

2003

West Virginia Writers Annual Spring Writing Competition Winners



Article, Essay, Memoir Category.

1st Place – "The Famous Five Dollar Incident" by James D. Crosby, Lumberport (Harrison County)

2nd Place – "The Wedding" by Devika R. Malhotra, Parkersburg (Wood County)

3rd Place – "Woman's Best Friend" by Krista Holcomb, Cedar Grove (Kanawha County)

Honorable Mention, in order:

- "Remembering John" by Lawrence Chisholm, Mathias (Hardy County)
- "Cancer, War, and Christmas" by Kathleen Furbee, Independence, (Preston County)
- "An Apology" by Tim Nichols, Burlington (Mineral County)

Children's Books Category

1st Place – "The Abbeyville Angels and the Town Dump Mystery" by Brenda May Clark, Alderson (Greenbrier County)

2nd Place – "Noah, the Ordinary Goldfish" by Jamie Cope, Scot Depot (Putnam County)

3rd Place – "The Firefly Who Thought His Tail was on Fire" by Fay Thompson, Ripley (Jackson County)

Honorable Mention, in order:

- "Lucky's Last Ride" by James D. Crosby, Lumberport (Harrison County)
- "I Know Who I am" by W. Robert Scott Murray, Kenova (Wayne County)
- "Maeve's Quest" by Cheryl Kobe, Murraysville (Jackson County)

Drama Category

1st Place – "The Sphinx" by Joe McCabe, Falling Waters (Berkeley County)

2nd Place – "The Baxter Marathon" by H.J. Rogers, New Martinsville (Wetzel County)

3rd Place – "Wicked Women" by Sally Brinkman, Berkeley Springs (Morgan County)

Honorable Mention:

- "The Jade Green Dress" by Dale Heaster, Morgantown, (Monongalia County)

Inspirational Writing Category

1st Place – "By an Unseen Hand" by Patsy Evans Pittman, Vienna (Wood County)

2nd Place – "An Unspoken Eulogy" by John N. Mugaas, Lewisburg (Greenbrier County)

3rd Place – "Cancer, War, and Christmas" by Kathleen Furbee, Independence (Preston County)

Honorable Mention in order:

- "Memories of and Ordinary Woman" by Willa Izzo, Lewisburg (Greenbrier County)
- "Sherry's Song" by Patsy Pittman, Vienna (Wood County)
- "The Homeplace at Sycamore Creek" by Lois Casto, Ripley (Jackson County)

Novel Category

1ST Place -- "Red Necks" by Teresa Newsome, Madison (Boone County)

2ND Place -- "A Leaf in the River" by Connie S. Stone, Rainelle (Fayette County)

3RD Place -- "The Lean Scrolls" by Susan Johnson, Richwood (Nicholas County)

Honorable Mention:

- "Paranoia" by Jenny Bowman, Morgantown (Monogalia County)
- "Crossroads" by Barbara Nelson, Cross Lanes (Kanawha County)
- "The Girl Who Flew Through the Window" by Leslie Kenney, Hurricane (Putnam County)

Poetry Category

1st Place – "Ebay Item #743630111 ... Part of a Child's Shoe from Stutthof Concentration Camp" by Don Narkevic, Philippi (Barbour County)

2nd Place – "Nine Haiku for Marfa" by Ellen Broudy, Lewisburg (Greenbrier County)

3rd Place – "I Wish I had Known" by Joan Wyrick Ellison, Charleston (Kanawha County)

Honorable Mention in order:

- "Me" by Renita Sue Loyd, Sutton (Braxton County)
- Untitled... "So, you want to be a Trooper" by Donald W. Hedrick, Lewisburg (Greenbrier County)
- "David and Bathsheba" by John Wyrick Willison, Charleston (Kanawha County)

Short Story Category

1st Place – "Raise Your Glasses, Folks, to Frannie and Bernice" by Helen Pollack Becker, Harper's Ferry (Jefferson County)

2nd Place – "One Soft Boiled Egg" by Dale Heaster, Morgantown (Monongalia County)

3rd Place – "The Big Grey Blur" Jeanne Wilson, Grantsville (Calhoun County)

Honorable Mention in order:

- "Grass, Penguins and Shopping Centers" by Elizabeth Parrish, Martinsburg (Berkeley County)
- "A Yuletide Tale" by Ben Campbell, Hico (Fayette County)
- "The Preacher's Wife and the Harley Man" by Sarah Allen, Alderson (Greenbrier County)

Emerging Writer's Poetry Category

1st Place – "Paper Doll" by Rhonda Browning White, Princeton (Mercer County)

2nd Place – "Eddy" by Heather L. Noble, Parkersburg (Wood County)

3rd Place – "Widow: July 20, 1969, on the night of the lunar landing" by Sara Dillon Pennington, (Wayne County)

Honorable Mention:

- "Eugenia" by Darcy Farrow Williamson, Summersville (Nicholas County)

Emerging Writer's Fiction/NonFiction Category

1st Place – "The Pink House with the Purple Door" by Laura Leigh Morris, Westover (Monongalia County)

2nd Place – "Ground Pine" by Melissa Nethken, Morgantown (Monongalia County)

3rd Place – "Redemption" by Christina Turner, Ona, (Cabell County)

Honorable Mentions In Order:

- "This Beautiful Night" by Samia Islam, Morgantown (Monongalia County)
- "Bovine Revenge" by Joseph Bird, St. Albans (Kanawha County)
- "One More Week" by Sandra Isner Johnson, Ripley (Jackson County)

Student Short Story Category

1st Place – Untitled "Although I never properly met Matthew Lodge..." by Casey Hicks, Wheeling (Marshall County)

2nd Place – "Never Take a Free Dog" by Bethany Stubna, Morgantown (Monongalia County)

3rd Place – "A Glimpse into the Thoughts of an Amateur Writer" by Beth Morrow, Frankford (Greenbrier County)

Honorable Mentions In Order:

- "The Prophecy" by Amanda Walsh, Chester (Hancock County)
- "The Veteran's Art" by Lisa Renee Sayre, Chesapeake (Kanawha County)
- "Unexpected Advice" by Laura Groves, Nettie (Nicholas County)

Student Article/Essay/Memoir Category

1st Place – "My Little Rag Doll" by Jessica R. Wine, Walkersville (Lewis County)

2nd Place – "Pop" by Jane Ann Kenney, Hurricane (Putnam County)

3rd Place – "My Grandfather's Horse" by Hannah Le Roles, Greenville (Monroe County)

Honorable Mentions in Order:

- "Nature's Delicate Fingers" by Claire Berlin, Weston (Lewis County)
- "My Solution" by Jarred Nutter, Meadow Bridge (Fayette County)
- "Alzheimer's Disease: A Generational Perspective" by Heather D. Porter, Buckhannon (Mason County)

Student Poetry Category

1st Place – "Receipt" by Jessica Hicks, Wheeling (Marshall County)

2nd Place – "Tanka 3", "Haiku 32" by Lisa Renee Sayre, Chesapeake (Kanawha County)

3rd Place – "Broken Mother" by Andrea Wilson, Morgantown (Monongalia County)

Honorable Mentions in Order:

- "Nose Twinkles" by Hannah Le Roles, Greenville (Monroe County)
- "Broken Promise" by Paula Kaufman, Charleston (Kanawha County)
- "The Drunken Moon" by Teresa Eaton, Davisville (Wood County)