



The Robert Burns Association of North America



Poetry Writing Competition 2020

The **Jack Hume Heather & Thistle Trophy**, is awarded annually for *writing poetry in the style of Robert Burns*. Jack Hume, who passed away two years ago, was the founder of the H&T Burns Club and a staunch supporter of RBANA. 2019 is the fifth year of the annual competition for the trophy he presented. Entries are invited 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 **Guida Hume**, Jack's widow, author and a professor of English; RBWF representative **Willie Gibson**; and 2019 Hume Trophy winner **Ronnie O'Byrne** of the Halton Peel Club, ON. Entries will be submitted to the panel anonymously, and the panel's decision will be final.
- The winner will be announced and the trophy presented at the RBANA AGM & Conference 2020 in Atlanta 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 ireneandrobertboyd@sbcglobal.net
- The deadline for entries is **April 1, 2020**.