

Utah State Poetry Society's 2026 Spring Poetry Festival

NOTE: all times listed below are Mountain Daylight Time

Friday, April 24

- 5:30 PM** Attendees arrive and mingle.
- 6:00-6:10 PM** **Welcome by Michael Parker, UTSPS President**
Explanation of agenda and contest guidelines
- 6:10-6:15 PM** **Introduction of David Rothman by Michael Spears, UTSPS Advisory President**
- 6:15-7:45 PM** **Reading by David Rothman (with writing prompt, then Q&A at end)**

Books by David Rothman:

- *The Radio Poems* (Middle Creek Publishing)
- *Learning the Secrets of English Verse* (Springer)
- *My Brother's Keeper* (Lithic)
- *THINK*, a journal David is editing with Susan Spear

7:45-8:00 PM **Break**

8:00-8:45 PM **Contest results for Categories:**

- 30. HAIKU-presenter-
- 29. HONORING U.F. AND AGNES WOOD-presenter-
- 28. AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE-presenter-
- 27. DAVID F. AND ROBERT H. BALPH MEMORIAL-presenter-
- 26. RED ROCK WRITERS FOUNDERS-presenter-
- 25. SHORT POEM—VESTA CRAWFORD MEMORIAL-presenter-
- 24. LLOYD MURRAY LIGHT VERSE-presenter-
- 23. ZARA SABIN MEMORIAL-presenter-

8:45-8:55 PM **Break**

8:55-9:45 PM **Contest results for Categories:**

- 22. MEAGHER MEMORIAL-presenter-
- 21. LEROY MEAGHER SONNET-presenter-
- 20. DOROTHY L. & PAUL ROBERTS MEMORIAL-presenter-
- 19. VALLEY WINDS CHAPTER-presenter-
- 18. BEN LOMOND CHAPTER-presenter-
- 17. KOLETTE MONTAGUE MEMORIAL-presenter-

(End of First Day)

Saturday, April 25

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8:30-9:00 AM Attendees gather and mingle

9:00-9:10 AM Festival welcome by Michael Parker, UTSPS President

9:10-9:15 AM Introduction of Lisa Bickmore by Markay Brown, Redrock Writers Chapter President

9:15-10:45 AM Reading by Utah Poet Laureate Lisa Bickmore (with writing prompt, then Q&A at end)

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Books by Lisa Bickmore:

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10:45-11:15 AM Break & Hotel Checkout

11:15-11:55 AM Contest results for Categories:

16. VERA ISADORE PEARCE SPEARS MEMORIAL-presenter-
15. ROSALYN OSTLER MEMORIAL-presenter-
14. ODD SQUARE POEM CATEGORY-presenter-
13. WOMEN TRAILBLAZERS-presenter-
12. NORMA ASPLUND REMEMBRANCE-presenter-

11:55 AM-1:15 PM Lunch Break

1:15-1:30 PM Tribute to UTSPS Leaders Past, Present, & Future by Michael Spears, UTSPS Advisory President

1:30-2:30 PM Contest results for Categories:

11. RACHEL OLSEN MEMORIAL-presenter-
10. NAD RICHARD BROWN MEMORIAL-presenter-
9. PAT BADER'S CELEBRATION OF LIVING-presenter-
8. STEVEN LEITCH MEMORIAL-presenter-
7. VERNA HARTSOE CHIONG MEMORIAL-presenter-
6. ANN C. LARSON MEMORIAL-presenter-

2:30-2:40 PM Break

2:40-3:30 PM Contest results for Categories:

5. BETTY FOWLER MEMORIAL—BETTER BELIEVE IT-presenter-
4. ORVILLE WEBB MEMORIAL-presenter-
3. DALE H. KOHLER MEMORIAL-presenter-
2. MATHEW J. LIMBURG CHRIST-CENTERED POETRY-presenter-
1. WILD CARD-presenter-

ALICE MORREY SWEEPSTAKES—The poet with the most prize points. Presented by Contest Chair Michael Spears.

3:30 PM Closing Remarks by Michael Parker, UTSPS President

End of Festival

*** Note: presenters for each contest category will not know beforehand who the winners in their category are.*