

## Utah State Poetry Society Annual Book Award

In 1965 Nicholas Morgan and Paul Pehrson initiated a revolving fund to publish a book by the poet whom the Utah State Poetry Society, following a statewide contest, designated Utah Poet of the Year. Under the loving and artistic direction of Kathryn Kay the venture flourished and gained status as a prestigious annual publication. As production costs increased for this limited-edition hardback printing, the UTSPS, assisted by the Utah Arts Council, supplemented the fund. Others have devoted time, talents and materials to sustain the dream. In 1985, Pearle M. Olsen, made a generous monetary donation. Subsequently, the Olsen family has made further contributions to ensure continuation of this unique publication.

### Utah Poets of the Year

2021	Michael Parker	<i>Divining the Spirits in the House of the Hush and Hush</i>
2019	Markay Brown	<i>Planted In A Storm</i>
2018	Geraldine Felt	<i>Dancing with Monarchs</i>
2017	Anita Krotz	<i>Crosswinds</i>
2016	Duane (dee) Rygh	<i>My Bright Red Scream</i>
2015	Candy Lish Fowler	<i>On a Road That Knows Me</i>
2014	Joyce Webb Kohler	<i>like water, like bread</i>
2013	Jon Sebba	<i>Yossi, Yasser, &amp; Other Soldiers</i>
2012	Dawnell Griffin	<i>On Judgment Day</i>
2011	Lee C. Snell	<i>Night Wind Home</i>
2010	Rosalyn Whitaker Ostler	<i>Walking the Earth Barefoot</i>
2009	Gail Schemmelfennig	<i>The Frozen Kingdom</i>
2008	Helen Keith Beaman*	<i>Edges Disappear</i>
2007	Ned Colwell Snell	<i>Hand Me My Shadow</i>
2006	Sue Ranglack	<i>Shouting From the Book of Orange</i>
2005	T Kevin Clark	<i>Song of an Oquirrh Son</i>
2004	Maurine Haltiner	<i>A Season and a Time</i>
2003	Judy Johns	<i>If I Could Speak in Silk</i>
2002	Evelyn Hughes*	<i>Furnace of Affliction</i>
2001	Rita Bowles	<i>God in Assorted Boxes</i>
2000	Kolette Montague	<i>Easing Into Light</i>
1999	Marilyn Bushman-Carlton	<i>Cheat Grass</i>
1998	Mikal Lofgren	<i>Trudi Smiles Back</i>
1997	Marilyn Darley Williams	<i>The Red Rooster Cafe</i>
1996	Nancy Hanks Baird	<i>The Shell In Silk</i>
1995	Elaine L. Ipson	<i>Where Ghosts Are Garrisoned</i>
1994	Muriel Heal Bywater	<i>Stretching Toward Wild Swans</i>
1993	Margaret Pettis	<i>Chokecherry Rain</i>
1992	Brad Roghaar	<i>Unraveling The Knot</i>
1991	Robert Frederickson	<i>Being There</i>
1990	Elaine Christensen	<i>At The Edges</i>
1989	Maryan Paxton*	<i>Downwind Toward Night</i>
1988	Sherwin W. Howard*	<i>Sometime Voices</i>
1987	Kathryn Clement	<i>Riddlestone</i>

1986 Dorothy Logan *Child In A Sculptured Bowl*  
1985 Patricia S. Grimm\* *Timepiece*  
1984 Joyce Ellen Davis *In Willy's House*  
1983 Bonnie H. Behunin\* *Wake The Unicorn*  
1982 LaVon M. Carroll *The Shrouded Carousel*  
1981 Frank M. DeCaria *Songs Within The Sounds*  
1980 LaVerde M. Clayson\* *Furrows Of Renewal*  
1978 Pearle M. Olsen\* *Frame The Laced Moments*  
1977 Clarence P. Socwell *Intrinsic Tapestries*  
1976 Caroline E. Miner\* *Lasso The Sunrise*  
1975 Helen Mar Cook *Shape Of Flight*  
1974 LeRoy Burke Meagher\* *Beyond This Hour*  
1973 Geraldine R. Pratt *Bell On The Wind*  
1972 Maxine R. Jennings\* *A Lamp To Shine*  
1971 Alice Morrey Bailey\* *Eden From An Apple Seed*  
1970 Max Golightly\* *A Morning of Taurus*  
1969 J. A. Christensen\* *The Deep Song*  
1968 Betty W. Madsen\* *The Amaranth*  
1967 Berta H. Christensen\* *Walk the Proud Morning*  
1966 Lael W. Hill *A Legacy Of Years*  
1965 Vesta P. Crawford\* *Short Grass Woman*