



## **2022 Illinois State Poetry Society Contest Winners**

Congratulations to all the winning poets! Many thanks to our judges for their time!

### **Category #1: The ISPS Board Award**

**Sponsored by: ISPS Board Members**

**Subject: The New Normal Form: Any**

**Judge: Jon Sebba**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Sara Gipson, "Behind a Locked Door"

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Marie Asner, "Drought"

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Pauline Kochanski, "The New Normal/a torrent of sadness"

1<sup>st</sup> Honorable Mention: Marilyn Giese, "Dry Bones"

2<sup>nd</sup> Honorable Mention: Judy Cummings, "Wanderers"

3<sup>rd</sup> Honorable Mention: Candace Armstrong, "The New Normal/We live in worlds so full of violence"

### **Category #2: Wedding Anniversary Gift Award**

**Sponsored by: Ida Kotyuk**

**Subject: Traditional anniversary-year gift. Form: Any**

**Judge: Barbara Blanks**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Patty Dickson Pieczka, "Sapphire"

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Catherine Moran, "Notes on an anniversary"

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Kathleen Cotton, "57<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conversation"

1<sup>st</sup> Honorable Mention: Paul Buchheit, "Forever Precious"

2<sup>nd</sup> Honorable Mention: Judith Stern Friedman, "A Couple of Coral"

3<sup>rd</sup> Honorable Mention: Wilda Morris, "What to do with My China"

### **Category #3: Animal Thoughts Award**

**Sponsored by: Jill & Aaron Langlois in memory of Dolores Langlois**

**Subject: Animals, Form: Any**

**Judge: Bruce Hoffsommer**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Judith Tullis, "Petulance"

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Daniel Moreschi, "Monarch March"

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: V. Kimball Barney, "My Pet Buffalo"

1<sup>st</sup> Honorable Mention: Gay Guard-Chamberlin, "In Praise of the Feline"

2<sup>nd</sup> Honorable Mention: Terry Jude Miller, "Good Journey"

3<sup>rd</sup> Honorable Mention: Christian Shute, "The Visitor"

**Category #4: Kathy Cotton Award**

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

**Subject: My Secret Garden. Form: Any**

**Judge: Joe Cavanaugh**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Catherine Moran, "Wandering"

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Shari Crane Fox, "A Lesson from A Hummingbird"

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Cynthia Gallaher, "Pomegranate; Tree of Knowledge"

1<sup>st</sup> Honorable Mention: Jason Kirk Bartley, "My Garden Dream"

2<sup>nd</sup> Honorable Mention: Tanya Whitney, "Garden of Love"

3<sup>rd</sup> Honorable Mention: Jerri Hardesty, "Seeking Sanctuary"

**Category #5: Southern Chapter Award**

**Sponsored by: ISPS Southern Chapter, Carbondale, IL**

**Subject: Possessions. Form: Any**

**Judge: Sandra Nantais**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Jason Kirk Bartley, "The Holy Bible"

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Jerri Hardesty, "Treasure Chest"

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Grace Diane Jessen, "Apron from Africa"

1<sup>st</sup> Honorable Mention: Cheryl Weber, "Brimfield County Flea Market"

2<sup>nd</sup> Honorable Mention: Judith Tullis, "Tarnished"

3<sup>rd</sup> Honorable Mention: Jane Scoville, "Conservation of Energy"

**Category #6: Free Verse Award**

**Sponsored by: ISPS.**

**Subject: Any. Form: Any**

**Judge: Budd Mahan**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Marie Asner, "The Gold of Kansas"

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Gay Guard-Chamberlin, "My Mother's Jewelry Box"

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Cheryl Weber, "No Surprise"

1<sup>st</sup> Honorable Mention: Kathleen Cotton, "Coming for Mother"

2<sup>nd</sup> Honorable Mention: Amelia Cotter Pollock, "In a Cemetery"

3<sup>rd</sup> Honorable Mention: Barbara Blanks, "Creed"

**Category #7: Formal Verse Award**

**Sponsored by: ISPS**

**Subject: Any Form: Any set form**

**Judge: Gail Denham**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Kathleen Cotton, "Grandmother"

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Nick Sweet, "10 Minutes to SHOWTIME!!"

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: V. Kimball Barney, "When I was Young"

1<sup>st</sup> Honorable Mention: Wilda Morris, "Pantoum for Uncle Norman"

2<sup>nd</sup> Honorable Mention: Michael Owens, "Cacti Rises from the Dead"

3<sup>rd</sup> Honorable Mention: Benjamin Dugger, "Reassessment"

**Category #8: Traditional Haiku (5-7-5) Award**

**Sponsored by: ISPS**

**Subject: Any. Form: Traditional 5-7-5 haiku**

**Judge: Elaine Person**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Benjamin Dugger, "summer night wedding"

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Jerri Hardesty, "transplanted roses"

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Monica Cardestam, "Leaves cascade to ground"

1<sup>st</sup> Honorable Mention: Christian Shute, "We splash in puddles"

2<sup>nd</sup> Honorable Mention: Shari Crane Fox, "On a Frozen Pond"

3<sup>rd</sup> Honorable Mention: Barbara Blanks, "Bears retreat to dens"

**Category #9: Modern Haiku**

**Sponsored by ISPS**

**Subject: Any Form: modern haiku**

**Judge: Elaine Person**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Charlotte Digregorio, "at the park"

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Del Todey Turner, "distant thrum"

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Jerri Hardesty, "having no music"

1<sup>st</sup> Honorable Mention: Kathleen Cotton, "pale moon low"

2<sup>nd</sup> Honorable Mention: Dr. Emory Jones, "squawks coming"

3<sup>rd</sup> Honorable Mention: Gail Denham, "life gone sour"

**Category #10: Summertime Award**

**Sponsored by: Nancy LaChance**

**Subject: In the Good Old Summertime. Form: Any**

**Judge: Catherine Moran**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Wilda Morris, "Summer of the Imagination: Golden Shovel, Snake, Acrostic"

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Diane Grace Jessen, "I am Summer"

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Melissa Huff, "Storehouse"

1<sup>st</sup> Honorable Mention: Michael Escoubas, "Otto's Landing"

2<sup>nd</sup> Honorable Mention: Gay Guard-Chamberlin, "A Long Friendship"

3<sup>rd</sup> Honorable Mention: Tanya Whitney, "Lemonade Days"

**Category #11: Highland Park Poetry Award**

**Sponsored by: Highland Park Poetry**

**Subject: Any Form: Tricube**

**Judge: Christy White**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Barbara Blanks, "This Morning"

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Karian Markos, "Seagull Shaman"

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Trina Lee, "Ian"

1<sup>st</sup> Honorable Mention: Judith Stern Friedman, "Cleaning House"

2<sup>nd</sup> Honorable Mention: Kim Reed, "Red Fox"

3<sup>rd</sup> Honorable Mention: Jerri Hardesty, "Mountain Top"

**Category #12: Compassion Award**

**Sponsored by: Curt Vevang**

**Subject: Compassion Form: Any**

**Judge: Russell Strauss**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Jocelyn Ajami, "War Zone"

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Kathleen Cotton, "A Compassionate Life"

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Paul Buchheit, "Animal Labs"

1<sup>st</sup> Honorable Mention: Daniel Fitzgerald, "Seeing You Again"

2<sup>nd</sup> Honorable Mention: Beth Staas, "Second Generation"

3<sup>rd</sup> Honorable Mention: V. Kimball Barney, "End of the Chase"

I would like to schedule a January virtual reading of the winning poems and poets. Keep an eye on your inbox!

Thank you again,

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