

# 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> |
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|-----------|-----------------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| 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" | Nayan 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           |

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|-----------|--------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----|
| 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

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|-----------|--------------------------|-------------|--|
| 2nd Place | "Lewis Journal"          | Julia Pritt |  |
| 1st Place | "The Road to Redemption" | 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 |