

**Illinois State  
Poetry Society  
22<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
Poetry Contest, 2015**

**CATEGORIES**

**1. Free Verse**

SUBJECT: Poet's Choice  
FORM: Free Verse  
Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$15, 3 HM

**2. Formal Verse**

SUBJECT: Poet's Choice  
FORM: Any set form  
Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$15, 3 HM

**3. Haiku**

SUBJECT: Poet's Choice  
FORM: Traditional or modern  
Haiku  
Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$15, 3 HM

**4. A Happy Memory** in memory  
of Gertrude Brush and Genevieve  
Miller

SUBJECT: A Happy Memory  
FORM: Free Verse  
SPONSOR: Susan T. Moss  
Prizes: \$25, \$20, \$10, 3 HM

**5. Enjoy Illinois**

SUBJECT: Illinois  
FORM: Free Verse  
SPONSORS: Curt Vevang and  
Judith Tullis  
Prizes: \$25, \$20, \$10, 3 HM

**6. Summertime**

SUBJECT: Summer  
FORM: Etheree  
SPONSORS: ISPS Email Group #1  
Prizes: \$60, \$40, \$20, 3 HM

**7. Dave Christensen Memorial**

**Award** in memory of David E.  
Christensen, ISPS Southern  
Chapter  
SUBJECT: Hope  
FORM: Any  
SPONSORS: ISPS Southern  
Chapter  
Prizes: \$25, \$20, \$10, 3 HM

**8. Cup o' Java Award** in honor

of Brewed Awakening,  
Westmont, IL, and the staff:  
Sylvia, Craig and Karen  
SUBJECT: Coffee  
FORM: Any  
Sponsor: Anonymous  
Prizes: \$25, \$20, \$10, 3HM

**RULES**

1. Contest is open to anyone.
2. All poems must be the original work of the contestant, unpublished in print or electronically. Poems that have won monetary awards are not eligible.
3. All poems except haiku must be titled.

4. Poems must be:

- in English.
- no longer than 40 lines.
- typed in 12- or 14-point.
- No fancy fonts or illustrations.

5. One poem per 8 ½ x 11 page.

6. Simultaneous submissions are accepted.

7. Submit two copies of each poem:

- First copy with ID (name/address/e-mail/phone number) and category in upper left hand corner.
- Second copy without ID but with category.

8. Entry fees:

- ISPS members: \$8 for up to 8 poems, \$1 each additional poem.
- Non-ISPS members, \$10 up to 8 poems, \$1 each additional poem.

9. No poet can win two awards in the same category.

10. Make checks payable to:  
Illinois State Poetry Society.

11. Mail all submissions, together with your check to:

Illinois State Poetry Society Contest  
% Judith Tullis  
6455 Big Bear Drive  
Indian Head Park IL 60525

### **DEADLINE**

Entries must be postmarked on or before September 10, 2015.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS**

Winners' names to be posted at [www.illinoispoets.org](http://www.illinoispoets.org), the ISPS website. Include a stamped-self-addressed envelope with your submission if you wish to receive a list of winners in the mail.

NOTE: If you would like your local newspapers notified if you are a winner, send contact information for the newspapers with your entry.

### **ISPS ACTIVITIES**

- Regularly scheduled meetings of ISPS chapters at locations such as Carbondale, Darien, Lisle, Northbrook and Pontiac provide opportunities for members to share their poetry for comments by peers and to help plan poetry events.

- ISPS sponsors the Manningham Contest for youth.
- ISPS sponsors readings in various locations. On the last Sunday of each month except December, ISPS joins with Brewed Awakening Coffee Shop (19 W. Quincy, Westmont, IL) to sponsor a poetry reading, usually with two featured poets and open mic.
- ISPS periodically showcases members' work through themed poetry displays at participating public libraries.
- ISPS occasionally sponsors workshops on various aspects of the poetic art. Check the website for information.
- ISPS participates in the Poetry Fest at the Harold Washington Library in Chicago each April (National Poetry Month).
- ISPS members may join small email groups in which members give and receive feedback on their poems.



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