



The 2022 Ellen J. Miller Memorial SHORT STORY COMPETITION

All entries must prominently feature one or more characters from Barbara Pym's published novels, in any situation, place, or time 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 and resubmissions or revisions of previously submitted stories will not be accepted. Stories must be in English and must not have been published or accepted for publication elsewhere, including on 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 two 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 in Boston, MA which is provisionally scheduled for 18-20 March 2022. The winning entries will be announced and read at the conference and will also be published on the Society's website and distributed to our membership in the Spring 2022 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. If we have a virtual or hybrid event, we may ask the winners to record their stories.

Entries must 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; the judges will not know the identities of the authors. All entries will be acknowledged by email. Hard-copy submissions will not be accepted nor returned.

Entries must be received by midnight EST on **Wednesday 1 December 2021**. 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 2022.

The judging panel will consist of members of the BPS North American Board chaired by Dr. Kathy Ackley, Professor Emerita of English, University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point. The decision of the panel is final.

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