



The 2018 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. 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.

The winning author will receive a **\$250 cash prize** plus complimentary registration and meals at the Society's annual North American Conference to be held in Boston, MA, on 16-18 March 2018. The winning entry 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 2018 issue of our newsletter, *Green Leaves*. If the winner is unable to attend the conference, the story will be read by a member of the Board or one of the judges.

Entries must be received by midnight EST on **Monday 4 December 2017**. The winner will be contacted before the end of December to allow him or her to make travel plans, but the winner will not be announced publicly until the conference in March 2018.

Entries should be submitted as an email attachment (RTF text file or Word document) to barbarapymsociety@gmail.com with the subject line "Short Story Entry." Please include your full name in the email, but *not* in the document. You will receive an email acknowledging receipt of your entry. Hard-copy submissions will not be accepted nor returned.

You do not have to be a member of the Barbara Pym Society to be eligible. Competition judges and members of the Barbara Pym Society governing Committee and North American Board are not eligible.

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 decision of the panel is final.

Copyright will remain with the author, but the Barbara Pym Society has the unrestricted right to publish the winning stories in its newsletter, on its web site, and in any related material for PR purposes.