



West Virginia Writers, Inc.
2015 Annual Writing Contest

CASH PRIZES IN EVERY CATEGORY

FIRST PLACE - \$250.00 • SECOND PLACE - \$125.00 • THIRD PLACE - \$75.00

APPALACHIAN WRITING

JUDGE: Tom Douglass

ENTRIES: 79

1st Place	"Blood Bought"	Ingrid Briles	Potter, TX
2nd Place	"Staying Home"	David R. Long	Keyser, WV
3rd Place	"Fatalism"	John A. Butterworth	Hurricane, WV
HM 1	"Lost"	Fred Powers	Bluefield, WV
HM 2	"From West Virginia"	Melissa Sheets	Ripley, WV
HM 3	"Coal Dance"	Miles Dean	Fayetteville, WV
HM 4	"Swap Meet"	Sara Blevins	Huntington, WV
HM 5	"Driftwood"	Wendy Barbeau	Wheeling, WV
HM 6	"Trace Mountain Christmas"	D. Jeanne Wilson	Grantsville, WV
HM 7	"Company Store"	Bonnie Thurston	Wheeling, WV
HM 8	"The Farmer and Henrietta Hoehandle"	Ann E. Krueger	Beverly, WV

BOOK LENGTH PROSE

JUDGE: Brad Barkley

ENTRIES: 40

1st Place	"Firebird"	Jalyn Shaver	Millwood, WV
2nd Place	"Daddy's Leg"	Katherine P. Manley	Chapmanville, WV
3rd Place	"Walk me Down to Jordan"	Danielle Kelly	Beverly, WV
HM	"Lost River Rising"	Tiphani Davis	Morgantown, WV

CHILDREN'S BOOK

JUDGE: Sarah Sullivan

ENTRIES: 42

1st Place	"Duck and Cover"	Janet Smart	Ripley, WV
2nd Place	"Amazing Miss Maizie"	Janet Smart	Ripley, WV
3rd Place	"Anne Spencer: Poet of the Harlem Renaissance"	Brucella Jordan	Anstead, WV
HM 1	"Hum, Hum, Hummingbirds"	Janet Smart	Ripley, WV
HM 2	"The Meanest Teacher in the World"	Teresa Newsome	Madison, WV
HM 3	"The Family Secret"	Janet Smart	Ripley, WV

EMERGING WRITERS POETRY

JUDGE: T.K. Lee

ENTRIES: 33

1st Place	"The Velvet Jesus After-Party"	Trinity Nicholas	Mount Carbon, WV
2nd Place	"Menopause"	Carrie Nobel Kline	Elkins, WV
3rd Place	"Growing Up Black"	Rayna Momen	Morgantown, WV
HM 1	"Mob Justice"	James M. Jarrett	Morgantown, WV
HM 2	"In the Howling Wind"	Carrie Nobel Kline	Elkins, WV
HM 3	"College"	Josie Lupardus	Pineville, WV
HM 4	"the mystic-hued water of Giverny"	Joe DiSabatino	Berkeley Springs, WV

EMERGING WRITERS PROSE

JUDGE: Rhonda White

ENTRIES: 49

1st Place	"Remembrances 1960"	Lindsey Minardi	Clarksburg, WV
2nd Place	"A Recollection of Light"	T.A. Armel	Huntington, WV
3rd Place	"Body Architecture"	Martha S. Mozingo	South Charleston, WV
HM 1	"Augustus Valley"	Timothy G. Huguenin	Hixon, TN
HM 2	"The Web Weaver"	Kellie Honaker	Bluefield, WV
HM 3	"Pedro"	Henry T. Ireys	Paw Paw, WV
HM 4	"Wounds"	Marissa Lynne Minnick	Alderson, WV

GENRE: FANTASY

JUDGE: Brian Keene

ENTRIES: 19

1st Place	"The Turtle Murders"	Amabile Milano	Sophia, WV
2nd Place	"The Legend of Twisted Oaks"	Amabile Milano	Sophia, WV
3rd Place	"Every Dog has its Day"	Amabile Milano	Sophia, WV
HM 1	"Borderlands"	Kathy Ferrell	Huntington, WV
HM 2	"haveubeenhere2"	Karin Fuller	Hurricane, WV
HM 3	"The Games Angels Play"	Maria Linnell (Deborah and Sarah James writing as...)	Charleston, WV

LONG POETRY

JUDGE: Val Nieman

ENTRIES: 120

1st Place	"The Trip"	Llewellyn McKernan	Barboursville, WV
2nd Place	"Punching Down the Bread"	Earl Keener	Bethany, WV
3rd Place	"Search Engine"	Tom Donlon	Shenandoah Junction, WV
HM 1	"Lament"	David B. Prather	Parkersburg, WV
HM 2	"On the Occasion of Solemnity"	David B. Prather	Parkersburg, WV
HM 3	"Forsythia Switch"	Edwina Pendarvis	Huntington, WV

NONFICTION

JUDGE: Stephanie Kadel Taras

ENTRIES: 51

1st Place	"Marybelle"	Connie Kinsey	Ona, WV
2nd Place	"Radio Land"	Katherine P. Manley	Chapmanville, WV
3rd Place	"Survivors"	Katherine P. Manley	Chapmanville, WV
HM 1	"Serenity Lane"	Lisa Hayes-Minne	Stumptown, WV
HM 2	"Monster Making"	Karin Fuller	Hurricane, WV
HM 3	"Second Sight"	Karin Fuller	Hurricane, WV

PEARL S. BUCK AWARD FOR WRITING FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

JUDGE: Marjory Wentworth (Poet Laureate for South Carolina)

ENTRIES: 14

1st Place	"Killing Creatures"	Linda Hoagland	North Tazewell, VA
2nd Place	"Marching to Selma"	Carter Taylor Seaton	Huntington, WV
3rd Place	"John F. Kennedy: A Peace Legacy Lost"	Craig Etchison	Fort Ashby, WV
HM 1	"Mindsets and Misconceptions"	Theresa Flerx	Sinks Grove, WV

SCREENPLAY

JUDGE: Glenn Payne

ENTRIES: 22

1st Place	"My Advice"	Jason Halbleib	Marietta, OH,
2nd Place	"Politricks"	Nancy Pedigo	Racine, OH
3rd Place	"Geeks and Giants"	Lawrence Burgess	South Charleston, WV
HM 1	"Noose"	Adam Stover	Given, WV
HM 2	"51"	Lawrence Burgess	South Charleston, WV
HM 3	"American Soldier"	Lawrence Burgess	South Charleston, WV

SHORT POETRY

JUDGE: Soren Stockman

ENTRIES: 120

1st Place	"Exegesis"	Earl Keener	Bethany, WV
2nd Place	"Viola"	Tom Donlon	Shenandoah Junction, WV
3rd Place	"Cow"	Sarah Elkins	White Sulphur Springs, WV
HM 1	"A Color Portrait of Winter"	Joshua Robinson	Morgantown, WV
HM 2	"A West Virginia Christmas"	Susan A. Sheppard	Parkersburg, WV
HM 3	"Ode to a New Vacuum Cleaner (After reading 'Discourse on the Father' by Irene McKinney)"	Mary Lucille DeBerry	Morgantown, WV

SHORT STORY

JUDGE: Ed Davis

ENTRIES: 100

1st Place	"The Moth in the Stair"	Christopher Chapman	Morgantown, WV
2nd Place	"Winter Meat"	John N. Mugaas	Bozeman, MT,
3rd Place	"The Sling"	Betsy Pascucci	Capon Bridge, WV
HM 1	"Ice Breaker"	D. Jeanne Wilson	Grantsville, WV
HM 2	"Incredible Medical Advances"	Anna James	Charleston, WV
HM 3	"Relics"	Anne Felty	Davis, WV

SURVIVAL

JUDGE: Lee Maynard

ENTRIES: 58

1st Place	"New Year's Eve, 12/31/2014, Watching TV, Contemplating a Tet cloth embossed with Gold Letters, Phuc, Loc, Tho, found at a Fire Support Base near the Hamlet of Thien Gioi, Vietnam, 1969"	Earl Keener	Bethany, WV
2nd Place	"Gigul Ha-Nefeshamot"	Tovli Simiryan	Cleveland, OH
3rd Place	"Denial"	Jay B. Tabor	Martinsburg, WV
HM 1	"Acadia Parish"	James S. Pinkard	Kingwood, WV
HM 2	"Semantics of the Spiral"	Emily Kohler	Beckley, WV

NEW MOUNTAIN VOICES: ELEMENTARY

JUDGE: Renee Nicholson

ENTRIES: 96

1st Place	"I Want to Go Home"	Edie McMillion	Lewisburg, WV	Grade 5
2nd Place	"The Thing That Changed My Life"	Morgan Reed	Oak Hill, WV	Grade 4
3rd Place	"Soot Sprites"	Jayne L. Shaver	Millwood, WV	Grade 4
HM 1	"A Lucky Strike"	Chase Hanson	Lewisburg, WV	Grade 5
HM 2	"Bob Takes a Walk"	Jackson Waggy	Buckhannon, WV	Grade 2
HM 3	"Space Escape"	Jackson Malone	Buckhannon, WV	Grade 3

NEW MOUNTAIN VOICES MIDDLE SCHOOL

JUDGE: Pam Hanson

ENTRIES: 76

1st Place	"Snappy"	Merrody Malone	Buckhannon, WV	Grade 7
2nd Place	"Winter in the Country"	Ksusha Lowry-Neufeld	Harpers Ferry, WV	Grade 6
3rd Place	"Snicklefritz"	Alexandria Behm	Glen Dale, WV	Grade 7
HM 1	"Where I Grew Up"	Cole Allen	Wane, WV	Grade 6
HM 2	"The Golden Bickle"	Ethan Wimer	Arthurdale, WV	Grade 7
HM 3	"Bullying"	Maggie Nolte	Buckhannon, WV	Grade 6
HM 4	"It's Not Real"	Rama Al-Omar	Morgantown, WV	Grade 7

NEW MOUNTAIN VOICES HIGH SCHOOL CATEGORY

JUDGE: Natalie Sypolt

ENTRIES: 60

1st Place	"Catch Fish"	Hibba Chaudhry	Huntington, WV	Grade 9
2nd Place	"I am from..."	Jayde Robinson	Richwood, WV	Grade 11
3rd Place	"Memories"	Bailey McInturff	Beckley, WV	Grade 10
HM 1	"Missing Pieces"	Celeste Vingle	Hurricane, WV	Grade 12
HM 2	"Control"	Alyssa Christiansen	Daniels, WV	Grade 10
HM 3	"From Trash to Treasure"	Rachel Gouhin	Charleston, WV	Grade 11

PEOPLE'S CHOICE PROSE (FRIDAY)

1st Place	"A Dishonest Hunger that Lasts 23 Year"	Christine Roth
2nd Place	"A Surprise Spring Harvest"	Suzanne Alexander
3rd Place	"Infinitely Scattered Stars"	Phoenix Bush

PEOPLE'S CHOICE PROSE (SATURDAY)

1st Place	"French Onion Dip"	John Harris
2nd Place	"That Last Sunday"	Nancy Pedigo
3rd Place	"Big Girl Now (excerpt)"	Marion Kee

PEOPLE'S CHOICE POETRY (FRIDAY)

1st Place	"Waking to Spring"	Cheryl Denise
2nd Place	"What if"	Wilma Acree
3rd Place	"Blood Red Poppies in an Old Canteen"	Mary Lucille DeBerry

PEOPLE'S CHOICE POETRY (SATURDAY)

1st Place	"The Indians on the Hill"	Susan Sheppard
2nd Place	"That Guy at the Bar"	Trinity Nicholas
2nd Place	"Where Teardrops Fall"	Terry Farley
3rd Place	"Ode to... Stall"	Marion Kee

WRITER'S WALL PROSE

1st Place	"Aware"	Karin Fuller
2nd Place	"Fireflies"	Anastasia Knudsen
3rd Place	"In the After"	Karin Fuller

WRITER'S WALL POETRY

1st Place	"Appalachian Haiku (Sort of)"	Nancy Pedigo
2nd Place	"In Memory of Miles"	Marion Kee
3rd Place	"The Velvet Jesus After-Party"	Trinity Nicholas