



ILLINOIS STATE POETRY SOCIETY

POETRY CONTEST

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CONTEST CATEGORIES

1. Free Verse Award

- SUBJECT: Poet's Choice
- FORM: Free Verse
- Sponsor: ISPS
- Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$15, 3 HM

2. Formal Verse Award

- SUBJECT: Poet's Choice
- FORM: Any set form
- SPONSOR: ISPS
- Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$15, 3 HM

3. Haiku Award

- SUBJECT: Poet's Choice
- FORM: Traditional or modern haiku
- SPONSOR: ISPS
- Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$15, 3 HM

4. The Arts Award

- SUBJECT: The Arts
- FORM: Any
- SPONSOR: ISPS
- Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$15, 3 HM

5. ISPS Board of Directors Award

- SUBJECT: Celestial
- FORM: Any
- SPONSOR: ISPS Board of Directors
- PRIZES: \$40, \$30, \$15, 3 HM

6. Doyle Vines Memorial Award in memory of Doyle Vines, Southern Chapter

- SUBJECT: Music
- FORM: Any
- SPONSOR: ISPS Southern Chapter
- PRIZES: \$25, \$20, \$10, 3 HM

7. Compassion Award

- SUBJECT: Compassion
- FORM: Any
- SPONSORS: Judith Tullis and Curt Vevang
- PRIZES: first \$30, second \$20, third \$10, 3 honorable mentions

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- 1. Eligibility.** Contest is open to anyone.
- 2. Unpublished.** All poems must be the original work of the contestant, unpublished in print or electronically.
- 3. Previous Awards.** Poems that have won monetary awards are not eligible.
- 4. Poem format** must be:
 - in English
 - no longer than 40 lines
 - typed in 12- or 14-point
 - no fancy fonts or illustrations
- 5. Format:** one poem per 8.5x11 page.
- 6. Titles.** All poems except haiku must be titled.
- 7. Awards.** No poet can win two awards in the same category.
- 8. Submit two copies** of each poem:
 - FIRST COPY with ID (name, address, e-mail, phone number) and category in upper left-hand corner.
 - SECOND COPY with category only; no ID.

9. 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.

10. Checks payable to:

Illinois State Poetry Society.

11. Mail all submissions, together with your check to:

Illinois State Poetry Society Contest
 % Jim Lambert
 11617 Sherry Lynn Drive
 Carbondale, IL 62901-0732

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Entries must be postmarked on or before **October 15, 2016.**

WINNERS

First-, second- and third-place winners and three honorable mentions for each category will be posted at our website, illinoispoets.org. To receive a list of winners by mail, include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your submission.

News Releases. To have your local newspaper(s) notified if you are a winner, submit email of postal contact information for the newspapers with your entry.



Join us!

Membership in the Illinois State Poetry Society is open to anyone who is interested in poetry. To join, fill out the form and send it with a check for the annual (July 1–June 30) dues of \$20 (\$30 for patron status; \$50 for benefactor status) to:

Illinois State Poetry Society
 c/o 6455 Big Bear Drive
 Indian Head Park, IL 60525

You may attend multiple chapters, but please check the one that will serve as your voting chapter. If you cannot attend any chapter, check "At Large."

- Central (Pontiac)
- Haiku (Northbrook)
- North Suburban (Northbrook)
- Southern (Carbondale)
- Southwest Suburban (Lisle)
- West Suburban (Darien)
- At Large

Name _____

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