

2016

West Virginia Writers Annual Spring Writing Competition Winners



Short Poetry

- 1st Linda Hoagland from Tazewell, Virginia - "Fresh Food"
- 2nd Rachel Reese from **Niceville**, Florida - "Aged to Perfection"
- 3rd Victoria Rose from Oldham, KY- "The Story of Us"
- HM David B. Prather Parkersburg, WV - "I Wish That We Were Birds"
- HM Donna Rose Toney from Lewisburg, WV- "Mountain Home"
- HM Marion R. Kee from Redmond, WA - "Removed"

Long Poetry

- 1st Susan Sheppard from Parkersburg, WV - "The Indians on the Hill"
- 2nd Susan Sheppard from Parkersburg, WV - "Visit to the Moonshiner's House"
- 3rd Ben Campbell from Lewisburg, WV - "Easter Weekend, West Virginia, 2015"
- HM David B. Prather from Parkersburg, WV - "On the Occasion of Solemnity"
- HM Earl R. Keener from Bethany, WV - "Can'tilevered"
- HM Chad Burrall from Wheeling, WV - "Heading up Williams"

Poetry Collection

- 1st Susan Sheppard from Parkersburg, WV - "The Flowering Afterlife"
- 2nd Don Narkevic from Weston, WV - "Many Sparrows"
- 3rd Chad Burrall from Wheeling, WV - "Fretbored"
- HM Sherrell R. Wigal from Parkersburg, WV - "Almanac Moons"

Emerging Writers Poetry (The F. Ethan Fisher Memorial Poetry Award)

- 1st Alice Beecher from Hillsboro, WV - "Holler"
- 2nd Chad Burrall from Wheeling, WV - "Ramshorn"
- 3rd Heather L. Noble from Vienna, WV - "Run"
- HM Chad Burrall from Wheeling, WV - "Farming on the Fourth of July"
- HM Nancy Belle Anderson from Morgantown, WV - "Paper"
- HM Denise Huard from Romney, WV - "Insomnia"

Emerging Writers Prose

- 1st Jesse Gresham from Mortantown, WV - "Scrubland Blues"
- 2nd Nathan Rucker from Huntington, WV - "A Part from Judy"
- 3rd Angela Lopez from Mt. Hope, WV - "How it Works"
- HM Katherine Shook from Charles Town, WV - "'Neath Granny's Wing"
- HM Henry Ireys from Paw Paw, WV - "Splitting Wood with Maxwell"
- HM Henry T. Ireys from Paw Paw, WV - "The Sorting Season"

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Short Story

- 1st Ted White from Wheeling, WV - "Black Hat"
- 2nd Jordan Carter from Morgantown, WV - "Jesus. A Junk Drawer"
- 3rd Timothy Huguenin from Pinedale, WV - "The Puddle Girl of St. George"
- HM George M. Lies from Morgantown, WV - "A Stand Still"
- HM Anna Dickson James from Charleston, WV - "Limbo Party"
- HM Henry T. Ireys from Paw Paw, WV - "The Sorting Season"

Book Length Prose

- 1st Lisa A. McCombs from Monongah, WV - "Bombs Bursting in Air"
- 2nd Catherine Baldau from Harpers Ferry, WV - "In Silent Company"
- 3rd Ben Campbell from Lewisburg, WV - "The Woodcarver's Hands"
- HM Ceason Ranson from Ripley, WV - "The Thirteen"
- HM Joseph Bird from St. Albans, WV - "Song of the Lost"
- HM Joseph Bird from Albans, WV - "A Prayer for Rain"

Children's Books

- 1st Juliana Jones from Daniels, WV - "The Final Segment"
- 2nd Karen DePinto from Kettering, Ohio - "The Story of Ribbon and Spicy"
- 3rd Juliana Jones from Daniels, WV - "Churning Through the Waters of Deception"
- HM Janet Smart from Ripley, WV - "Hummers: Jewels in Flight"
- HM Kally Hall from Hurricane, WV - "Eve"
- HM Katherine P. Manley from Chapmanville, WV - "Bubble Gum Man"

Nonfiction

- 1st Larry "Rock-N-Roll" Schardt from Lewistown, PA - "The Magic of Gratitude"
- 2nd Larry "Rock-N-Roll" Schardt from Lewistown, PA - "On the Edge"
- 3rd Ceason Ranson from Ripley, WV - "The Lenny Bruce of the David Lee Cancer Center"
- HM Leah D. Meyers from Pentress, WV - "Midnight Train"
- HM Maria McKelvey from Valley Head, WV - "She's Leaving"
- HM Christine Roth from Charleston, WV - "It Starts with Blood"
- HM Cynthia McCloud from Kingwood, WV - "A Strand of Hope"

Appalachian

- 1st Mason Helmtoller from Sun City, Arizona - "Bluestone"
- 2nd Beverly Cooper from Glenville, WV - "Cairn"
- 3rd Ted White from Wheeling, WV - "Black Hat"
- HM Karin Fuller from Hurricane, WV - "When Monsters are Made"
- HM Claire Stuart from Glengary, WV - "Crowning Glory"
- HM Melanie Vickers Charleston, WV - "Hummingbird"

Stage Play (The Joe McCabe Memorial Scriptwriting Award)

- 1st Jonathan Joy from Huntington, WV - "Pilfering Rome"
- 2nd Jonathan Joy from Huntington, WV - "Down on Sandusky Road"
- 3rd Jason Halbleib from Marietta, Oh - "Locked Room Misery"
- HM Jonathan Joy from Huntington, WV - "Buck vs. The Great Chili Monster"
- HM J. DeLauder from Aurora, WV - "The People at the Edge of Town"

T.W. McNemar Memorial Humor

- 1st Laura Jackson Roberts from Wheeling, WV - "Raccoon Reviews Local Establishments on Yelp"
- 2nd Ellen Moore from Beckley, WV - "There's a Fly in my Soup"
- 3rd Laura Jackson Roberts from Wheeling, WV - "Cricket - or - What the Police Report Would Have Said If I Hadn't Gotten It Out of My Car"
- HM Laura Jackson Roberts from Wheeling, WV - "The Chiroptophobic's Guide to Marriage"
- HM Mary Lucille DeBerry from Morgantown, WV - "You are the Girl..."
- HM Jeff Tigchelaar from Huntington, WV - "Late Snack"

Pearl S. Buck Award for Writing for Social Change

- 1st Catherine Johnston from Charleston, WV - "Breathe"
- 2nd Maria McKelvey from Valley Head, WV - "She's Leaving"
- 3rd Dawn A. Baldwin from Bartow, WV - "Ode to Stickerz: A Hen to Love"
- HM Ben Campbell from Lewisburg, WV - "The Golden Shoe"
- HM Patty Roseborough from Charleston, WV - "Echoes in the Hills"
- HM Cheryl Kula from Hinton, Wv - "My Daughter's Face"

New Mountain Voices Student Writing Contest

Elementary

- 1st Tyler Kincaid from Beckley, WV who attends Mount Hope Elementary - "Brothers"
- 2nd Kaitlyn Eichelberger from Bruceton Mills, WV who attends Bruceton School - "The Wilderness Wish"
- 3rd Hailey Greaver from Weston, WV who attends Jane Lew Elementary - "Cartoon Adventures"
- HM Veronica Noel from Fairmont, WV who is homeschooled - "Sleep"
- HM Evangelia Joy Berry from Morgantown WV who is homeschooled- "The Forgotten Lighthouse"
- HM Madalyn Haddix from Rosemont, WV who attends Fleminton - "A Little Super Hero"

Middle

- 1st Van Johnson from Bridgeport, WV who attends Bridgeport Middle School - "My Great Adventure through West Virginia"
- 2nd Emilee Payne from Beckley, WV who attends Beckley Straton Middle School - "Home Alone"
- 3rd Ksusha Lowry-Neufeld from Shepherdstown, WV who attends Morgan Academy - "Spring to Me"
- HM Zara Zervos from Wheeling, WV who attends Sherrad Middle - "Ludy's Library"
- HM Hannah Bex from McMechen, WV who attends Sherrad Middle - "The Bed of Roses"
- HM Ksusha Lowry-Neufeld from Shepherdstown, WV who attends Morgan Academy - "September Nights"

High School

- 1st Taylor Greaver from Weston, WV who attends Lewis Co. High School - "Blue Eyes"
- 2nd Bailey D. McInturff from Beckley, WV who attends Woodrow Wilson High School - "Tomatoes"
- 3rd Callie McDonald from Dellslow, WV who attends Morgantown High School - "Fallen Witch"

Writer's Wall

Poetry

- 1st Place Trinity Nocholas – “Don’t Say F__k”
- 2nd Place Elaine Satterfield – “My Eyes have Seen”
- 3rd Place Diane Feaganes – “Come Fly with Me!”

Prose

- 1st Place Cynthia McCloud – “Marmalade”
- 2nd Place Brad Mills – “The Cut”
- 3rd Place Jessica Nelson – “Performing Pain”

People's Choice Prose – Friday

- 1st Place Trinny Sigler – “Junkies on Bikes”
- 2nd Place Kate Dooly – “We Thought That’s How the World Was”
- 3rd Place Eric Fritzius – “Insight”

People's Choice Poetry – Friday

- 1st Place Trinny Sigler – “Billy Bon and his Heritage: A Rebuttal to the Walmart Political Debate”
- 2nd Place Philip Cotter – “Icicles”
- 3rd Place Nicole Yurcaba – “Shastokovich Saturday”

People's Choice – Youth

- 1st Place Jonathan Schwitzerlette – “The Consternation of Gammon”

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- 1st Place Julia Pritt – “Bully”

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People's Choice Poetry – Saturday

- 1st Place Trinny Sigler – “They Sling Words”
- 2nd Place David Knight – “Ten Cents”
- 3rd Place Nancy Belle – “When Apples Cry”

People's Choice Prose – Saturday

- 1st Place Christine Roth – “Cars and Prayers”
- 2nd Place Lee Doty – “Excerpt from Tidel Kin”
- 3rd Place Trinny Sigler – “The Patron Saint of Crack Whores”