

UTAH STATE POETRY SOCIETY SPRING FESTIVAL 2024

You are cordially invited to attend our in-person Utah State Poetry Society Spring Festival. This will not be a hybrid (in-person & Zoom meeting) festival this year, only in-person. We encourage each of you, to spread the word, persuade your colleagues, fellow members, and even poetry-minded friends to drum up support and attend our in-person festival. This year, we have made it possible for friends and family members to receive a special discounted rate of admission (\$5.00 dollars). For members in far away cities, find ways to commute and carpool to the festival.

DATE: April 26th (5:30 PM - 9:30 PM) & April 27th (8:30 AM - 4:30 PM)

LOCATION: Residence Inn, Provo South University
(1290 South University Ave. Provo)

COST OF ADMISSION: UTSPS Members (\$30)
Guests (\$5)
Students (Free)



Come one, come all to the 2024 Spring Festival of the Utah State Poetry Society! We will be honored to hear from guest speakers Michael Lavers and Rob Carney. Carney will also lead us through a workshop about writing poetry. We will have the pleasure to learn the winners of the 38 categories of the annual UTSPS poetry contest and hear the winners read their winning poems. We will also honor a poem from five past Book of the Year books in a new section called "A Moment In Time." Refreshments will be available. Bring cash or checks to purchase books from the guest speakers, BOY books, or books from current UTSPS members. If you need a hotel room for Friday night, contact the hotel at 801-734-9740. Mention UTSPS for discounted rate.

GUEST SPEAKERS & WORKSHOPS



Michael Lavers is the author of *After Earth* (University of Tampa Press, 2019). His poems have appeared in *The Best New Poets*, *Crazyhorse*, *AGNI*, *32 Poems*, *The Hudson Review*, *The Georgia Review*, and elsewhere. He teaches poetry at Brigham Young University.

Lavers will read from his newest publication, *The Inextinguishable* (University of Tampa Press, 2023). He will also speak about his journey toward being a published poet and the poets who inspired him along the way; the poets he adores; and the poets who keep bringing him back to poetry, who sustain him.



Rob Carney is the author of eight previous books of poems, including the forthcoming *The Book Of Drought* (Texas Review Press, Fall 2024), which won the XJ Kennedy Poetry Prize and *The Book of Sharks* (Black Lawrence 2018), which won the 15 Bytes Book Award. He is a recipient of the Milton Kessler Memorial Prize in Poetry and the Robinson Jeffers/Tor House Foundation Award for Poetry. He is a Professor of English at UVU and lives in Salt Lake City.

Rob will read from his latest publication, *Call and Response* (Black Lawrence Press, 2021). He will also lead us in a workshop: How to Write "Surprise Poems"?