

# 2007

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## Spring Writing Competition Winners

### **CATEGORY - APPALACHIAN THEME (JUDGE - GEORGE BROSI. 73 ENTRIES)**

- 1st Jerri Bell (Chesapeake Bch, MD) Memorial Day
- 2nd Terry W. McNemar (Harrison) On a Road Less Traveled
- 3rd Susanna Holstein (Jackson) Yellow Roses
- 1st HM Vicki Crawford (Putnam) Black Crows on the Winter Tree
- 2nd HM Jeanne Wilson (Calhoun) Quarrels
- 3rd HM Fay Thompson (Jackson) Come Full Circle

### **CATEGORY - CHILDREN'S BOOKS (JUDGE - MARC HARSHMAN. 40 ENTRIES)**

- 1st Bridget Snapp (Berkeley) The Road to Galilee
- 2nd Helen Pollack Becker (Jefferson) Gracie & the Grandma from Faraway
- 3rd S. Beth Elza (Monongalia) As Soon as I'm Famous
- 1st HM Brenda Clark Summers The Incredible Tie-Dyed Talking Horse
- 2nd HM Tad Parker, Jr. (Bedford, VA) Jerry McAllister & the Slaves of the Tellusian Underground
- 3rd HM Susanna Holstein (Jackson) I Don't Want to Move!
- 4th HM Fran Kesler (Kanawha) Baby Girl
- 5th HM Nadine McKinney (Boone) Pam's Castle

### **CATEGORY - EMERGING WRITERS: POETRY (JUDGE - JOHN HOPPENTHALER. ENTRIES 85)**

- 1st Dustin M. Frazier (Wood) Leaving Umtali
- 2nd Susan Shaw Sailer (Marion) Photograph: Sago Mine Worker: Volga, WV
- 3rd Susan Shaw Sailer (Marion) Eleven Miners
- 1st HM Amanda Yonas (Upshur) Kahlo

- 2nd HM C.J. Farnsworth (Ohio) On Looking at You Over Coffee on President's Day
- 3rd HM Lynn Fox (Morgan) Teacher 3 AM

**CATEGORY - EMERGING WRITERS – PROSE (JUDGE - MEREDITH SUE WILLIS. ENTRIES 90)**

- 1st Jay B. Tabor (Berkeley) Tickle the Black Angel
- 2nd Jerri Bell (Ches.Bch., Md) Memorial Day
- 3rd Felicia Leigh Horne (Morgan) A Wild(Wood) Flounder
- 1st HM Nadine McKinney (Boone) The Wake
- 2nd HM Sarah Beth ChildersWayne Aquarium Life
- 3rd HM Elizabeth A. Johnson (Lewis) In Pack Fashion

**CATEGORY – HUMOR (JUDGE – JUNE BERKLEY. ENTRIES 64)**

- 1st Elizabeth A. Johnson ((Lewis)) In Pack Fashion
- 2nd Katherine Leisering ((Wood)) Poetry? Please, No More!
- 3rd Elizabeth A. Johnson ((Lewis)) Shopping, Jesus and Football
- 1st HM Fred Goddard (Wetzel) Why Do You Suppose They Call Him Flame?
- 2nd HM Karin Fuller (Kanawha) A Disorganized Life
- 3rd HM John (Mason) Mings (Taylor) Firecrackers: The Silent Killer
- 4th HM Joan Stewart (Pleasants) It'll Do
- 5th HM Susan Matthis Johnson (Nicholas) A Weight-loss Breakthrough of Biblical Proportions!
- 6th HM Kathy Sholl (Jefferson) You'll Catch Pneumonia

**CATEGORY - SCRIPTS (JUDGE - JEAN BATTLO. ENTRIES 18)**

- 1st Sean O'Leary (Jefferson) Valu-Mart
- 2nd Don Narkevic (Lewis) Body without Soul
- 3rd Craig Tucker (Berkeley) Dear Ann Landers
- 1st HM Sean O'Leary (Jefferson) Beneath Shelton Laurel
- 2nd HM Courtney Smith (Greenbrier) The Hammer of the Scots
- 3rd HM Sally Brinkmann/ (Morgan) The Vacationland Bandit  
Joe McCabe (Berkeley)

**CATEGORY - BOOK LENGTH (JUDGE - JOHN TEMPLE. ENTRIES 57)**

- 1st Gregory W. Leatherman (Marion) Under the Rose
- 2nd Anna James (Kanawha) While You Were Out
- 3rd Renee K. Nicholson (Monongalia) Theme and Variation
- 1st HM Scott McClanahan (Raleigh) Hillbilly
- 2nd HM Karin Fuller (Kanawha) The Grace of Lies
- 3rd HM Scotti Matics (Monongalia) Skinwalkers

### **CATEGORY - LONG POETRY (JUDGE - BARBARA SMITH. ENTRIES 135)**

- 1st Robert Flanagan (Hampshire) Street of Hondas
- 2nd Fay Thompson (Jackson) I'm Sorry, But I'm Going Mad
- 3rd Lori Wilson (Monongalia) I Sat on the Rock with My Sleeves Rolled Up
- 1st HM Marion Kee (WA) in medias res
- 2nd HM Lori Wilson (Monongalia) Afterword for the Circuit Court Deputy Clerk
- 3rd HM Ron Buckalew (Kanawha) Stonewall
- 4th HM Jann Hoke (Lincoln) Deathbed

### **CATEGORY - SHORT POETRY (JUDGE - JEFF MANN. ENTRIES 99)**

- 1st Jolie (Lewis) (Nicholas) The River Inn, Route #27, Rainelle
- 2nd Claire Stuart (Berkeley) In the Year of the Cicada
- 3rd Lisa Fox (Tyler) Becoming Like Christ
- 1st HM Phyllis Wilson Moore (Harrison) Gobbler's Knob, West Virginia: Why We Don't Name Them
- 2nd HM Sonja James (Berkeley) Glass Slipper
- 3rd HM Dale Heaster (Monongalia) I Ain't No Poet
- 4th HM Jeanne Wilson (Calhoun) Yard Sale Shirt
- 5th HM Susanna Holstein (Jackson) Gardening in Time of War

### **CATEGORY - NON-FICTION (JUDGE - CAT PLESKA. ENTRIES 76)**

- 1st Angela Hunt (Cabell) Getting Back in the Saddle
- 2nd Christopher Kuell (Danbury, CT) I Think I Cane
- 3rd Lynn H. Fox (Morgan) Born Under the Sign of Cancer
- 1st HM Drema McNeal (Raleigh) Making a Difference - One Child at a Time
- 2nd HM Judith Gold Stitzel (Monongalia) Refusals
- 3rd HM Craig Etchison (Mineral) The Necessity of Teaching Non-Violence

**CATEGORY - SHORT STORY (JUDGE - JIMMY CARL HARRIS. ENTRIES 111)**

- 1st Jessica Kalvitis (Monongalia) Asylum
- 2nd Suzanne Samples (Cabell) Present Imperfect
- 3rd Susan Matthis Johnson (Nicholas) Skip to My Lou and Other Losses
- 1st HM Shannon "Tommy" Thomas (Wood) Scattered Thoughts in a Moment's Peace
- 2nd HM Savannah Guz (Hancock) An August Night in Paris
- 3rd HM Sarah Takacs (Morgan) Social Science

**CATEGORY - GENRE SHORT STORY (JUDGE - LAURA BENEDICT. ENTRIES 36)**

- 1st Scotti Matics (Monongalia) Through a Glass Darkly
- 2nd Robert Tinnell (Monongalia) The Raccoon Man
- 3rd A. J. Hamler (Wood) The Medalists
- 1st HM Terry Lively (Kanawha) Drive
- 2nd HM Victor J. Banis (Berkeley) The Fall
- 3rd HM Tad Parker (Bedford, VA) The Last Six Words

**CATEGORY - YOUNG WRITERS – POETRY (JUDGE - WILMA ACREE. ENTRIES 34)**

- 1st Lindsey Maxon (Arlington, TX) The Hustler
- 2nd Eliza Wallace (Jefferson) Grade Three at the Sycamore Tree
- 3rd Rachel Maynard (Mason) Forest Graveyard
- 1st HM Rachel Maynard (Mason) Implications
- 2nd HM Jessica Judy (Pendleton) The Ballad of Toivi Blatt
- 3rd HM Shasta (Morgan) (Jackson) Forgive, but never forget
- 4th HM Rachel Maynard (Jackson) Poetry

**CATEGORY - YOUNG WRITERS – PROSE (JUDGE - KARIN FULLER. ENTRIES 52)**

- 1st Lindsey Maxon (Arlington, TX) Networking
- 2nd Virginia Elizabeth King (Randolph) A Dancer

- 3rd Virginia Elizabeth King (Randolph) Easter and Revelations
- 1st HM Eliza Wallace (Jefferson) Appalachian New Springs
- 2nd HM Lindsey Maxon (Arlington, TX) The Sand Reaper's Lullaby
- 3rd HM David Byler (Wood) Dreams

**CATEGORY - ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (JUDGE - JOAN STEWART. ENTRIES 30)**

- 1st Adison Nordstrom (Monongalia) The Midnight Stallion
- 2nd Marguerite Kemp-Sherman (Greenbrier) The Mysterious Way
- 3rd Evanthea Hammer (Jefferson) Sam Nin
- 1st HM Savannah D. Aldridge (Harrison) The Unexpected Friend
- 2nd HM Josie Kennedy Rea (Harrison) The Trap Door
- 3rd HM Elizabeth Buscher (Jefferson) West Virginia Wonder Dogs
- 4th HM Ariel Cifala (Jefferson) The Moon Tuffles
- 5th HM Kyle Hickman (Jefferson) Best Vacation Ever

**CATEGORY - MIDDLE SCHOOL (JUDGE - PHYLLIS WILSON MOORE. ENTRIES 118)**

- 1st Emily Neely (Berkeley) The Inside Life of a Future Stuntman
- 2nd Robert Brown (Jefferson) An Eye-Palling Story of Misadventure
- 3rd Joshua Rhudy (Raleigh) The New Kid
- 1st HM Brian McKnight (Raleigh) The Parent Problem
- 2nd HM Ryan Cobb (Harrison) My Grandparents House
- 3rd HM Gaylen Johnson (Jefferson) Christmas at My House
- 4th HM William B. Wheatley (Jefferson) My Grandfather's War
- 5th HM Varun Menon (Berkeley) Journey from the Heartland

**CATEGORY - PEOPLE'S CHOICE PROSE (Friday)**

- 1st Sally Brinkman Between River & Mountains
- 2nd Twyla Vincent The Legacy
- 3rd (TIE) Paula Maxwell Neighbors
- 3rd (TIE) Ami Vermillion Prologue/Soul Saver

### **CATEGORY - PEOPLE'S CHOICE POETRY (Friday)**

1st Joshua Mattern Firedog  
2nd Suzette Bradshaw I want a Man  
3rd (TIE) Ethan Fisher Chinese  
3rd (TIE) Cheryl Denise Saving Maynard  
3rd (TIE) Suzette Bradshaw Trade Route

### **CATEGORY - PEOPLE'S CHOICE PROSE (Saturday)**

1st Kathy Furbee Cheater  
2nd (TIE) Joshua Mattern Jesse James Matilda  
2nd (TIE) Joyce Williams Why Men Do What  
3rd Leigh Horne At Risk

### **CATEGORY - PEOPLE'S CHOICE POETRY (Saturday)**

1st Suzette Bradshaw Sacrament  
2nd Kayla Ward Reflect  
3rd Sarah Kezman My Volvo, My Muse

### **CATEGORY - PEOPLE'S CHOICE YOUTH**

1st Sarah Manddeen Shark Attack  
2nd Lexie Kezman Simple Understanding  
3rd (TIE) Catherine Ellzey Mine

### **CATEGORY - WRITER'S WALL PROSE**

1st Besty Pascucci "Before"  
2nd Susanna Holstein "Yellow Roses"  
3rd Sara Brinkmann "Excerpt from Civil War"

### **CATEGORY - WRITER'S WALL POETRY**

1st Jann Hoke "Fast Approaching Our Stop"  
2nd Karyn Randlev "The Scrubjay"  
3rd Frank Fuerst "The Mist"

## **CATEGORY - WRITER'S WALL YOUTH**

- 1st Sarah Moinuddeem "A Plane to India"
- 2nd (Morgan) Southall "Happiness from Smiles"
- 3rd (Morgan) Southall "The Darkest: Fear"