

# West Virginia Writers, Inc. Annual Writing Contest

## WINNERS LIST 2017

### Contest Stats Overall

736 entries total

626 in state entries

110 out of state entries, OH, FL, WA, SC, VA, KY, NC, PA, AZ, NY, MT, MA, TX, AL,

### **APPALACHIAN WRITING**

(JUDGE: Dana Wildsmith) (Entries: 49)

<u>PLACEMENT</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
1st Place	"Taproot"	Kate Helper Jordan	Manassas, VA
2nd Place	"Memories of a West Virginia Teacher in Space"	Melanie Vickers	Charleston, WV
3rd Place	"No God-given Talent"	Ben E. Campbell	Lewisburg, WV
HM 1	"Shakespeare's Yarn"	Vicki Crawford	Scott Depot, WV

### **CHILDREN'S BOOK**

(JUDGE: Jennifer Allison, author of the Gilda Joyce: Psychic Investigator series of middle grade books) (Entries: 36)

<u>PLACEMENT</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
1st Place	"Landon Tyme"	Robert Fouch	Valley Stream, NY
2nd Place	"My Summer Horse"	Karen DePinto	Kettering, OH
3rd Place	"Hum, Hum, Hummingbirds"	Janet Smart	Ripley, WV
HM 1	"Old World Summer"	Juliana M. Jones	Daniels, WV
HM 2	"Part of the Family"	Cheryl Kula	Hinton, WV
HM 3	"The Country Cousins Detective Agency and the Case of the Hidden Treasure"	Janet Smart	Ripley, WV

### **BOOK LENGTH PROSE**

(JUDGE: Tom Douglass) (Entries: 37)

<u>PLACEMENT</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
1st Place	"Langford Hall"	Carter Taylor Seaton	Huntington, WV
2nd Place	"Who Knows?"	Timothy A. Mace	Dunbar, WV
3rd Place	"The Murder of Morris Creek Road"	Grace Napier	Barboursville, WV
HM 1	"In the Shadow"	Joe Stephens	Parkersburg, WV
HM 2	"Relics"	Anne Felty	Davis, WV
HM 3	"What Remains Behind"	Rodney Walther	Sugar Land, TX

## INSPIRATIONAL WRITING

(JUDGE: Sandi Rog) (ENTRIES: 49)

<u>PLACEMENT</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
1st Place	"The Prayer Tower"	Krista A. Rembold	Clarksburg, WV
2nd Place	"At His Name"	Gary C. Childers	Huntington, WV
3rd Place	"A Looking Glass View of the Rescue"	Brittney Cassity	Gap Mills, WV
HM 1	"Mommy Who is this Man?"	Diane Lauren	Stonewood, WV
HM 2	"The Final Hour"	Gary C. Childers	Huntington, WV
HM 3	"My Christian Journey"	Teresa Newsome	Madison, WV

## THE FLOOD

(JUDGE: Leaf Seligman) (Entries: 26)

<u>PLACEMENT</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
1st Place	"How I Came to Live with the Violins"	Andy Young	New Orleans, LA
2nd Place	"Perhaps"	Lawrence Cottrell	Elkview, WV
3rd Place	"After"	Lawrence Cottrell	Elkview, WV
HM 1	"Gathering at the River"	Jim Koenig	Harpers Ferry, WV
HM 2	"Not a Drop to Drink"	M. Lynne Squires	Scott Depot, WV
HM 3	"The Flood Monologue"	Jon Joy	Huntington

## EMERGING WRITERS POETRY

(JUDGE: Grady Hillman) (Entries: 32)

<u>PLACEMENT</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
1st Place	"Swan Song"	Betsy Reeder	Jumping Branch, WV
2nd Place	"Mourning Ritual"	Lee Ward	Huntington, WV
3rd Place	"Swept Away"	Diana Hunt	Ronceverte, WV
HM 1	"The Art of Back and Forth"	Alice Hembra	Wheeling, WV
HM 2	"Breakfast Love"	Joetta Schneider	Worthington, WV
HM 3	"Aunt Betty's House"	Jonathan Ian Elliott	Cornelius, NC

## EMERGING WRITERS PROSE

(JUDGE: June Langford Berkley) (Entries: 57)

<u>PLACEMENT</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
1st Place	"Finding Evangeline"	M. Lynne Squires	Scott Depot, WV
2nd Place	"It Doesn't Have to Touch You"	Jarrett Kaufman	Lafayette, LA
3rd Place	"The Sorting Season"	Henry T. Ireys	Paw Paw, WV
HM 1	"Quiet Zone"	Kerrin Hensley	Parkersburg, WV
HM 2	"Valor"	Katrina Schmitt	Augusta, WV
HM 3	"Taproot"	Kate Helper Jordan	Manassas, VA

## NONFICTION

(JUDGE: Donna Meredith PRESENT) (Entries: 57)

<u>PLACEMENT</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
1st Place	"What Rats Do"	Laura J. Roberts	Wheeling, WV
2nd Place	"Old Scars, New Wounds"	Lisa Hayes-Minney	Stumptown, WV
3rd Place	"Quiet Zone"	Kerrin Hensley	Parkersburg, WV
HM 1	"Meeting My Father's Doubt"	Laura J. Roberts	Wheeling, WV
HM 2	"Gifted"	Karin Fuller	Charleston, WV
HM 3	"Dave"	Okey J. Napier, Jr.	Huntington, WV

## PEARL S. BUCK AWARD FOR WRITING FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

(sponsored by the Pearl S. Buck Birthplace in Hillsboro)

(JUDGE: Delegate Barbara Evans Fleischauer) (Entries: 30)

<u>PLACEMENT</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
1st Place	"Worn Flannel"	Vicki Crawford	Scott Depot, WV
2nd Place	"Nothing Bad Happens on July 6, 2016"	Laura J. Roberts	Wheeling, WV
3rd Place	"Catholic Catharsis"	Angela Kraus	Stoneham, MA
HM 1	"Virgin Drunk"	Courtney Roark	Charleston, WV
HM 2	"Equality and Justice"	Lorena F. Ruberg	Wheeling, WV
HM 3	"How should we define professional, when we are referring to our Law Enforcement Officers?"	Richard Reece	Romney, WV

## SHORT PLAY

(JUDGE: Suehyla El Attar) (Entries: 24)

<u>PLACEMENT</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
1st Place	"Jolly Time"	Jann Hoke	Branchland
2nd Place	"Beans and Franks Never Tasted So Good"	Jon Joy	Huntington
3rd Place	"Pecos Bill Meets His Match"	Jon Joy	Huntington
HM 1	"The Spider Test"	A.J. DeLauder	Aurora, WV
HM 2	"A Woman's Place"	Gena Ellis	St. Louis, MO
HM 3	"Trouble in Charlie Creek"	Jon Joy	Huntington

## LONG POETRY

(JUDGE: Dr. Brucella Jordan) (112 entries)

<u>PLACEMENT</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
1st Place	"A Rite of Passage"	Charles G. Seplocha	Barboursville
2nd Place	"There Will Always Be the Poor"	Susan Sheppard	Parkersburg
3rd Place	"Gifts of Autism"	Rondalyn Whitney	Barboursville
HM 1	"Grave of a Chinese Laundress"	Susan Sheppard	Parkersburg
HM 2	"Homeless Tom"	Monica Mull	Valley Grove
HM 3	"Role Model"	Patsy Pittman	Vienna

## SHORT POETRY

(JUDGE Joe Limer) (110 entries)

<u>PLACEMENT</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
1st Place	"Cry, West Virginia"	Anne Felty	Davis
2nd Place	"How My Father Babysat"	Susan Sheppard	Parkersburg
3rd Place	"Thirty-Nine Cicada Wings"	Tom Donlon	Shenandoah Junction
HM 1	"The Love that Hangs Over Us"	Tom Donlon	Shenandoah Junction
HM 2	"Dark Friend Companion"	Dvon Duncan	McGraws
HM 3	"Forensics"	Tom Donlon	Shenandoah Junction

## SHORT STORY

(JUDGE Sandra Vrana) (110 entries)

<u>PLACEMENT</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
1st Place	"Elk"	John N. Mugaas	Bozeman, MT
2nd Place	"Don't Reply to This"	Don Narkevic	Weston
3rd Place	"Crazy"	Richard Spilman	Hurricane
HM 1	"Good-Time Charlie"	Carol Gallant (D.C. Gallant)	Harpers Ferry
HM 2	"The Bus Driver"	Sheryl Browne	Charleston
HM 3	"The Stuff You Keep"	Heather L. Noble	Vienna

## NEW MOUNTAIN VOICES

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

JUDGE: Renée K. Nicholson (ENTRIES: 113)

<u>PLACEMENT</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
1st Place	"Death on Popcorn Mountain"	Nayah Dominguez	Martinsburg, WV	2
2nd Place	"Cats"	Kailie Sprague	Hinton, WV	4
3rd Place	"The Unfinished Story"	Lakyn Misch	Beckley, WV	4
HM 1	"My Magic Pebble"	Roxy Angell	Nitro, WV	2
HM 2	"Adoption in My Family"	Miles Shealy	Liberty, WV	4
HM 3	"Fox Verses the Turtle"	Grace Napier	Barboursville, WV	5

## NEW MOUNTAIN VOICES

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

JUDGE: Pam Hanson (ENTRIES: 102)

<u>PLACEMENT</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
1st Place	"My Demon"	Elle Jarrott	Shepherdstown, WV	8
2nd Place	"I am from"	Collin Zajicek	Shepherdstown, WV	8
3rd Place	"The Darkest of Plagues"	Natalie Crawford	Eleanor, WV	7
HM 1	"Where the River Bends"	Kealyn McCardle	Moundsville, WV	8
HM 2	"Waiting Room"	Patricia Boyden	Charles Town, WV	7
HM 3	"Wrong Choice"	Savana Smith	Lewisburg, WV	7

## NEW MOUNTAIN VOICES

### HIGH SCHOOL

JUDGE: Natalie Sypolt (ENTRIES: 102)

<u>PLACEMENT</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
1st Place	"chicago, i'm in love"	Audrey McMillion	Charleston, WV	11
2nd Place	"The Crab"	Kate Sturgeon	Glenwood, WV	10
3rd Place	"The Ottercasts"	Lindsay Bates	Huntington, WV	12
HM 1	"The Person I Admire Most"	Keyzar Dominguez	Martinsburg, WV	9
HM 2	"Poetry"	Elijah Adkins	Maysel, WV	12
HM 3	"The Problem We All Live With"	Ashley McCann	Hurricane, WV	11

### PEOPLE'S CHOICE PROSE (FRIDAY)

3rd Place	"The Warrior Bear"	Lilly Holden
2nd Place Tie	"Cheesehead"	Samir Abdel-Aziz
2nd Place Tie	"Big Bad Wolf"	Nancy Belle Anderson
1st Place	"Name Your Own Adventure"	Dianne Pankau

### PEOPLE'S CHOICE PROSE (SATURDAY)

3rd Place	"Told You So"	Kandi Workman
2nd Place	"Wisteria in April"	Nancy Belle Anderson
1st Place	"Movie House Coffee"	Daniel McTaggart

### PEOPLE'S CHOICE POETRY (FRIDAY)

3rd Place	"Cobrasssssss"	Susan Nicholas
2nd Place	"Sunday Afternoon Bus"	John Harris
1st Place	"Stone Fruit"	Anne Larson

### PEOPLE'S CHOICE POETRY (SATURDAY)

3rd Place	"Pipeline"	Kate Jordan
2nd Place	"Superstitious Minds"	Janet Smart
1st Place	"Flashback"	Brucella Jordan

### PEOPLE'S CHOICE YOUTH

2nd Place	"Lewis Journal"	Julia Pritt
1st Place	<b>"The Road to Redemption"</b>	Julia Pritt

### WRITERS WALL PROSE

3rd Place	"Pneumagraphia"	Dreama Pritt
2nd Place	"Lessons my Father Taught me"	Samir Abdel-Aziz
1st Place	"The Big Bad Wolf"	Nancy Belle Anderson

### WRITERS WALL POETRY

3rd Place	"Looking for Divinity at the Beauty Shop"	Cheryl Denise
2nd Place	"Nation's Birthday"	Janet Smart
1st Place	"Redbud- April 12, 2017"	Mary Lucille DeBerry

### Writers Wall Youth

3rd Place	"Forever Brothers"	Alex Wallace
2nd Place	"Nature's Baby"	Julia Pritt
1st Place	"Clouds"	Lilly Holden