



ILLINOIS STATE POETRY SOCIETY POETRY CONTEST

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1. Free Verse Award

Sponsored by ISPS

- SUBJECT: Any
- FORM: Free Verse
- PRIZES: \$50, \$30, \$15

2. Formal Verse Award

Sponsored by ISPS

- SUBJECT: Any
- FORM: Any set form: (Identify the form at the top of the page)
- PRIZES: \$50, \$30, \$15

3. Traditional Haiku (5-7-5) Award

Sponsored by ISPS

- SUBJECT: Any
- FORM: Traditional 5-7-5 haiku
- PRIZES: \$50, \$30, \$15

4. Modern Haiku Award

Sponsored by ISPS

- SUBJECT: Any
- FORM: Modern haiku
- PRIZES: \$50, \$30, \$15

5. ISPS Board Award

Sponsored by ISPS Board of Directors

- SUBJECT: Home
- FORM: Any
- PRIZES: \$50, \$30, \$15

6. Judith Tullis Appreciation Award

(To thank her for all she does for ISPS)

Sponsored by Jim Lambert of Southern Chapter

- SUBJECT: Bipartisanship
- FORM: Any
- LINE LIMIT: 24
- PRIZES: \$50, \$30, \$20

7. Ogden Nash Award

Sponsored by At-Large member Nancy LaChance to honor Ogden Nash

- SUBJECT: Humor
- FORM: Any
- LINE LIMIT: 24
- PRIZES: \$25, \$20, \$10

8. Compassion Award

Sponsored by Idella Pearl Edwards of Southern Chapter in honor of Dave and Peggy Maragni

- Subject: Compassion
- Form: Rhyming
- Prizes \$25, \$20, \$10

9. Shawnee National Forest Award

Sponsored by David Gross of Southern Chapter in memory of Phil Egelston

SUBJECT: Shawnee National Forest

- FORM: Any
- Prizes \$25, \$20, \$10

10. Southern Chapter Award

Sponsored by ISPS Southern Chapter, Carbondale

- SUBJECT: Gratitude
- FORM: Any
- PRIZES: \$25, \$20, \$10

11. Ida Kotyuk Award

Sponsored by Ida Kotyuk of West Suburban Chapter

- SUBJECT: Brother(s)
- FORM: Any
- LINE LIMIT: 40
- PRIZES: \$75, \$50, \$25

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. **Eligibility.** Contest is open to anyone.
2. **Unpublished.** Poems must be the original work of the contestant, unpublished in print or electronically.
3. **Previous Awards.** Poems which have won monetary awards are ineligible.
4. **Poem format**
 - Must be in English, typed or computer-generated in 12 or 14 point; no fancy fonts or illustrations.
 - 40-line limit, unless specified.
 - One single-spaced poem per page on 8.5" x 11" white paper (no onion skin), black ink.

5. **Titles.** Except haiku, title all poems.

6. **Awards.** No poet can win two awards in the same category.

7. **Submit two copies** of each poem:

Originals. In the upper left-hand corner include:

- Category number and contest name.
- Your ID (name, address, e-mail, phone number).
- The word "MEMBER" if you have current membership in ISPS.

Duplicate Copies. In the upper left-hand corner include:

- Category number and contest name ONLY; no personal I.D.

Two Stacks. Separate originals from duplicates and stack in numerical order with originals on top.

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.

Checks payable to:

Illinois State Poetry Society

Mail submissions and check to:

ISPS Contest % Jim Lambert
300 Twin Lakes Road
Carterville, IL 62918

DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1, 2019

Entries must be postmarked between **September 1 and November 1, 2019.**

WINNERS' LIST

Winners of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and three honorable mention awards in each category will be listed on our website:

www.illinoispoets.org

To receive a list of winners by mail, include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your submission.