

2010

West Virginia Writers Annual

Spring Writing Competition Winners



EMERGING WRITERS PROSE (Judge: Donna Gayle Akers. Entries: 70)

- 1st Place Emma Eisenberg, Pocahontas, "This is Not the Whole Story"
- 2nd Place Amabile Milano M.D., Raleigh, "Murder On The Mountain"
- 3rd Place Joseph Malone, California, "It's All In the Eyes"
- 1st HM Megan Lyon, Kanawha, "The Tub"
- 2nd HM Jonathan Byrne, Putnam, "Jury Duty"
- 3rd HM Erik Hanson, Nebraska, "Out of Sight, Out of Mind"

EMERGING WRITERS: POETRY (Judge: Ed Davis. Entries: 39)

- 1st Place Kimberly Honaker, Monongalia, "At The Movies"
- 2nd Place Mark Higgs, Roane, "Sunstorm"
- 3rd Place Sheree Henderson, Gilmer, "Coal River"
- 1st HM Philip Cotter, PENNSYLVANIA, "soft youth dew"
- 2nd HM Anita Pennington, Kanawha, "Reunion"
- 3rd HM Kimberly Honaker, Monongalia, "Questioning the Siren"

INSPIRATION (Judge: Debra Engle. Entries: 44)

- 1st Place Tovli Simiryan, Kanawha, "Skies"
- 2nd Place Marion Kee, WASHINGTON, "on hearing Bill Withers in the ninth grade"
- 3rd Place Diane Tarantini, Monongalia, "Like Salt to French Fries"
- 1st HM Marion Kee, WASHINGTON, "The Way to Pap-Paw Ed's"
- 2nd HM Julie Pratt, Kanawha, "On the Island of Old Women"
- 3rd HM Cathy D. Gross, PENNSYLVANIA, "Encounter With Henry"

NONFICTION CATEGORY (Judge: Linda Scott DeRosier. Entries: 59)

- 1st Place Drema Hall Berkheimer, TEXAS, "Running on a Red Dog Road"
- 2nd Place Katherine P. Manley, Logan, "Black Gold"
- 3rd Place Marion Kee, WASHINGTON, "Eleven Going on Sixties"
- 1st HM Drema Hall Berkheimer, TEXAS, "Death on Flat Mountain"
- 2nd HM Fred M. Powers, Mercer, "Buried Alive: A Coal Miner's Story"
- 3rd HM Katherine P. Manley, Logan, "Radio Land"
- 4th HM Rosalie M. Ash, Cabell, "Cooking Fried Chicken From Scratch"

SCRIPTS / STAGE PLAYS (Judge: Jill Patrick. Entries: 24)

- 1st Place Felicia "Leigh" Horne, Morgan, "Ezra & Jake"
- 2nd Place Kenley Smith, VIRGINIA, "The Shade of Trees"
- 3rd Place James Antonini, Monongalia, "The Butcher and the Butterfly"
- 1st HM Victoria Casey and Betty Barnett (co-authors), Kanawha, "Shattered Identity"
- 2nd HM James Antonini, Monongalia, "The Stars Behind the Fog"
- 3rd HM Sally Brinkman, Morgan, "The Devil Does the Salsa"

HUMOR CATEGORY (Judge: Leigh Anne Jashaway. Entries: 46)

- 1st Place Ceason Ranson, Jackson, "Ringneck"
- 2nd Place Jim Koenig, Jefferson, "Rock of Ages"
- 3rd Place Diane Tarantini, Monongalia, "Burying Barney"
- 1st HM Leona Williamson, Greenbrier, "On The Wings Of Curiosity"
- 2nd HM Miles Dean, Fayette, "Flood"
- 3rd HM Chris Kuell, CONNECTICUT, "Character Sketch"

CHILDREN'S BOOKS (Judge: Jennifer Allison. Entries: 41)

- 1st Place Susan Nicholas, Cabell, "The Woman in the Woods"
- 2nd Place Brenda M. Clark, Summers, "Zapped"
- 3rd Place Megan Lyon, Kanawha, "Trunket's Meadow"
- 1st HM Craig Etchison, Mineral, "Sam's Song"
- 2nd HM Rachel S. King, Monongalia, "The Back Field"
- 3rd HM S. L. Gardner, PENNSYLVANIA, "Coal Patches"

SHORT POETRY CATEGORY (Judge: Michael Wurster. Entries: 88)

- 1st Place Jim Davis, Marion, "Spruce Knob"
- 2nd Place Dvon Duncan, Wyoming, "Left Within - May 9, 2009"
- 3rd Place Charity Gingerich, Monongalia, "Poem for a Late Summer Day"
- 1st HM Rachel Hyde, Wood, "The Siding Specialist"
- 2nd HM Susan Sheppard, Wood, "Crossroads"
- 3rd HM Bonnie B. Thurston, Ohio, "Foretaste of Heaven"

LONG POETRY CATEGORY (Judge: Rick Campbell. Entries: 101)

- 1st Place CJ Farnsworth, Ohio, "some rare but serious side effects may include"
- 2nd Place Carol Del Col, Barbour, "Causal Analysis"
- 3rd Place Sara M. Crickenberger, Greenbrier, "It's hot in Texas this time of year"
- 1st HM Anni L. Corley, Barbour, "After The Rain"
- 2nd HM Susan Sheppard, Wood, "The Killers"
- 3rd HM Wilma Acree, Wood, "If You See Buzzards"

APPLACHIAN WRITING CATEGORY (Judge: Gretchen Moran Laskas. Entries: 85)

- 1st Place Eric Fritzius, Mercer, "Blueberry Radio"
- 2nd Place Jim Davis, Marion, "Black Diamond"
- 3rd Place, Katherine P. Manley, Logan, "Black Gold"
- 1st HM Patsy E. Pittman, Wood, "What You Plant in the Fall"
- 2nd HM Marion Kee, WASHINGTON, "on hearing Bill Withers in the ninth grade"
- 3rd HM Anni L. Corley, Barbour, "God Laughs"
- 4th HM, Susan DeVan, Hampshire, "Granny Gets Religion"

SHORT STORY CATEGORY (Judge: Tim Poland. Entries: 103)

- 1st Place Anne M. Felty, Tucker, "January Snow"
- 2nd Place Rachel King, Monongalia, "Our 1st Market Day"
- 3rd Place Emma Eisenberg, Pocahontas, "This is Not the Whole Story"
- 1st HM Sara M. Crickenberger, Greenbrier, "Eating Pizza in Peru"
- 2nd HM Patsy E. Pittman, Wood, "What You Plant in the Fall"
- 3rd HM Anne M. Felty, Tucker, "The Shooter"

BOOK LENGTH PROSE CATEGORY (Judge: Brad Barkley. Entries: 57)

- 1st Place Kathleen Furbee, Preston, "Frogs"
- 2nd Place Diane Tarantini, Monongalia, "Confessions of Life Half Lived"
- 3rd Place Andrea Parkins, Jackson, "Broken Ridge"
- 1st HM Barbara Whittington, Ohio, "Kill Me Or Drive Me To Florida"
- 2nd HM Alicia Bishop Drumgoole, Jefferson, "The Normal Ones"
- 3rd HM Ceason Ranson, Jackson, "Butter & Margarine"

NEW MOUNTAIN VOICES STUDENT CONTEST

Elementary (Judge: Terry McNemar. Entries: 37)

- 1st place - Matthew J. Gleason for "Traveling Through Time"
- 2nd place - Joshua Lynn for "Detrich's Endeavor"
- 3rd place - Bayley Wellings for "Michiah's World"
- 1st HM - Nathan Poole for "The Fright"
- 2nd HM - Chloe Allen for "Rosie the Spy"
- 3rd HM - Chloe Allen for "Susan Stitch"
- 4th HM - Mary Grace Tillman for "A Mixed Up Fairy Tale"

Middle School (Judge: Tim Armentrout. Entries: 77)

- 1st place - Jesi Hersom for "Beach"
- 2nd place - Elizabeth Buscher for "It's Just a Game"
- 3rd place - Evanthea Hammer for "Fish Tales"
- 1st HM - Shayla Roberts for "Snow"
- 2nd HM - Zoe Jenkins for "Remember"
- 3rd HM - Johnna Akers for "He's a Great Catch"

High School (Judge: Dr. Tracie McKinney. Entries: 89)

- 1st place - Alora Ray for "November 14th"
- 2nd place - Clara M. Tillman for "Gloria"
- 3rd place - Ryan Zahalka for "Self-Incrimination"
- 1st HM - Alex Hersom for "Luv"
- 2nd HM - Ryan Zahalka for "David V: Little Moon Packs Big Punch"
- 3rd HM - Zoie McNeill for "Into the Night"
- 4th HM - Clara M. Tillman for "Dance"

PEOPLE'S CHOICE CONTESTS

People's Choice Prose (Friday)

- 1st - Marion Kee "Mr. Ross"
- 2nd - Diane Tarantini "A Star is Born"
- 3rd - Kathy Kish "You Can't Compromise with a Fine Thread Screw"

People's Choice Prose (Saturday)

- 1st - Carol Reiley "Power of One"

People's Choice Poetry (Friday)

- 1st - Micheal O'Kelly "If I Could Hold You"
- 2nd - Kayla Ward "If You Were a Poem"
- 3rd - Gloria Earle "Fright"

People's Choice Poetry (Saturday)

- 1st place - Donna J. Long for "How to Name a Horse." **(CORRECTED 11/05/10)**
- 2nd place - Llewellyn McKernan for "The Girl in the Black Raincoat"
- 3rd place - Andi Stout for "Daily Forecast"

People's Choice Youth (Saturday)

- 1st - Jon Miltenberger "More than meets the eye"

WRITERS' WALL

Writer's Wall Prose

- 1st - Jessica Murphy "Ommatophobia"
- 2nd - Bob Clark "In the Silence"
- 3rd - Austin Rempel "Chapter 1"

Writer's Wall Poetry

- 1st - Miles Dean "Coat Rack in the Corner"
- 2nd - Susan DeVann "Raptor Haiku Trilogy"
- 3rd - Scarlet Sheppard "Pancake Makeup"

Writer's Wall Youth

- 1st - Carleigh Walker "Brushstrokes"
- 2nd - Theresa Buczek "Stars"
- 3rd - Jon Miltenberger "By the Light of the Stars"