



The Robert Burns Association of North America



Poetry Writing Competition 2021

The **Jack Hume Heather & Thistle Trophy**, is awarded annually for *writing poetry in the style of Robert Burns*. Jack Hume, who passed away four years ago, was the founder of the Heather & Thistle Burns Club and a staunch supporter of RBANA. 2021 is the seventh 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 Professor Carol McGuirk, RBWF representative Willie Gibson, and 2020 Hume Trophy winner Jim McLaughlin of the Calgary Club, AB.
- Entries will be submitted to the panel anonymously, and the panel's decision will be final.
- The winner will be announced in the Summer Edition of the Tattler in lieu of the cancelled RBANA Conference.
- 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 or President prior to the following year's competition.
- Entries should be submitted by email to RBANA President, Henry Cairney: henrycairney7@gmail.com
- The deadline for entries is **April 30, 2021**.