



# The Robert Burns Association of North America



## Poetry Writing Competition

The **Jack Hume Heather & Thistle Trophy**, presented to RBANA by Jack Hume, long time member from Houston, Texas is awarded annually for ***writing poetry in the style of Robert Burns***.

Entries are invited for the 2017 competition, under the following rules and conditions:

- Poems submitted must be original, and not previously published.
- Only RBANA members in good standing are eligible to win the trophy.
- Entries from non-RBANA members will be judged by the panel but are not eligible to win the trophy.
- The winner will be chosen by a three-member panel comprising **Jack Hume**, RBWF representative **Willie Gibson**, and RBWF Canadian Director and Hume Trophy winner in 2016 **Ronnie O'Byrne**. Entries will be submitted to the panel anonymously by the Secretary, and the panel's decision will be final.
- The winner will be announced and the trophy presented at the RBANA AGM & Conference 2017 in Medicine Hat in April.
- The winner does not need to be present. The trophy will be mailed to the winner if not present.
- This trophy will be awarded annually. The winner is responsible for returning the trophy to the RBANA Secretary prior to the following AGM & Conference.
- Entries should be submitted by email to [ireneandrobortboyd@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ireneandrobortboyd@sbcglobal.net)
- The deadline for entries is April 1, 2017.