Steven Leitch	West Jordan UT
1 HM	Sharkey, King of Animalarkey . .	Crystie Cook	Sandy UT
2 HM	Stuck Tongue	Pam Tucker	St George UT
3 HM	A Doorstep Pet	Geraldine Felt	Layton UT
SR	Hiding	Jerri Hardesty	Briarfield AL
SR	I Want a Dog	Lorraine Jeffery	Orem UT
SR	Sorry, Pardner	Kolette Montague	Centerville UT
SR	Baby Food	Candy Lish Fowler	St George UT

Category 12: Honoring Women Entries: 32 (2 disqualified)
 Sponsor: Marilyn Bushman-Carlton Judge: Charmaine Donovan MN

1 st	Energetic Prosthesis	Dawnell H Griffin	Cove UT
2 nd	Elizabeth	Louise Cook	Sandy UT
3 rd	The Poets Wife	Markay Brown	St George UT
1 HM	Filling the Cracks	Maurine Haltiner	SLC UT
2 HM	Fresh Flowering Violet	Barbara J Funke	St George UT
3 HM	Mother, What Were You Thinking	Patricia Peterson	Cottonwood Heights UT
SR	Ode to Jean	Becky Alexander	Ontario CAN
SR	It Wasn't Hurricane Season . . .	Lisa Toth Salinas	Spring TX
SR	From Her Table	Candy Lish Fowler	St George UT
SR	She Said They Have Lion Faces	Elaine Christensen	Sandy UT

Category 13: LeRoy Meagher Humor Entries 37 (2 disqualified)
 Sponsor: Meagher Memorial Fund Judge: Jeremy Downs

1 st	Chee Chee	Patricia Peterson	Cottonwood Heights UT
2 nd	It's All for the Birds	Anita Krotz	SLC UT
3 rd	Monday Morning	Sophia Gauthier	SLC UT
1 HM	Tale from a Toyko Zoo	Maurine Haltiner	SLC UT
2 HM	For Thumbs Sake	Marie Tollstrup	St George UT

3 HM	Patience	Jerri Hardesty	Briarfield AL
SR	Color Me Perfect	Sue S Leth	St George UT

Category 14: LeRoy Meagher Sonnet Entries: 30 (1 disqualified)

Sponsor: Meagher Memorial Fund Judge: Madelyn Eastlund FL

1 st	Little Princess	Jerri Hardesty	Briarfield AL
2 nd	The English Sonnet	V Kimball Barney	Kaysville UT
3 rd	Winslow Homer's <i>Young Soldier</i>	Joyce Shiver	Crystal River FL
1 HM	The Man for His Time	Grace Diane Jessen	Glenwood UT
2 HM	Our Time	Dalene Stull	Danville OH
3 HM	Sonnet for a Season	Marlene Haltiner	SLC UT
SR	Room with a Partial View	Crystie Cook	Sandy UT
SR	Questioning Seventy Times Seven	Kolette Montague	Centerville UT
SR	Canvas of Winter	Doug Brewer	Holladay UT

Category 15: Dorothy & L Paul Roberts Memorial Entries: 36 (1 disqualified)

Sponsor: Roberts Memorial Fund Judge: Christina Flaughter

1 st	Nature's Applause	Kathryn Jaspersen	North Salt Lake UT
2 nd	Blue Ice with Meteorite	Pam Tucker	St George UT
3 rd	Deliverance	Martha H Balph	Millville UT
1 HM	Creation	Dawnell H Griffin	Cove UT
2 HM	Morning Light & Mountains . . .	William Sypher	Barboursville VA
3 HM	Canvas of Winter	Barbara Blanks	Garland TX

Category 16: Vesta Crawford Short Poem Entries: 49 (1 disqualified)

Sponsor: Crawford Memorial Fund Judge: John Foster FL

1 st	War Casualties	Steven Leitch	West Jordan UT
2 nd	Diamante Poem	Von S Bourland	Happy TX
3 rd	Susurrus	Pam Tucker	St George UT
1 HM	The Leaf Sweeper	William Sypher	Barboursville VA
2 HM	Those Letters	V Kimball Barney	Kaysville UT
3 HM	A's to Z's	Ann Marie Boyden	Williamsburg VA
SR	Poor Tic Timing Toc	Doug Brewer	Holladay UT
SR	Neighborhood Watch	Marilyn W Richardson	Ivans UT
SR	My Voice is an Apple	Judy Johns	Pleasant View UT
SR	The Poem is Abandoned	Catherine Moran	Little Rock AR

Category 17: Ann W Hafen Memorial Entries: 24 (2 disqualified)

Sponsor: Hafen Memorial Fund Judge: Ann Gasser

1 st	Follow the Western Wind	Joel Passey	Layton UT
2 nd	A Yoke of Oxen for a Book	Geraldine Felt	Layton UT
3 rd	The Bulls on Boulder Mountain	Dawnell H Griffin	Cove UT
1 HM	Against Time	Crystie Cook	Sandy UT
2 HM	The Great Plains	Barbara Blanks	Garland TX
3 HM	Crime and Punishment in Virginia City	Dalene Stull	Danville OH
SR	The Wedding of Julia Privet Ogden	Clarence P Socwell	North Ogden UT
SR	Roundup Memories	O William Asplund	Layton UT
SR	Speculation on Sundance	Grace Diane Jessen	Glenwood UT
SR	Indian Woman	Lin Vernon Floyd	St George UT

Category 18: Lloyd Murray Light Verse Entries: 31 (0 disqualified)
 Sponsor: Murray Memorial Fund Judge: Julie George MI

1 st	The Writer's Block . . .	William Sypher	Barboursville VA
2 nd	The Corpulent Writer Was . . .	Louise Cook	Sandy UT
3 rd	Chesapeake	Nancy Cook	St Paul MN
1 HM	But Taller	Dalene Stull	Danville OH
2 HM	Too Much of a Goo Thing	Clarence P Socwell	North Ogden UT
3 HM	Allergy	Robert V Davis	Ogden UT

Category 19: Norma Asplund Memorial Entries: 23 (0 disqualified)
 Sponsor: O William Asplund Judge: David Hedges

1 st	Mr Wettleson	Markay Brown	St George UT
2 nd	These	Maurine Haltiner	SLC UT
3 rd	Real History Lesson	Louise Cook	Sandy UT
1 HM	Grandfather's Notebook	Dawnell H Griffin	Cove UT
2 HM	Playing by Numbers	Clarence P Socwell	North Ogden UT
3 HM	Ruffled Feathers	Anita Krotz	SLC UT
SR	Questions	Doug Brewer	Holladay UT

Category 20: Spoon River Entries: 30 (1 disqualified)
 Sponsor: Grace & Eric Read Judge: Michael Johnson NM

1 st	William White	Grace Diane Jessen	Glenwood UT
2 nd	Calvin Ambrose	Emory D Jones	Luka MS
3 rd	William Connelly	Lisa Toth Salinas	Spring TX
1 HM	The Historian	Sara Gipson	Scott AZ
2 HM	Second Death	Maurine Haltiner	SLC UT
3 HM	Fern Underhill	Eric H Read	Brigham City UT
SR	Wm Adair Spader - Grave Digger	Barbara J Funke	St George UT
SR	All My Worldly Possessions	Dawnell H Griffin	Cove UT
SR	Karen Loveless	Kolette Montague	Centerville UT

Category 21: Reba Kohler and Rene Webb Memorial Entries: 50 (4 disqualified)
 Sponsor: Dale & Joyce W Kohler Judge: Laurie Kolp TX

1 st	Next Time	Elaine Christensen	Sandy UT
2 nd	On Kissing Her Husband Goodbye	Ester W Johnson	Roanoke VA
3 rd	A Look at Last Minutes	Catherine Moran	Little Rock AR
1 HM	Better to be Ashes than Never Born	Barbara Blanks	Garland TX
2 HM	Colorado River in My Veins	Patricia Peterson	Cottonwood Heights UT
3 HM	Search for Peace	Sara Gipson	Scott AZ
SR	Gathering	Candy Lish Fowler	St George UT
SR	Images of Autumn	Martha H Balph	Millville UT
SR	River Running	Markay Brown	St George UT

Category 22: Hungry Poets Entries 21 (0 disqualified)
 Sponsor: Hungry Poets group Judge: Lance Larsen UT

1 st	Generations	Crystie Cook	Sandy UT
2 nd	Pebble with Stars	Patricia Peterson	Cottonwood Heights UT
3 rd	Alternate Afternoon	Markay Brown	St George UT
1 HM	Re-Awakening in Winter	Clarence P Socwell	North Ogden UT
2 HM	Unknown Predator	Grace Diane Jessen	Glenwood UT

3 HM	Jesse	Anita Krotz	SLC UT
SR	Your Childhood	Maurine Haltiner	SLC UT
SR	Overcast Memory	Lorraine Jeffery	Orem UT

Category 23: Redrock Writers Founders Award Entries 37 (4 disqualified)
 Sponsor: Redrock Chapter Judge: Budd Mahan TX

1 st	History	Martha H Balph	Millville UT
2 nd	The Mistake	Judy Johns	Pleasant View UT
3 rd	Learning by Undoing	Crystie Cook	Sandy UT
1 HM	Missing the War	Marie Tollstrup	St George UT
2 HM	Ruba'uyat in Honor of Heritage Travel	Lisa Toth Salinas	Spring TX
3 HM	Dear John	Fae Ellsworth	Virgin UT

Category 24: Long Poem Entries 41 (3 disqualified)
 Sponsor: Judy Johns Judge: Angela Maloy MI

1 st	In the "Afternoon I Bake a Pie	Pam Tucker	St George UT
2 nd	Kuerner's Hill	Elaine Christensen	Sandy UT
3 rd	I Bailed for the Mountain	Sophia Gauthier	SLC UT
1 HM	Inside	Barbara J Funke	St George UT
2 HM	The Haberdashers	Dawnell H Griffin	Cove UT
3 HM	Silver Nest	Margaret Pettis	Hyrum UT
SR	The Collector	Marilyn W Richardson	Ivins UT
SR	Stepping Into the Light	Marie Tollstrup	St George UT
SR	Canis Minor	Martha H Balph	Millville UT
SR	Prairie Boy	O William Asplund	Layton UT

Category 25: Ogden Memorial Entries: 40 (2 disqualified)
 Sponsor: Vera O Bakker Judge: Sandra Nantais LA

1 st	Out of Moab	Elaine Christensen	Sandy UT
2 nd	In Geneva	Esther W Johnson	Roanoke VA
3 rd	Buda and Pest	Patricia Peterson	Cottonwood Heights UT
1 HM	Pipe Organ	Maurine Haltiner	SLC UT
2 HM	The Shoe Tree	Grace Diane Jessen	Glenwood UT
3 HM	Evening Tranquilizer	Geraldine Felt	Layton UT

Category 26: David and Robert Balph Memorial Entries: 40 (1 disqualified)
 Sponsor: Martha H Balph Judge: Janeen Rastall

1 st	Nocturne	Pam Tucker	St George UT
2 nd	North-North-East	Maurine Haltiner	SLC UT
3 rd	Encounter at White Bridge Campground	Grace Diane Jessen	Glenwood UT
1 HM	I, the Magpie	Louise Cook	Sandy UT
2 HM	Grackle Dance	Becky Alexander	Ontario CAN
3 HM	Elephant Whisperer	Patricia Peterson	Cottonwood Heights UT
SR	Dancing with Monarchs	Geraldine Felt	Layton UT

Category 27: Wood Memorial Entries: 31 (3 disqualified)
 Sponsor: Marilyn Richardson Judge: Barbara Rockman NM

1 st	Flight	Martha H Balph	Millville UT
2 nd	Wings	Sophia Gauthier	SLC UT
3 rd	Today in the Hospital Thrift Store	Markay Brown	St George UT

1 HM	Prairie Promises	Nancy Cook	St Paul MN
2 HM	Wind Horse	Maurine Haltiner	SLC UT
3 HM	Balloon Ride on His 75 th Birthday	Pam Tucker	St George UT
SR	Curtain Call at Mesa Verde	Candy Lish Fowler	St George UT
SR	Leave the Lights On	Anita Krotz	SLC UT

Category 28: Love Poem Entries: 38 (3 disqualified)

Sponsor: Kolette Montague

Judge: David Rothman CO

1 st	Sestina for a 25th Anniversary	Lisa Toth Salinas	Spring TX
2 nd	Occasions of Love	Barbara J Funke	St George UT
3 rd	Forbidden Lovers in the Night	Von S Bourland	Happy TX
1 HM	On His Last Days of Summer	Martha H Balph	Millville UT
2 HM	Acknowledgment of Love	Caroline Walton	Crystal River FL

Category 29: Pat Bader and Pat Kimber Memorial Entries: 26 (1 disqualified)

Sponsor: Bob Bader

Judge: Joyce Shiver FL

1 st	Washing UP	Dawnell H Griffin	Cove UT
2 nd	Bed Beast	Martha H Balph	Millville UT
3 rd	It's Not as Easy as It Looks	Nancy Cook	St Paul MN
1 HM	Entertaining Mother	Kathryn Jasperson	North Salt Lake UT
2 HM	Counting Advice	Grace Diane Jessen	Glenwood UT
3 HM	Princess Luna	Candy Lish Fowler	St George UT

Category 30: Whitaker Award

Entries: 8 (2 disqualified)

Sponsor: Rosalyn Ostler

Judge: Peter Stein MN

1 st	Poem for the New Year	Michael Parker	Orem UT
2 nd	A Cloudy Nimbus	Kathryn Jasperson	North Salt Lake UT
3 rd	Stone	Sherry Anderson	Logan UT
1 HM	A Reverence for Goats	William Sypher	Barboursville VA
2 HM	Lucielle	Donovan Obarry	Ogden UT

Category 31: Haiku

Entries: 37 (3 disqualified)

Sponsor: UTSPS

Judge: Lawrence Thomas MI

1 st	apples on bare branches	Joel Passey	Layton UT
2 nd	fog from an old year	Martha H Balph	Millville UT
3 rd	green chameleon	Jerri Hardesty	Briarfield AL
1 HM	gentle soft rain falls	Donovan Obray	Ogden UT
2 HM	deep snow drowns mountains	Lin Vernon Floyd	St George UT
3 HM	went to the ocean	V Kimball Barney	Kaysville UT

Category 32: Cowboy Poetry

Entries: 7 (0 disqualified)

Sponsor: LaVerna Johnson

Loretta Walker TX

1 st	Oil Camp Lovers: Spring Valley. Wyoming	Louise Cook	Sandy UT
HM	A Pitchfork Morning	Marlene Bussma	Dammeron Valley UT
HM	Billy, the Orphan Sheep	Clarence P Socwell	North Ogden UT
HM	Man from Virgin River	O William Asplund	Layton UT

Category 33: Introduction Category for Nonmembers Entries: 3 (0 disqualified)

Sponsor UTSPS

Judge: Caroline Walton FL

1 st	Dawn Breaks	Tanya R Whitney	Sorrento LA
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2nd Goodbye Sweet Mom
3rd How to Have Anxiety

Jean Kikel
Emily Whittle

Bountiful UT
Springville UT

Alice Morrey Bailey Sweepstake: Martha H Balph

Our generous sponsors gave \$2,977 in prize money for thirty-three categories (not counting the Book Manuscript).

Sixty-nine poets from 10 different states and Canada entered 1,182 poems. Thirteen entrants were nonmembers, of which six won at least one cash prize. 67 poems were disqualified. Thirty-eight different poets won at least one cash prize.