

# UTAH STATE POETRY SOCIETY

# 2023 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. Sincere gratitude to our generous sponsors.

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- b. be unpublished in any form, including electronically, on the submission deadline date, Feb. 1, 2023.
- 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.

**Each category must receive a minimum of 10 entries to be valid.**

**Categories not receiving 10 entries will be cancelled.**

**No poems will be returned. Poet should retain copies.**

2. EXCEPT AS INDICATED in \$hoot for the Loot and Wild Card categories, entrants may submit only one entry per 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 **Exception:** Each unpublished and/or non-cash Utah winner poem included in the Book Publication contest may be entered in one category.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 must be enclosed and made payable to either the Utah State Poetry Society or UTSPS rather than to any individual.
4. Each poet entering pays a \$5 entry fee, THEN
  - a. Non-members may enter categories at \$3 per poem (except Wild Card category, \$5 per poem). Non-members may not enter contests which are designated "members only."
  - b. Members may enter up to 15 categories for \$1 per poem, or \$15 total for entry in more than 15 categories (except \$hoot for the Loot, \$5 per poem, and Wild Card, \$2 per poem).
5. "MEMBERS ONLY" eligible if a paid member of UTSPS by January 5<sup>th</sup> of current contest year. Membership dues (refer to UTSPS website [utahpoets.com](http://utahpoets.com) for amount) must be postmarked by January 5, current contest year. Print a membership form from the website: [utahpoets.com](http://utahpoets.com), then mail to the address on the form with a check for membership made to UTSPS.
6. WHEN TO SUBMIT POEMS:
  - a. **Contest starting date:** entries must not be postmarked before December 1 of year preceding contest year.
  - b. **Contest deadline:** entries must be postmarked on or before February 1 of contest year.

7. 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 pages together at the top left corner of each copy.
- b. On **BOTH copies**, place number and name of the category in upper left corner.
- c. On **Second copy only**, place name, address, phone number, and email address of poet in upper right corner.
- d. Separate originals from duplicates and stack in numerical order **(1-34)** with originals on top.
- e. **Cover page: ALL POEMS in your packet are DISQUALIFIED** without the cover page.
  - i. Type ONE 8½ x 11 cover page with your name, address, phone number, and email.
  - ii. 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 \$shoot for the Loot (\$3.00 each) \$9.00  
2 poems Wild Card (\$5.00 each) \$10.00  
Not eligible for \$shoot 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 \$shoot for the Loot (\$1.00 each) \$3.00  
2 poems Wild Card (\$2.00 each) \$4.00  
2 poems \$shoot 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 WILL RESULT IN COMPLETE DISQUALIFICATION OF THE ENTRIES**

## **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 receives 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.

**Line limit:** 50 maximum

**Prizes:** \$100, \$35, \$15

### **3. BETTY FOWLER MEMORIAL—YOU BETTER BELIEVE IT**

Sponsors: Candy Lish Fowler & Bill Fowler

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

**Form:** Any

**Line limit:** 42 maximum

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

### **4. VALLEY WINDS AWARD**

Sponsor: Valley Winds Chapter

**Subject:** Any

**Form:** Any

**Prizes:** \$90, \$60, \$40

### **5. JAMES H. AND EFFIE BARNEY MEMORIAL**

Sponsor: Kim Barney

**Subject:** Any Humorous

**Form:** Rhymed and Metered

**Line limit:** 32 maximum

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

## **6. JOSEPH K. AND ORBY ANN CRAPO MEMORIAL**

Sponsor: Grace Diane Jessen

**Subject:** Any Humorous

**Form:** Rhymed and Metered

**Line limit:** 28 maximum

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

## **7. RED ROCK WRITERS FOUNDERS AWARD**

Sponsor: Redrock Writers

**Subject:** Bones

**Form:** Free verse

**Prizes:** \$35, \$25 \$15

## **8. 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

## **9. 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

## **10. PAT BADER'S CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

Sponsor: Bob Bader

**Subject:** Children

**Form:** Any

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

## **11. CAROLYN TAYLOR AWARD**

Sponsor: Carolyn Taylor

**Subject:** Any

**Form:** Any

**Prizes:** \$55, \$40, \$30

## **12. MARILYN MARSHALL AWARD**

Sponsor: Marilyn Marshall

**Subject:** Hope

**Form:** Any

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

### **13. O. WILLIAM ASPLUND RECOGNITION**

Sponsor: Michael Hanson

**Subject:** Be of Good Cheer

**Form:** Any

**Prizes \$50, \$30, \$20**

### **14. O. WILLIAM ASPLUND RECOGNITION-AVOCATIONS**

Sponsor: Michael Hanson

**Subject:** Mountains to the Prairies

**Form:** Any

**Prizes \$50, \$30, \$20**

### **15. IN HONOR OF GERALDINE FELT AND HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BEN LOMOND CHAPTER**

Sponsor: Ben Lomond Poets

**Subject:** Growing Old

**Form:** Any

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

### **16. VERA HARTSOE CHIONG MEMORIAL AWARD**

Sponsor: Raven Chiong

**Subject:** Unsung Heroine

**Form:** Any

**Line limit:** 49 maximum

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

### **17. TOM BILLSBOROUGH MEMORIAL**

Sponsor: Anonymous

**Subject:** A Humorous Story

**Form:** Rhymed and Metered

**Line limit:** 80 maximum

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

### **18. DANIEL BRICK MEMORIAL**

Sponsor: Anonymous

**Subject:** Any

**Form:** Rhymed and Metered

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

### **19. WES VOGLER APPRECIATION AWARD**

Sponsor: Anonymous

**Subject:** Any G-rated (keep it clean)

**Form:** Limerick

**Line limit:** 5 maximum

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

## **20. BROWN - DANIELS MEMORIAL AWARD**

Sponsor: Nad Brown and Markay Brown

**Subject:** Any

**Form:** Free Verse

**Prizes \$40, \$30, \$30**

## **21. LAURIE VAN DER HART APPRECIATION AWARD**

Sponsor: Anonymous

**Subject:** Any

**Form:** Minute Poem (60 syllables total. 1,5 and 9 have 8 syllables. Other lines have 4 syllables each.

Rhyme pattern is aabbccddeeff.)

**Line limit:** 12 maximum

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

## **22. 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 **2023 and 2024**. 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 Book of the Year, for both **2021 and 2023**.

**Second Prize:** Membership in UTSPS through December 31, **2023**. This includes *Panorama*, with submission rights, post-April newsletters, contest and workshop notices, free critiques for 12 poems, and a copy of the UTSPS Book of the Year for **2023**.

**Third Prize:** One UTSPS Book of the Year 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.

## **CATEGORIES 23 THROUGH 37 ARE FOR UTSPS PAID MEMBERS ONLY**

### **23. NORMA ASPLUND MEMORIAL**

**(Members only)**

Sponsor: Bill Asplund

**Subject:** My Best Friend

**Form:** Any

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

### **24. KOLETTE MONTAGUE MEMORIAL AWARD**

**(Members only)**

Sponsors: Rhyme & Reason Chapter and friends

**Subject:** Ordinary Everyday Things

**Form:** Any

**Prizes: \$60, \$35, \$25**

**25. KOLETTE MONTAGUE MEMORIAL**

**(Members only)**

Sponsor: Bob Bader

**Subject:** Love (no explicit erotica or vulgarities)

**Form:** Any

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

**26. KOLETTE MONTAGUE MEMORIAL**

**(Members only)**

Sponsor: LaVerna Johnson

**Subject:** Any

**Form:** Any

**Prizes \$50, \$30, \$20**

**27. GERALDINE FELT MEMORIAL**

**(Members only)**

Sponsors: UTSPS Members & Friends

**Subject:** Any

**Form:** Any

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

**28. ROSE OSTLER MEMORIAL**

**(Members only)**

Sponsors: UTSPS Members & Friends

**Subject:** Any

**Form:** Any

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

**29. STEVEN LEITCH MEMORIAL**

**(Members only)**

Sponsors: UTSPS Members & Friends

**Subject:** Any

**Form:** Any

**Prizes \$50, \$30, \$20**

**30. HAIKU**

**(Members only)**

Sponsor: UTSPS

**Subject:** Any

**Form:** Haiku (Any style or form of three-line Haiku is acceptable. No sequences.)

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

**31. 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:** 24 maximum

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

**32. MEAGHER MEMORIAL FUND UTSPS**

**(Members only)**

Sponsor: Meagher Memorial Fund

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

**Form:** Any

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

**33. DOROTHY & L. PAUL ROBERTS MEMORIAL**

**(Members only)**

Sponsor: Roberts Memorial Fund

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

**Form:** Any

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

**34. SHORT POEM—VESTA CRAWFORD MEMORIAL (Members only)**

Sponsor: Crawford Memorial Fund

**Subject:** Any serious subject.

**Form:** Any

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

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

**35. LLOYD MURRAY LIGHT VERSE**

**(Members only)**

Sponsor: Lloyd Murray Memorial Fund

**Subject:** Any

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

**Line limit:** 8 maximum

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

**36. LEROY MEAGHER SONNET**

**(Members only)**

**(Place sonnet form under category number and name)**

Sponsor: Meagher Memorial Fund

**Subject:** Any

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

**37. \$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 *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 (1<sup>st</sup> place 5 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place 4 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> place 3 points.)**



# UTAH STATE POETRY SOCIETY BOOK PUBLICATION AWARD 2023

Sponsor: Johnson Family Foundation and friends of the Laureates

Administrator: UTSPS Laureates (Past Poets of the Year)

## NOTICE OF 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 in **2025, 2027**, etc. Plan accordingly for your manuscript.

There must be at least 10 manuscripts submitted; otherwise, there will not be a Book Contest for that year. If the contest is not held, the submitted manuscripts, along with the \$20 dollar checks, will be returned to the poets who entered them.

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.**

Entrants are encouraged to seek feedback from acting Contest Chairs, Michael Spears or Michael Parker at [mspears16d@gmail.com](mailto:mspears16d@gmail.com) or [note.to.mp@gmail.com](mailto:note.to.mp@gmail.com).

**POSTMARK DEADLINE: February 1, 2023**

**READING FEE:** \$20 check or money order, payable to UTSPS

## 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 2021 and 2022** and **renewed by Jan. 5, 2023**.
- 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, no 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 the manuscript with a binder clip.
- H. contain no author identification. **BUT** a 3"x5" 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 will not be eligible.

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 2023** 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 **2023** 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. Remember to include a \$20 check or money order, payable to UTSPS, for the reading fee.

**Mail to:**       **Joyce Kohler**  
                     **2023 Book of the Year Chair**  
                     **P. O. Box 84**  
                     **Ephraim UT 84627**

**ANY VIOLATION OF THE RULES DISQUALIFIES THE ENTRY.**