

Illinois State Poetry Society 2020 Poetry Contest Winners

Category 1 Free Verse Award (127 entries)

Judge: Joe Cavanaugh, Ormond Beach, FL

FIRST PLACE: *Issac returns to the Mountain* by James Green, Muncie, IN

SECOND PLACE: *The Wind Rivers* by Michael Spears, Plain City, UT

THIRD PLACE: *Leviticus Violet* by Darlene Glover, South Paris, ME

Honorable Mention #1: *Sloatsburg, July, 1969* by Frances Nankin, Brunswick, ME

HM #2: *Cerebral Carryall* by Betsy M. Hughes, Dayton, OH

HM #3: *Dotted Days* by Wendy Davis, Lake Bluff, IL

Category #2 Formal Verse Award (93 entries)

Judge: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

FIRST PLACE: *Pandemic Phenomena* by Betsy M. Hughes, Dayton, OH

SECOND PLACE: *On Rainy Nights* by Janice Canerdy, Potts Camp, MS

THIRD PLACE: *A Time for New Beginnings, Palm Sunday 1865*

by Benjamin Dugger, Elizabethton, TN

HM #1: *Bed Side* by John F. Foster, Sun City Center, FL

HM #2: *When Love Found Me* by Beverly Stanislawski, Crown Point, IN

HM #3: *Uncertainties* by Jane Randall, Centerville, UT

Category #3 Traditional Haiku Award (80 entries)

Judge: Charmaine Donovan, Brainerd, MN

FIRST PLACE: *Moth's thrumming orbit* by Amy Wray Irish, Lakewood, CO

SECOND PLACE: *parrot takes to flight* by Beverly Stanislawski, Crown Point, IN

THIRD PLACE: *Drift of leaves in pond* by John W. Coppock, Tuttle, OK

HM #1: *grandmother watches* by Joan Chaput, Glastonbury, CT

HM #2: *tiny pinecone seeds* by Mary Jo Balistreri, Waukesha, WI

HM #3: *We splash in puddles* by Christian Shute, Cheyenne, WY

Category #4: Modern Haiku Award (78 entries)

Judge: Margaret Chula, Portland, OR

FIRST PLACE: *covid spikes* by Mary Jo Balistreri, Waukesha, WI

SECOND PLACE: *beach wedding* by Greg Schwartz, Sykesville, MD

THIRD PLACE: *end to caregiving* by Charlotte Digregorio, Winnetka, IL

HM #1: *free couch* by Susan Farmer, Urbana, IL

HM #2: *ridgelines aflame* by Jennifer Thiermann, Glenview, IL

HM #3: *lit candles* by Joan Chaput, Glastonberry, CT

Category #5 Board Award (77 entries)

Judge: Amy Irish, Lakewood, CO

FIRST PLACE: *The Bread Basket* by Bill Reyer, Tiffin, OH

SECOND PLACE: *Woman of Nepal* by Mary Jo Balistreri, Waukesha, WI

THIRD PLACE: *The House of Dr. Gachet of Auvers, Paul Cezanne, 1872*

by Donna Pucciani, Wheaton, IL

HM #1: *My Mother Thinks I'm Too Young to Share her World*

By Marcia J. Pradzinski, Skokie, IL

HM #2: *A Brief Sketch of Christina's World* by Susan T. Moss, Lake Bluff, IL

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HM #3: *During the Sheltering in Place* by Nancy Jesse, Madison, WI

Category #6: First Responders Award (21 entries)

Judge: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX

FIRST PLACE: *Where It Begins*, by Wilda Morris, Bolingbrook, IL

SECOND PLACE: *Exeunt – A 9/11 Tribute*, By John F. Foster, Sun City Center, FL

THIRD PLACE: *Heroes Honored Heroes* By Von S. Bourland, Happy, TX

HM #1: *The Face of Help* By Kathy Lohrum Cotton, Anna, IL

HM #2: *Heroes, Helmets and Hotshots* By Darlene Glover, South Paris, ME

HM #3: *The Beating in Your Eardrums* By Julie Isaacson, Highland Park, IL

Category #7: Morris Award (71 entries)

Judge: Polly Opsahl, Oscoda, MI

FIRST PLACE: *Real Men Don't Eat Quiche (A Sunday Solecism)*

by Kathy Lohrum Cotton, Anna, IL

SECOND PLACE: *Deaf and Blind* by V. Kimball Barney, Kaysville, UT

THIRD PLACE: *My Doggoned Dogwood* by Benjamin Dugger, Elizabethton, TN

HM #1: *HELLO? HELLO?* by Jane Randall, Centerville, UT

HM #2: *Smarts* by John R. Seksay, Augusta, ME

HM #3: *Glad You Noticed* by Marc Davidson, Daytona Beach, FL

Category #8: Sword and Plowshares Award (41 entries)

Judge: Loretta Diane Walker

FIRST PLACE: *The Wings of Peace and Justice* by Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR

SECOND PLACE: *Song For A Missing Year* by Patty Dickson Pieczka, Carbondale, IL

THIRD PLACE: *Scapegoats* by Carol Kanter, Chicago, IL

HM #1: *Captured by the Camera* by Nancy Jesse, Madison, WI

HM #2: *From Swords to Plowshares* by Kathy Lohrum Cotton, Anna, IL

HM #3: *The Long Way to Arlington 1967* by Maryann Hurtt, Elkhart Lake, WI

Category 9: Love and Marriage Award (54 entries)

Judge: John Foster, Sun City Center, FL

FIRST PLACE: *Touching the sky with one I love* by Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR

SECOND PLACE: *For Sixty Years* by Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

THIRD PLACE: *Holding Hands* by Kathy Lohrum Cotton, Anna, IL

HM #1: *On Your Presence* by Carol Kanter, Chicago, IL

HM #2: *Bed Bugged* by Becky Alexander, Cambridge, Ontario, Canada

HM #3: *I Never Told Him This* by Linda Banks, Mesquite, TX

Category #10: Nature Award (97 entries)

Judge: Linda Eve Diamond, Port Orange, FL

FIRST PLACE: *Advanced Civilizations 101* by Melissa Huff, Champaign, IL

SECOND PLACE: *Painting the Buffalo* by Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

THIRD PLACE: *UNFETTERED* by Maggie Kennedy, Brookfield, IL

HM #1: *Black Cat Yoga* by Aaron E. Holst, Sheridan, WY

HM #2: *Mad for the Moon* by Gay Guard-Chamberlin

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HM #3: *Life Force* by Karen Moulton, Flippin, AR

Category #11: Southern Chapter Award (113 entries)

Judge: Markay Brown, St. George, UT

FIRST PLACE: *Stillness, April 2020* by Kathy Lohrum Cotton, Anna IL

SECOND PLACE: *Twilight* by Donna Pucciani, Wheaton, IL

THIRD PLACE: *Without The Birds* by John F. Foster, Sun City Center, FL

HM #1: *Exposed* by Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL

HM #2: *Collateral Damage* by Michael Spears, Plain City, UT

HM #3: *The Portion of My Trust* by Benjamin Dugger, Elizabethton, TN

Category 12: Highland Park Award (36 entries)

Judge: Jon Sebba, Tucson, AZ

FIRST PLACE: *Improvization* by Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL

SECOND PLACE: *Pandemic Spring* by Kathy Lohrum, Anna, IL

THIRD PLACE: *Autumn Pondering* by Candace Kubinec, Greensburg, PA

HM #1: *Prospecting* by Trina Lee, Oklahoma City, OK

HM #2: *Resurfacing* by Wendy Davis, Lake Bluff, IL

HM #3: *Trixie* by Wilda Morris, Bolingbrook, IL

Category 13: Down Home Cinquain Award (59 entries)

Judge: Jon Sebba, Tucson, AZ

FIRST PLACE: *Reining in the five kids* by Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR

SECOND PLACE: *Outlook* by Lucia Haase, Spring Valley, IL

THIRD PLACE: *Youthful Pleasure* by Benjamin Dugger, Elizabethton, TN

HM #1: *CURRENT AFFAIRS* by Marc Davidson, Daytona Beach, FL

HM #2: *Insects* by Robert V. Davis, West Haven, UT

HM #3: *Laundry Day* by Candace Kubinec, Greensburg, PA

Thank you to all the 125 poets who entered our contest and a pandemic fist bump to our sponsors and judges. (Handshakes and pats on backs are in temporary repose and will be delivered later.) We appreciate your participation in our small effort to promote and nurture the art of poetry. If you are among the winners, please have patience. We have to prepare a lot of checks and/or a special surprise for you. Our friends at the Post Office will be delivering these to you as soon as we can prepare them. If you have any questions or suggestions, please email me at jim@jimlambert.net or call me at 847.519.2603

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