



ILLINOIS STATE POETRY SOCIETY

POETRY CONTEST

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1. ISPS Board Award

Sponsored by ISPS Board of Directors

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

2. Wedding Anniversary Gift Award

Sponsored by Ida Kotyuk

- SUBJECT: Traditional anniversary-year gift (paper, silver, etc.) as metaphor/simile for the marriage
- FORM: Any
- PRIZES: \$75, \$50, \$25

3. Animal Thoughts Award

Sponsored by Jill and Aaron Langlois in memory of Dolores Langlois

- SUBJECT: Animals
- FORM: Any
- PRIZES: \$60, \$40, \$20

4. Kathy Cotton Award

Sponsored by Judith Tullis to honor Kathy Cotton for years of artistic & poetic support

- SUBJECT: My Secret Garden
- FORM: Any
- PRIZES: \$60, \$40, \$20

5. Southern Chapter Award

Sponsored by ISPS Southern Chapter, Carbondale IL

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

6. Free Verse Award

Sponsored by ISPS

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

7. Formal Verse Award

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

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

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

9. Modern Haiku Award

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

10. Summertime Award

Sponsored by Nancy LaChance

- SUBJECT: In the Good Old Summertime
- FORM: Any
- LINE LIMIT: 24
- PRIZES: \$25, \$20, \$10

11. Highland Park Poetry Award

Sponsored by Highland Park Poetry

- SUBJECT: Any
- FORM: : Tricube (3 stanzas of 3 lines with 3 syllables each)
- PRIZES: \$25, \$15, \$10

12. Compassion Award

Sponsored by Curt Vevang

- SUBJECT: Compassion
- FORM: Any
- PRIZES: \$25, \$15, \$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 **Original, unpublished work.** Not in print or published electronically.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 not eligible.
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. Title and one following blank line are not included in the line count.
6. **Poems.** No poem may be submitted in more than one category.
7. **Simultaneous Awards.** No poet will win two awards in the same category.

8. 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:

September 1 to October 31, 2022

SUBMISSION MAILING

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

**ISPS c/o Mary Beth Bretzlauf
426 Park Avenue
Highland Park, IL 60035**

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

QUESTIONS?

Contact the contest chair:

**Mary Beth Bretzlauf
ISPS.manningham@gmail.com**

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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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