



The 2021 Ellen J. Miller Memorial SHORT STORY COMPETITION

All entries must prominently feature one or more characters from Barbara Pym's published novels, in any setting or situation the author chooses. Entries must be original works of approximately **2000 words** with a maximum length of 2200 words. Multiple entries from the same author will not be accepted. Stories must be in English and must not have been published or accepted for publication elsewhere, including personal blogs and web pages. Stories that have won or are under consideration in other competitions are not eligible.

You do not have to be a member of the Barbara Pym Society to participate. Previous cash prize winners are not eligible to enter again for three years. Competition judges and members of the Barbara Pym Society Committee and North American Board are not eligible.

First, second, and third place winners will receive **cash prizes of \$250, \$100, and \$50**, respectively, plus **complimentary registration and meals** (worth approximately \$175) at the Society's annual North American Conference to be held in Boston, MA, on 19-21 March 2021. The winning entries will be announced and read at the conference and will also be published on the Society's web site and distributed to our membership in the Spring 2021 issue of our newsletter, *Green Leaves*. If a winning author is unable to attend the conference, their story will be read by a member of the Board or one of the judges.

Entries should be submitted by email to barbarapymsociety@gmail.com with the subject line "Short Story Entry." Please attach your story as a Word document or RTF text file and be sure to include your full name and home town in the email, but *not* in the document. All entries will be acknowledged by email. Hard-copy submissions will not be accepted nor returned.

Entries must be received by midnight EST on **Tuesday 1 December 2020**. Prize winners will be contacted by mid-December to allow them to make travel plans, but the winners will not be announced publicly until the conference in March 2021.

The judging panel will be chaired by Dr. Kathy Ackley, a member of the BPS North American Board and Professor Emerita of English, University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point. The judges will not know the identities of the authors. The decision of the panel is final.

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