



ILLINOIS STATE POETRY SOCIETY

POETRY CONTEST

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1. The Hill We Climb Award

Sponsored by Jill Angel Langlois in honor of Amanda Gorman

SUBJECT: Hope and Inspiration

- FORM: Any
- PRIZES: \$100, \$60, \$30

2. ISPS Board Award

Sponsored by ISPS

- SUBJECT: The New Normal
- FORM: Any
- PRIZES: \$75, \$55, \$35

3. Ida Kotyuk Award

Sponsored by Ida Kotyuk

- SUBJECT: Power of Touch
- FORM: Any
- PRIZES: \$75, \$50, \$25

4. Southern Chapter Award

Sponsored by ISPS Southern Chapter

- SUBJECT: Any FORM: Any
- PRIZES: \$75, \$35, \$20

5. Alan Harris Appreciation Award

Sponsored by Jim Lambert to honor and thank Alan Harris for his work in ISPS

- SUBJECT: Humor FORM: Rhyming
- PRIZES: \$50, \$30, \$20
- LINE LIMIT: 24

6. Free Verse Award

Sponsored by ISPS

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

7. 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

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

Sponsored by ISPS

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

9. Modern Haiku Award

Sponsored by ISPS

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

10. Shakespearean Sonnet Award

Sponsored by Donna Pucciani and Beth Staas

- SUBJECT: Any
- FORM: Shakespearean Sonnet
- PRIZES: \$50, \$25, \$15

11. Zejel—A Poetic Form Award

Sponsored by Highland Park Poetry

- SUBJECT: Any
- FORM: Zejel www.writersdigest.com/write-better-poetry/zejel-poetic-forms
- PRIZES: \$35, \$20, \$15

12. In the Manner of Ogden Nash Award

Sponsored by Nancy LaChance

- SUBJECT: Any
- FORM: light verse, made-up words, short pithy poem
- LINE LIMIT: 32
- PRIZES: \$30, \$15, \$10

13. Open Doors & Opportunities Award

Sponsored by Idella Edwards

- FORM: Formal Rhyming
- SUBJECT: Open Doors, Opportunities
- 25 line limit
- PRIZES: \$25, \$20, \$10

14. Sibling Revelry Award

Sponsored by "Sibling Revelry" (Gay Guard-Chamberlin and Anara Guard) in honor of Sam Guard

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

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. **Eligibility.** Contest is open to anyone.
2. **Original, unpublished work.** Not in print or published electronically.
3. **Previous Awards.** Poems which have won monetary awards are ineligible.
4. **Poem format**
 - In English, typed or computer-generated, 12 or 14 point; no fancy fonts or illustrations.
 - 40-line limit, unless specified.
 - One single-spaced poem per 8.5" x 11" page.

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: Number and name of contest; your name, address, e-mail, and phone number; the word "MEMBER" if you have current membership in ISPS.

Duplicates. In the upper left-hand corner include ONLY number and name of contest.

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 for up to 8 poems, \$1 each additional poem.

SUBMISSION PERIOD

Submissions must be postmarked: **July 1 to October 31, 2021**

Mail submissions with check payable to Illinois State Poetry Society to:

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

For the winners' list by mail, include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your submission.

QUESTIONS?

Email contest chairman Jim Lambert, jim@jimlambert.net

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For information on how to join ISPS or to see this year's list of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and three honorable mention awards in each category, visit our website:

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