

2021 ISPS CONTEST WINNERS

CATEGORY 1: THE HILL WE CLIMB AWARD, RUSSELL STRAUSS, JUDGE

- 1ST PLACE:** BARBARA FUNKE, "UPWARDLY MOBILE"
2ND PLACE: MICHAEL ESCOUBAS, "BED AND BREAKFAST"
3RD PLACE: CINDY MADARA, "THE FOUND"
HM 1: DANIEL FITZGERALD, "JAIL TALK"
HM 2: KATHY COTTON, "THE PEACE TRAJECTORY"
HM 3: PAT UNDERWOOD, "THRESHOLDS"

CATEGORY 2: THE ISPS BOARD AWARD, BARBARA BLANKS, JUDGE

- 1ST PLACE:** PATTY DICKSON PIECZKA, "COVID: YEAR TWO"
2ND PLACE: TERRY JUDE MILLER, "THE NEW NORMAL"
3RD PLACE: KATHY COTTON, "THE CERTAINLY OF UNCERTAINTY"
HM 1: CATHERINE MORAN, "ALL THE NEW NORMS"
HM 2: NANCY COOK, "POST PANDEMIC MAPPING"
HM 3: MELISSA HUFF, HOUSEBOUND: VARIATIONS ON A THEME"

CATEGORY 3: THE IDA KOTYUK AWARD, CHRIS BOLDT, JUDGE

- 1ST PLACE:** RUTH SIBURT, "MATTHEW AT THIRTEEN"
2ND PLACE: DONNA PUCCIANI, "DISCOVERY"
3RD PLACE: KATHY COTTON, "HOW WE TOUCH"
HM 1: BARBARA BLANKS, "FATHER'S HANDS"
HM 2: JOHN J GORDON, "DELIVERANCE"
HM 3: GAIL DENHAM, "SHOW OF LOVE"

CATEGORY 4: THE SOUTHERN CHAPTER AWARD, AMELIA MARTENS, JUDGE

- 1ST PLACE:** NANCY JESSE, "AT STAKE"
2ND PLACE: CARA SHUSTER, "DAPHNE"
3RD PLACE: CHERYL WEBER, "ALL USED UP"
HM 1: BONNIE MANION, "HOW MELLOW, BLUE SKY TURNING TO PALEST YELLOW"
HM 2: CAROLINE JOHNSON: "TAI CHI"
HM 3: RITA AIKEN MORITZ, "THE PELICANS THAT WINTER ON OUR LAKE"

CATEGORY 5: THE ALAN HARRIS APPRECIATION AWARD, AMY WRAY IRISH, JUDGE

- 1ST PLACE:** BARBARA BLANKS, "WHICH WAY"
2ND PLACE: BENJAMIN DUGGER, "MY MYOPIA"
3RD PLACE: V KIMBALL BARNEY, "BRIEF ENCOUNTER"

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CATEGORY 5 (CONTINUED)

- HM 1:** JOHN J GORDON, "WEE HOUR WARNING"
HM 2: JANICE FREYTAG, "TO ALL THE SHOES I USED TO WEAR BY"
HM 3: NANCY COOK, "MEAL DEFERRED"

CATEGORY 6: FREE VERSE AWARD: JULIE SHAVIN, JUDGE

- 1ST PLACE:** PATTY DICKSON PIECZA, "THE LANGUAGE OF SHELLS"
2ND PLACE: BECKY ALEXANDER, "COUNTRY DRIVE ON A HEAT-STREWN DAY"
3RD PLACE: KATHY COTTON, "ELUSIVE INSPIRATION"
HM 1: SHIRLEY KOBAR, "WHERE DOES IT DWELL?"
HM 2: CARA SCHUSTER, "HEORINE IN A SEWING ROOM"
HM 3: MIRANDA STEWART, "DUSK"

CATEGORY 7: FORMAL VERSE: BUDD MANN, JUDGE

- 1ST PLACE:** BARBARA BLANKS, "RONDEAU FOR EATHWORMS"
2ND PLACE: CATHERINE MORAN, "A TOOL FOR ALL AGES"
3RD PLACE: BENJAMIN DUGGER, "A LATE FAREWELL"
HM 1: V. KIMBALL BARNEY, "WHEN I'M GONE"
HM 2: RITA AIKEN MORITZ, "THE HUMAN RACE"
HM 3: BETH STAAS, "CONFESSION OF A LUDDITE"

CATEGORY 8: TRADITIONAL HAIKU: JON SEBBA, JUDGE

- 1ST PLACE:** GRACE DIANE JESSEN, "ON LIMB HIGH ABOVE"
2ND PLACE: NANCY JESSE, "CHRYSANTHEMUM BLOOMS"
3RD PLACE: JERRI HARDESTY, "FAT CATEPILLAR"
HM 1: BARBARA BLANKS, "BEATEN BY A ROUGH WIND"
HM 2: JANICE FREYTAG, "HALF A YELLOW MOON"
HM 3: LYNDA LA ROCCA, "YELLOW DAFFODILS"

CATEGORY 9: MODERN HAIKU: JON SEBBA, JUDGE

- 1ST PLACE:** DEL TODY TURNER, "CEMETERY STARS"
2ND PLACE: PAUL BUCHHEIT, "INSIDE THE STEEL POT"
3RD PLACE: DR EMORY D. JONES, "SQUAWKS FROM ABOVE"
HM 1: MARY JO BALISTERI, "DOG AND I"
HM 2: CHARLOTTE DIGREGORIO, "CAREGIVING ENDS..."
HM 3: S. MICHAEL KOZUBEK, "IN THE HELP"

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CATEGORY 10: SHAKESPEAREAN SONNET AWARD, BONNIE LARSON STAIGER, JUDGE

- 1ST PLACE:** BENJAMIN DUGGER, "BABI YAR"
2ND PLACE: JOHN W CHOPPOCK, "DEATH SPEAKS TO PAVLOVA ON CLOSING NIGHT"
3RD PLACE: V. KIMBALL BARNEY, "FOREVER"
HM 1: LYNDA LA ROCCA, "SETTING FORTH"
HM 2: KATHY COTTON, "SPRING RISING"
HM3 : BARBARA FUNKE, "TO KNOW YOU"

CATEGORY 11: HIGHLAND PARK POETRY AWARD: BARBARA BLANKS, JUDGE

- 1ST PLACE:** PAUL BUCHHEIT, "GENERATION GAP"
2ND PLACE: CRYSTIE SCHOMAS COOK, "PELICAN ON WATCH"
3RD PLACE: JANICE FREYTAG, "THE PHARISEE'S LAMENT"
HM 1: KATHY COTTON, "WELLBEING"
HM 2: CYNTHIA GALLAHER, "MOON PHASES ZEJEL"
HM 3: TINA COLE, "ANOTHER MUDER"

CATEGORY 12: IN THE MANNER OF OGDEN NASH AWARD: AMY RAY IRISH, JUDGE

- 1ST PLACE:** CURT VEVANG, "ANDOVER PARK"
2ND PLACE: BEVERLY STANISLAWSKI, "A FISHY STORY"
3RD PLACE: KATHY COTTON, "REMINDERS FROM OGDEN'S CAT"
HM 1: CRYSTIE SCHOMAS COOK: "NO ADVERTISING NEEDED"
HM 2: KATE HUTCHINSON, "GLITCH"
HM 3: DELORES WALKER, "A CAPITOL CHOICE"

CATEGORY 13: OPEN DOOR & OPPORTUNITIES AWARD: ELAINE PERSON, JUDGE

- 1ST PLACE:** GURUPREET KHALSA, "THE WINDS OF ETERNITY"
2ND PLACE: DELORES WALKER, "ANTICIPATION"
3RD PLACE: NICK SWEET, "DEPARTING DAUGHTER"
HM 1: SARA GIPSON, "THE AMERICAN QUEST TO MOVE WEST"
HM 2: IDELLA PEARL EDWARDS, "OPEN THE DOOR"
HM 3: JERRY HARDESTY, "TOM'S TUNES"

CATEGORY 14: SIBLING REVERY: LORETTA DIANE WALKER, JUDGE

- 1ST PLACE:** MICHAEL ESCOUBAS, "REMINISCENCE"
2ND PLACE: PATTY DICKSON PIECZA, "THE YOUNGEST"
3RD PLACE: JANICE FREYTAG, "GOLD"
HM 1: KATHY COTTON, "FAMILY FACEBOOK"
HM 2: PAUL BUCHHEIT, "AT MY SIDE"

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CATEGORY 14 (CONTINUED)

HM 3: NANCY COOK, "TUMBLING SHAPES"