



ILLINOIS STATE POETRY SOCIETY

# POETRY CONTEST

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## 1. Love Award

Sponsored by Lisle Chapter in memory of Glenna Holloway, Nancy Carrigan, and Michael Galati

- SUBJECT: Love FORM: Any
- PRIZES: \$100, \$60, \$30

## 2. House Award

Sponsored by Ida Kotyuk

- SUBJECT: A house FORM: Any
- PRIZES: \$75, \$50, \$25

## 3. Viator Award

Sponsored by Michael Escoubas in memory of Kathleen A. Rippey, his mother-in-law

- SUBJECT: Any FORM: Viator
- [www.writersdigest.com/write-better-poetry/viator-poetic-forms](http://www.writersdigest.com/write-better-poetry/viator-poetic-forms)
- PRIZES: \$50 \$30, \$20

## 4. ISPS Free Verse Award

Honoring past president Susan Moss

SUBJECT: Any FORM: Free Verse

- PRIZES: \$50, \$30, \$15

## 5. ISPS Formal Verse Award

Honoring past vice-president Jim Lambert

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

## 6. ISPS Traditional Haiku (5-7-5) Award

Honoring past treasurer Judith Tullis

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

## 7. ISPS Modern Haiku Award

Honoring past email manager and historian Michael Freveletti

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

## 8. Southern Chapter Award

Sponsored by ISPS Southern Chapter

- SUBJECT: Pets FORM: Any
- PRIZES: \$50, \$25, \$15

## 9. Humor Award

Sponsored by Harold & Marie Asner

- SUBJECT: Humor FORM: Rhyme
- PRIZES: \$50, \$25, \$15

## 10. Generosity Award

Sponsored by Jocelyn Ajami in memory of David Nekimken

- SUBJECT: Generosity FORM: Any
- PRIZES: \$50, \$25, \$15

## 11. Jack Griffis Edwards Award

Sponsored by Idella Pearl Edwards in memory of her husband

- SUBJECT: I Miss You!
- FORM: Rhyme, 20-line limit
- PRIZES: \$50, \$25, \$15

## 12. Form Challenge Award

Sponsored by Highland Park Poetry

- FORM: Rimas Dissolutas
- 30-line limit
- SUBJECT: Any
- PRIZES: \$50, \$25, \$15

Winners may be eligible for publication by HPP.

Contact [jennifer@highlandparkpoetry.org](mailto:jennifer@highlandparkpoetry.org)

## 13. Ekphrastic Prose Poem Award

Sponsored by Lennart Lundh

- SUBJECT: Ekphrastic poem (include a link to the image)
- FORM: Prose Poem
- PRIZES: \$25, \$20, \$10

## 14. Make Me Laugh Award

Sponsored by Nancy LaChance

- SUBJECT: Humor
- FORM: Rhyme, 24-line limit
- PRIZES: \$25, \$20, \$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/computer-generated, 12 or 14 point.
  - No fancy fonts or illustrations.
  - 40-line limit, unless specified.Title and one following blank line are not included in the line count.
  - One single-spaced poem per 8.5" x 11" page.
5. **Simultaneous Submissions/Awards**
  - No poem may be submitted in

more than one category. No poet can win two awards in the same category.

6. **Titles.** Except haiku, title all poems.

7. **Submit two copies** of each poem.

**Originals.** In the upper left-hand corner include: Number and name of category; 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 category.

**Two Stacks.** Separate originals from duplicates and stack in numerical order with originals on top.

## 8. 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 DEADLINE

Submissions must be postmarked:

**August 1 to October 31, 2023**

## 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**

## WINNERS' LIST

List of all contest winners will be posted on our website:

[www.illinoispoets.org](http://www.illinoispoets.org).

For a mailed copy, include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your submission.

## QUESTIONS?

Contact the contest chair:

**Mary Beth Bretzlauf  
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