

UTAH STATE POETRY SOCIETY 2024 CONTEST RULES

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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- b. be unpublished in any form, including electronically, on the submission deadline date, Feb. 1, 2024.
- 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. each category must 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 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 Exception: Each unpublished and/or non-cash Utah winner poem included in the Book Publication contest may be entered in one category.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 the \$shoot for the Loot, \$5 per poem, and the Wild Card, \$2 per poem categories).
5. “MEMBERS ONLY” eligible if a paid member of UTSPS by January 5th of current contest year. Membership dues (refer to UTSPS website utahpoets.com for amount) must be postmarked by January 5, current contest year. Print a membership form from the website: 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 1st of year preceding contest year.
 - b. Contest deadline: entries must be postmarked on or before February 1st 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 (1-38) 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, Isaac Johnson, 638 North 340 East, 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 by mail.

VIOLATION OF ANY OF THESE RULES LEADS TO DISQUALIFICATION.

CATEGORIES

(CATEGORIES 1 THROUGH 18 ARE OPEN TO ALL ENTRANTS)

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. VALLEY WINDS AWARD

Sponsor: Valley Winds Chapter

Subject: Gratitude

Form: Any

Prizes: \$65, \$45, \$35

3. FUNNY BUSINESS

Sponsor: Kim Barney

Subject : Humorous

Form: Rhymed and Metered

Line limit: 32 maximum

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

4. THE DAUGHTERS AWARD

Sponsor: Grace Diane Jessen

Subject: Babies, Children or Daughters

Form: Any

Prizes: \$40, \$30, \$20

5. RED ROCK WRITERS FOUNDERS AWARD

Sponsor: Red Rock Writers

Subject: Bones

Form: Free Verse with figurative language—no prose poems

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

6. 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

7. 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

8. PAT BADER'S CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Sponsor: Bob Bader

Subject: Children

Form: Any

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

9. CAROLYN TAYLOR AWARD

Sponsor: Carolyn Taylor

Subject: The Lonesome Road

Form: Any

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

10. MARILYN MARSHALL AWARD

Sponsor: Marilyn Marshall

Subject: Hope

Form: Any

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

11. BEN LOMOND CHAPTER AWARD

Sponsor: Ben Lomond Chapter

Subject: The Seasons Of My Life

Form: Any

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

12. VERNA HARTSOE CHIONG MEMORIAL AWARD

Sponsor: Raven Chiong Memorial Fund

Subject: Unsung Heroine

Form: Any

Line limit: 49 maximum

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

13. FOR TINY (A Full Sized Poodle Who Looked After the Cats He Lived With)

Sponsor: Jennifer Asplund

Subject: Cats (domestic)

Form: Any

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

14. REMEMBERING AWARD

Sponsor: Joyce Kohler

Subject: Trees

Form: Any

Line Limit: None

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

15. HINTERLANDS AWARD

Sponsor: Hinterlands Chapter

Subject: Love For the Land

Form: Any

Line Limit: 70 lines or less

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

16. LEFT to WRITE

Sponsor: Pam Tucker

Subject: Maps

Form: Any

Line Limit: Any

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

17. HONORING U.F. and AGNES WOOD

Sponsor: Marilyn W. Richardson

Subject: Fly With Me

Form: Any

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

18. INSPIRED BY POEMS

Sponsor: Paul Ford

Subject: Any

Form: Golden Shovel Poem

Line Limit: 25 lines or less

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

****CATEGORIES 19 THROUGH 38 ARE OPEN TO UTSPS MEMBERS ONLY****
(Membership dues for 2024 must be paid by January 5, 2024 post-mark)

19. INTRODUCTION CATEGORY (Open Only to First Year 2023-24 Members)

Sponsor: UTSPS

Subject: Any

Form: List Poem

Line Limit: 32 Lines

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

20. VERA ISADORE SPEARS MEMORIAL AWARD

(Open Only to any member who has never won a cash prize for poetry)

Sponsor: Ann Spears Family

Subject: Wanderlust

Form: Any

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

21. ANN C. LARSON MEMORIAL**

Sponsors: Candy Lish Fowler and Bill Fowler

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

Form: Any, except no prose, no rhyming poetry

Line limit: 50 Lines or Less

Prizes: \$100, \$30, \$20

22. BETTY FOWLER MEMORIAL—YOU BETTER BELIEVE IT**

Sponsors: Candy Lish Fowler and 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, except no rhyming poetry

Line limit: 42 Lines or Less

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

23. NORMA ASPLUND MEMORIAL**

Sponsor: Bill Asplund

Subject: My Best Friend

Form: Any

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

24. JUANITA WATTS MEMORIAL**

Sponsor: Michael Hanson

Subject: Love of Nature & the Outdoors, i.e., Camping, Hiking, Scenery, etc.

Form: Any

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

25. CLARENCE SOCWELL MEMORIAL**

Sponsor: Michael Hanson

Subject: The Human Experience

Form: Any

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

26. KOLETTE MONTAGUE MEMORIAL**

Sponsors: Rhyme & Reason Chapter and friends

Subject: Simple, yet Sublime Things

Form: Any

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

27. GERALDINE FELT MEMORIAL**

Sponsor: Renetta West

Subject: Any

Form: Villanelle or Sonnet

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

28. ROSE OSTLER MEMORIAL**

Sponsors: A Friend of Rosalyn Ostler

Subject: War and the American Soldier

Form: Free Verse

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

29. STEVEN LEITCH MEMORIAL**

Sponsor: Steven Leitch Memorial Fund

Subject: Inspiration

Form: Any

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

30. OTTAVA RIMA**

Sponsor: Joyce Kohler

Subject: Ode to Teacher(s) (Including mentors, professors, examples, experiences, etc.)

Form: Ottava Rima (an Ottava Rima is a poem written in 8-line stanzas. Each line is of a 10 or 11 syllable count in the following: Stanza 1: abababcc, Stanza 2: dededeff, Stanza 3: ghghghii, & so
Line Limit: min. 8, max. 40 lines

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

31. HAIKU**

Sponsor: UTSPS

Subject: Any

Form: Haiku (style or form of three-lines is allowed. No sequences.)

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

32. ZARA SABIN MEMORIAL**

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

33. MEAGHER MEMORIAL**

Sponsor: Meagher Memorial Fund UTSPS

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

Form: Any

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

34. DOROTHY & L. PAUL ROBERTS MEMORIAL**

Sponsor: Roberts Memorial Fund

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

Form: Any

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

35. SHORT POEM—VESTA CRAWFORD MEMORIAL**

Sponsor: Crawford Memorial Fund

Subject: Any serious subject.

Form: Any

Line limit: 6 minimum, 12 maximum

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

36. LLOYD MURRAY LIGHT VERSE**

Sponsor: Lloyd Murray Memorial Fund

Subject: Any

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

Line limit: 8 maximum

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

37. LEROY MEAGHER SONNET**

Sponsor: Meagher Memorial Fund

Subject: Any

Form: Use correct Shakespearean, Petrarchan, or Beymorlin forms only.

(Place sonnet form under category number and name)

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

38. SHOOT FOR THE LOOT**

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 UTSPS members accumulating the most points for winning entries (1st place 5 points, 2nd place 4 points, 3rd place 3 points), for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Winners.