

Illinois State Poetry Society 2017 Contest Winners and Honorable Mentions

Contest #1—Free Verse, Subject: Poet's Choice

- 1st: *New Morning Mercies* by Debbie Neal Crawford, West Frankfort, IL
2nd *When I Cast It Out* by Catherine L'Herisson, Garland, TX
3rd *The Windchimes* by Camille A. Balla, Lisle, IL
1st Honorable Mention *Lunch Time* by Trina Lee, Oklahoma City, OK
2nd HM *Vincent Paints Studies...* by Rose Ann Spaith, Columbus, OH
3rd HM *Diversions_with Dickinson* by Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR
Judge: Nancy Baass, Victoria, TX

Contest #2—Formal Verse, Subject: Poet's Choice

- 1st: *Holding Hands* by Kathy Lohrum Cotton, Anna, IL
2nd *Prayer Ghazal* by Melissa Huff, Champaign, IL
3rd *A Matter of Time* by Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL
1st HM *Day of Reckoning* by Janet Lombard, Athens, GA
2nd HM *The Color of Whiteness* by Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines, IA
3rd HM *Autumn Garden* by Barbara Robinette, Viola, AR
Judge: Judith Krum, Sanford, FL

Contest #3—Traditional Haiku

- 1st: *a trail of moonlight* by Julie Warther, Dover, OH
2nd *road between cornfields* by Charlotte Digregorio, Winnetka, IL
3rd *Spent tiger lilies* by Kathleen Robinson, Champaign, IL
1st HM *Yellowstone bison* by Mary Jo Balistreri, Waukesha, WI
2nd HM *Pure science slipped through* by David Bond, Carbondale, IL
3rd HM *In the seam between* by Kathy Lohrum Cotton, Anna, IL
Judge: Francine Banwarth, Dubuque, Iowa

Contest #4—Modern Haiku, Subject: Poet's Choice

- 1st: *from the open window* by Charlotte Digregorio, Winnetka, IL
2nd *fall* by Del Todey Turner, Waterloo, IA
3rd *aging dandelions* by Wilda Morris, Bolingbrook, IL
1st HM *just after sunset* by Emory D. Jones, Iuka, MS
2nd HM *home* by Kathy Lohrum Cotton, Anna, IL
3rd HM *Thanksgiving alone...* by Julie Warther
Judge: Doris Stengel, Brainerd, Minn.

Contest #5—ISPS Board Award, Subject: Community

- 1st: *To the Eight Hundred Thousand DACA Children...* by Caroline Johnson, Willow Springs, IL
2nd *On This Road* by Wilda Morris, Bolingbrook, IL
3rd *The Patio* by Deborah Rohde, Northbrook, IL
1st HM *Book, Sparrow and Daisies* by Barbara Robinette, Viola, AR
2nd HM *The Awards Banquet* by Curt Vevang, Palatine, IL
3rd HM *Sunrise* by Marilyn Huntman Giese, Aurora, IL
Judge: Jimmie Inez Sessions, Lewisville, TX

Contest #6—Phillip Egelston Memorial Award, Subject: Rural America

1st: *Time Passed, Clouds Floated By* by C. G. Thompson, Greenville, North Carolina

2nd *South Road* by Susan T. Moss, Evanston, Illinois

3rd *Used Cows* by Judith Tullis, Indian Head Park, Illinois

1st HM *Prayer* by David Bond, Carbondale, Illinois

2nd HM *Two Conversations* by Shirley Ensrud, Blue Earth, Minnesota

3rd HM *Whose Land Is It Anyway?* By Amy Jo Schoonover, Mechanicsburg, Ohio

Judge: Chuck Salmons, Pickerington, Ohio

Contest #7—Southern Chapter Award, 8 Line Limit, Subject: Poet's Choice

1st: *Alzheimer's Winter* by Trina Lee, Oklahoma City, OK

2nd *Guitar Lesson* by Pamela Larson, Arlington Hts, IL

3rd *a poem is a watercolor's impression of reality*, Curt Vevang, Palatine, IL

1st HM *Chain Writer* by Dalene Stull, Danville, OH

2nd HM *Ice Storm* by Donald Weir, Villa Park, IL

3rd HM *Neither The Phoenix* by Lucille Morgan Wilson, IA

Judge: Barbara Funke, St. George, Utah

Contest #8—Ida Kotyuk Award, Subject: Common Small Items

1st: *Not Just Any Tea Mug* by Melissa Huff, Champaign, IL

2nd *Permanent Scrap* by Dalene Stull, Danville, OH

3rd *Unboxed* by Wilda Morris, Bolingbrook, IL

1st HM *Collander with Instructions on How to Hull a Strawberry*

With a Plastic Straw by Jenene Ravesloot, Chicago, IL

2nd HM *Plain Tea* by Daniel J. Fitzgerald, Pontiac, IL

3rd HM *In a New Year Minute* by Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX

Judge: Eleanor Berry, Lyons, OR

Contest #9—Horror, Dark Humor Award Subject: Horror & Dark Humor

1st: *The Death* by Sharon F. Warner, Chicago, IL

2nd *Holocaust* by Keith Skilling, Aurora, IL

3rd *Cancer* by Caroline Johnson, Willow Springs, IL

1st HM *Do Not Call Them Pigs* by Nancy Jesse, Madison, WI

2nd HM *And My Screams Don't Wake Me* by Marcia J. Pradzinski, Skokie, IL

3rd HM *Saints For A New Age* by Daniel J. Fitzgerald, Pontiac, IL

Judge: Bob Blenheim, Daytona Beach, FL

Contest #10—Surrealist Poetry Award, Subject: Poet's Choice

1st: *Fever* by Kate Hutchinson, Palatine, IL

2nd *In The ICU* by Mary Jo Balistreri, Waukesha, WI

3rd *Cameo Dream State* by Dennis Maulsby, Ames, IA

1st HM *Transition* by Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines, IA

2nd HM *Daymare* by Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL

3rd HM *If We Be Together* by Donna Pucciani, Wheaton, IL

Judge: Polly Opsahl, Oscoda, Mich.