

## Illinois State Poetry Society 2018 Contest Winners and Honorable Mentions

### Contest #1—Free Verse, Subject: Poet's Choice

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Travel Advisory, Late Autumn* by Kathleen Robinson, Champaign, IL  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Hay* by Carole Croll, Royersford, PA  
3<sup>rd</sup> *The man who invented clouds* by Susan Maxwell Campbell, Mansfield, TX  
1<sup>st</sup> Honorable Mention *Dotted Days* by Wendy Davis, Lake Bluff, IL  
2<sup>nd</sup> HM *When We Met* by Patty Dickson Pieczka, Carbondale, IL  
3<sup>rd</sup> HM *In May, We Split Up* by Nancy Jesse, Madison, WI  
Judge: Maureen Haltiner,

### Contest #2—Formal Verse, Subject: Poet's Choice

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Dactylically Speaking* by Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines, IA  
2<sup>nd</sup> *From Dust to....Endust* by Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX  
3<sup>rd</sup> *Love Lyrics* by Amy Jo Schoonover, Mechanicsburg, OH  
1<sup>st</sup> HM *Love Finds its Perfect Backdrop* by Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR  
2<sup>nd</sup> HM *Hour of the Wolf* by Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT  
3<sup>rd</sup> HM *The Birth of Autumn* by Carole Croll, Royersford, PA  
Judge: Florence Bruce, Memphis, TN

### Contest #3—Traditional Haiku, Subject: Poet's Choice

- 1<sup>st</sup> *autumn equinox* by Julie Warther, Dover, OH  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Perched atop the house* by Kathleen Robinson, Champaign, IL  
3<sup>rd</sup> *the rose petals droop* by Laura Bridges, North Little Rock, AR  
1<sup>st</sup> HM *misty morning rain* by Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT  
2<sup>nd</sup> HM *Autumn road at dusk*—by Kathy Cotton, Anna, IL  
3<sup>rd</sup> HM *Light on still water* by Mary O. Monical, Pontiac, IL  
Judge: Dan Schwerin, Waukesha, WI

### Contest #4—Modern Haiku, Subject: Poet's Choice

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Kyoto cherry trees* by Mary Jo Balistreri, Waukesha, WI  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Easter morning. . .* by Charlotte Digregorio, Winnetka, IL  
3<sup>rd</sup> *hospital visit* by Susan B. Auld, Arlington Heights, IL  
1<sup>st</sup> HM *from my mirror* by Wilda Morris, Bolingbrook, IL  
2<sup>nd</sup> HM *tethered to them now* by Melissa Huff, Champaign, IL  
3<sup>rd</sup> HM *tattered Monarch* by Candace Kubinec, Greensburg, PA  
Judge: Dan Schwerin, Waukesha, WI

### Contest #5—ISPS Board Award, Subject: Borders and Boundaries

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Quilting* by Patty Dickson Pieczka, Carbondale, IL  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Mother Land* by Carole Croll, Royersford, PA  
3<sup>rd</sup> *Boundary* by Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL  
1<sup>st</sup> HM *In a Galaxy Far, Far Away* by Joshua Conklin, Amherst, NH  
2<sup>nd</sup> HM *Borders and Boundaries* by Idella Pearl Edwards, Marion, IL  
3<sup>rd</sup> HM *The Hungry Beast of the Desert Finishes his Meal* by Robert E. Blenheim, Daytona Beach, FL  
Judge: Llewellyn McKernan, New Smyrna Beach, FL

### Contest #6—Peace Prize Award, Subject: Peace

- 1<sup>st</sup> *Peace and chocolate chips* by Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Rx: 2018* by Kate Hutchinson, Palatine, IL  
3<sup>rd</sup> *Laundry* by Donna Pucciani, Wheaton, IL

**(Contest 6 Continued)** 1<sup>st</sup> HM *Words of Peace* by Kathy Cotton, Anna, IL  
2<sup>nd</sup> HM *Lullaby in a Time of Anxiety* by Maryann Hurtt, Elkhart Lake, WI  
3<sup>rd</sup> HM *The Cornflower Girl* by Robert E. Blenheim, Daytona Beach, FL  
Judge: Jill Lapin Zell, Dayton, NJ

**Contest #7—Highland Park Poetry Award, Subject: Poet's Choice**

1<sup>st</sup> *Give Me the Sea* by Melissa Huff, Champaign, IL  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Winter's Prey* by Daniel B. Pickett, Madison, MS  
3<sup>rd</sup> *Gutman's Obsession* by Robert E. Blenheim, Daytona Beach, FL  
1<sup>st</sup> HM *It Couldn't Happen Here* by Ken Hutchinson, Palatine, IL  
2<sup>nd</sup> HM *Lessons on Love* by Kathy Cotton, Anna, IL  
3<sup>rd</sup> HM *The Visitor* by Christian Shute, Cheyenne, WY  
Judge: Ms. B. J. Alligood, Port Orange, FL

**Contest #8—Poetry Pilgrims Award, Subject: Love**

1<sup>st</sup> *His Voice* by Patty Dickson Pieczka, Carbondale, IL  
2<sup>nd</sup> *The Best Martini I Ever Had* by Judith Tullis, Indian Head Park, IL  
3<sup>rd</sup> *A Winter's Eve on the Farm* by Joshua Conklin, Amherst, NH  
1<sup>st</sup> HM *Embrace at Sunrise* by Steven Concert, Harveys Lake, PA  
2<sup>nd</sup> HM *Mother Love: a Golden Shovel Poem* by Wilda Morris, Bolingbrook, IL  
3<sup>rd</sup> HM *Petition* by Susan Maxwell Campbell, Mansfield, TX  
Judge: Paul Ford, Sandy, UT

**Contest #9—Kathy Cotton Appreciation Award, Subject: Funny, Punny Poetry**

1<sup>st</sup> *Identity Exchange* by Dalene Stull, Danville, OH  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Call in Radio* by Janet G Bixler, Eldorado, IL  
3<sup>rd</sup> *Rapture*, by Beth Staas, Oak Brook, IL  
1<sup>st</sup> HM *A Punny Poem* by Idella Pearl Edwards, Marion, IL  
2<sup>nd</sup> HM *Just in Time* by Nancy Cook, St. Paul, MN  
3<sup>rd</sup> HM *A Plea to Kathy* by John J. Gordon, LaGrange, IL  
Judge: Charmaine Pappas Donovan, Brainerd, MN

**Contest #10—Southern Chapter Award, Subject: Shadows**

1<sup>st</sup> *Playing Piano at Dawn* by Donna Pucciani, Wheaton, IL  
2<sup>nd</sup> *Through a Glass Darkly* by Patty Dickson Pieczka, Carbondale, IL  
3<sup>rd</sup> *The Long Shadows* by Tony Fusco, West Haven, CT  
1<sup>st</sup> HM *Mild Depression* by Kate Hutchinson, Palatine, IL  
2<sup>nd</sup> HM *Shadow in the Winners' Circle* by Becky Alexander, Cambridge, Ontario, Canada  
3<sup>rd</sup> HM *Shadow Paths* by Kathy Cotton, Anna, IL  
Judge: Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT

**Contest #11—Ida Kotyuk Award, Subject: Madness**

1<sup>st</sup> *Lunacy* by Janice Hoffman, Williamsburg, VA  
2<sup>nd</sup> *At the Psychiatric Museum* by Kathy Cotton, Anna, IL  
3<sup>rd</sup> *War Shadows* by Patty Dickson Pieczka, Carbondale, IL  
1<sup>st</sup> HM *Cancer* by Caroline Johnson, Willow Springs, IL  
2<sup>nd</sup> HM *Poetess* by Becky Alexander, Cambridge, Ontario, Canada  
3<sup>rd</sup> HM *When God Blinks* by Daniel B. Pickett, Madison, TX  
Judge: Russell Strauss, Memphis, TN

**Contest #12—All About Animals Award, Subject: Animals**

1<sup>st</sup>: *Unleashed* by Mary Jo Balistreri, Waukesha, WI

2<sup>nd</sup> *The White Dog* by Wilda Morris, Bolingbrook, IL

3<sup>rd</sup> *The Caged Lion* by William Marr, Downers Grove, IL

1<sup>st</sup> HM *My Dog, the Professor of Tropes* by Ruth Hoberman, Chicago, IL

2<sup>nd</sup> HM *For the Raccoon at the Side of the Road* by Paula Schulz, Slinger, WI

3<sup>rd</sup> HM *A Little Death* by Kate Hutchinson, Palatine, IL

Judge: Barbara Robinette, Viola, AR

**Contest #13—Giving Voice Award, Subject: Giving Voice**

1<sup>st</sup>: *Dance Party at the Durban Airport* by Joseph Kuhn Carey, Glencoe, IL

2<sup>nd</sup> *Funeral Voices* by Sara Gipson, Scott, AR

3<sup>rd</sup> *Grandma Mary Talks About a Good Education* by Marcia Pradzinski, Skokie, IL

1<sup>st</sup> HM *At a Photography Exhibition about Refuges* by Ruth Hoberman, Chicago, IL

2<sup>nd</sup> HM *Make a Poem* by Donna Pucciani, Wheaton, IL

3<sup>rd</sup> HM *Frozen Walden* by Nancy Jesse, Madison, WI

Judge: Jennifer Clark, Kalamazoo, MI