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West Virginia Writers Annual
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Spring Writing Competition Winners

CATEGORY - APPALACHIAN THEME

PRIZE NAME COUNTY TITLE

- **1st** Daleen Berry, Monongalia, "Summer 1968: WV Roots"
- **2nd** Susanna Holstein, Jackson, "Evening News"
- **3rd** Terry W. McNemar, Harrison, "Will Work...Will Work"
- **1st HM** Natalie Sypolt, Preston, "Fire Makes It New"
- **2nd HM** Susanna Holstein Jackson The Way Home
- **3rd HM** Mary Lucille DeBerry Monongalia Farm Map

SPECIAL RECOGNITION - POETRY

- Wilma Acree, Wood, "Country Kitchen"
- Sharon McCormick, Putnam, "The Trek"
- Sharon McCormick, Putnam, "Memories of East Lynn"
- Rhonda B. White, Mercer, "A New Year in WV - Jan. 2, 2006"
- Deborah Sparks, Rocky Gap, VA, "Jennie Earls"

SPECIAL RECOGNITION - PROSE

- R. Dixon Bell, Berkeley, "Josh's Lamp"
- Nadine McKinney, Boone, "Pam's Castle"
- Charlotte Whipkey, Monongalia, "Sense Datum"
- Candace Jordan, Monongalia, "Truce"
- Phyllis Wilson Moore, Harrison, "The County Seat"
- Karin Fuller, Putnam, "Roads Not Taken"

CATEGORY - CHILDREN'S BOOKS

PRIZE NAME COUNTY TITLE

- **1st** Christina Freeburn, Mineral, "Seek and Hide"
- **2nd** Elaine Breitenbach, Berkeley, "Dream Catcher"
- **3rd** Susanna Holstein, Jackson, "The Great Toilet Paper Caper"
- **1st HM** Teresa Newsome, Boone, "The Meanest Teacher"
- **2nd HM** Teresa Newsome, Boone, "Too Much to Forget"
- **3rd HM** Annabel Timms, Harrison, "Grandma's Soft Green Cloth"
- **Xtra HM** Judy Hughan, Wetzell, "The Make Better Story"

CATEGORY - EMERGING WRITERS: POETRY

PRIZE NAME COUNTY TITLE

- **1st** Verbie Ann Helyger, Putnam, "The Last Offering"
- **2nd** Neil Nicholas Akron, OH County, "Clare Clearcoat"
- **3rd** Nicholas Ryan Cartmill, Kanawha "The Boss"
- **1st HM** C. J. Farnsworth, Ohio, "The Day She Stopped Dreaming"
- **2nd HM** Hannah Johnson, Boone, "Lights in the Driveway"
- **3rd HM** Anita Pennington, Kanawha, "Appalachian Born"
- **Xtra HM** Lawrence James, Hardy, "South Wheeling 1980"
- **Xtra HM** C. J. Farnsworth, Ohio, "It Gets Cold Quickly"

CATEGORY - EMERGING WRITERS - PROSE

PRIZE NAME COUNTY TITLE

- **1st** Hilary Hansen, Reisterstown, MD, "CHD"
- **2nd** Suzanne Samples, Cabell, "Sugar Free"
- **3rd** Suzanne Samples, Cabell, "Bump"
- **1st HM** Ethan J. Cunningham, Monongalia, "Me Me II"
- **2nd HM** Carl Schultz, Jefferson, "Gratia"
- **3rd HM** Renee' Watson, Jackson, "Untitled"

CATEGORY - HUMOR

PRIZE NAME COUNTY TITLE

- **1st** Shannon "Tommy" Thomas, Wood, "The End of Childhood"
- **2nd** Susan G. DeVan, Hampshire, "Granny Gets Arrested"
- **3rd** T. W. McNemar, Harrison, "And they call you `Skunkhead' Because?"
- **1st HM** Harriet Whipkey, Gilmer, "Hibernating Hamsters"
- **2nd HM** Harry Lynch, Nicholas, "The Saga of Achy and Shaky"
- **3rd HM** Lawrence James, Hardy, "Closer to the End than You"
- **4th HM** Karin Fuller, Putnam, "Clean Sweep"
- **Xtra HM** Don Narkevic, Lewis, "Romance"

CATEGORY - LONG NON-FICTION

PRIZE NAME COUNTY TITLE

- **1st** Geoff Fuller, Putnam, "On Balance"
- **2nd** Fran Simone, Kanawha, "A Thousand Joys & Sorrows"
- **3rd** B. J. Appelgren, Jefferson, "The Transparent Feather"
- **1st HM** Krista Holcomb, Putnam, "Silent No More"
- **2nd HM** Philip U. Effiong, Fairfax, VA, "Biafran Child: Cesspool of Innocence"
- **3rd HM** Daleen Berry, Monongalia, "Sister of Silence"

CATEGORY - SHORT NON-FICTION

PRIZE NAME COUNTY TITLE

- **1st** Charlotte Whipkey, Monongalia, "Sense Datum"
- **2nd** Lyn Widmyer, Jefferson, "My Friend Nell"
- **3rd** Elaine Childs, Putnam, "Remembering Stubby"
- **1st HM** Cat Pleska, Putnam, "My Kingdom and My Horse"
- **2nd HM** Phyllis Wilson Moore, Harrison, "Memories of a Bookworm"
- **3rd HM** Anna Smucker, Harrison, "No Place to Hide"

CATEGORY - NOVELS

PRIZE NAME COUNTY TITLE

- **1st** Bonni McKeown, Kanawha, "Chicago Blues Plantation"
- **2nd** Corey Madsen, Monongalia, "An Evensong for Father Bob"
- **3rd** Barbara Whittington, Stoutsville, OH, "Hungry for Chocolate"
- **1st HM** Theodore Webb, Monongalia, "The Zen River Baptism"
- **2nd HM** Joe B. Buttram, Greenbrier, "The Cistern"
- **3rd HM** Barbara Whittington Stoutsville, OH, "Home for a Song"
- **4th HM** Patricia Woodard, Pocahontas, VA, "The Store"
- **Xtra HM** Carol Headley (Deceased) & Shirley L. Jones, Monongalia, "Beans and Cornbread for Thanksgiving"

CATEGORY - LONG POETRY

PRIZE NAME COUNTY TITLE

- **1st** Mark Smith, Mineral, "From Dust, From Urn"
- **2nd** Anna Smucker, Harrison, "Extracurricular"
- **3rd** Randy Wilkins, Monongalia, "When I Was a Child"
- **1st HM** Susanna Holstein, Jackson, "Solo Performance"
- **2nd HM** Mary Lucille DeBerry, Monongalia, "May You"
- **3rd HM** Lauren Joan Rogers, Ohio, "An Hour-by-Hour Account of Men, Dying"
- **Xtra HM** Lori Wilson, Monongalia, "Concerning this Dread Which I Cannot Name"

CATEGORY - SHORT POETRY

PRIZE NAME COUNTY TITLE

- **1st** J. C. Bolt, Mercer, "Sanskrit"
- **2nd** Wilma Acree, Wood, "Unmarked Civil War Battlefield"
- **3rd** Lisa M. Sheldon, Calhoun, "Post-Funeral Feasting"
- **1st HM** Ed Zahniser, Jefferson, "Somewhat Short of a Reasonable Moon Shot"
- **2nd HM** Joseph W. Caldwell, Kanawha, "Otterbien Cemetery, Jackson Co."
- **3rd HM** Beverly Bisbee, Kanawha, "White River Junction"

CATEGORY - SHORT STORY

PRIZE NAME COUNTY TITLE

- **1st** Ben E. Campbell, Raleigh, "Tangle in the Fence Post"
- **2nd** Don Narkevic, Lewis, "The Ohio River"
- **3rd** Jeanne Wilson, Calhoun, "A Measure of Truth"
- **1st HM** Jim Koenig, Jefferson, "Love 1968"
- **2nd HM** R. Gene Turchin, Marion, "Up the Hollow"
- **3rd HM** Betsy Pascucci, Hampshire, "Lucky"

CATEGORY - VERY SHORT STORY

PRIZE NAME COUNTY TITLE

- **1st** William Haas, Monongalia, "American Steel"
- **2nd** Tovli Simiryan, Kanawha, "Sarah"
- **3rd** Jeanne Wilson, Calhoun, "Psychological Help"
- **1st HM** Tovli Simiryan, Kanawha, "Escaping the Cocoon"
- **2nd HM** Jim Koenig, Jefferson, "Where I'll Be Tonight"
- **3rd HM** Betsy Pascucci, Hampshire, "Lucky"

CATEGORY - YOUNG WRITERS - POETRY

PRIZE NAME COUNTY TITLE

- **1st** Rachel Maynard, Mason, "Words of Ice"
- **2nd** Melissa Waugh, Kanawha, "Key to Your Heart"
- **3rd** Patricia Weekley, Taylor, "Randal McCloy"
- **1st HM** Megan Russell, Nicholas, "My Little Sticker on the Wall"
- **2nd HM** Jared Wilson, Monongalia, "West Virginia Night"
- **3rd HM** Lindsey Maxon, Arlington, TX, "Pushing Back the Rain"
- **Xtra HM** Matt Newlon, Wood, "West Virginia"

CATEGORY - YOUNG WRITERS - PROSE

PRIZE NAME COUNTY TITLE

- **1st** Kaci Evans, Pendleton, "Remembrance's Lake"
- **2nd** Lindsey Maxon, Arlington, TX, "HauntFest"
- **3rd** Lindsey Maxon, Arlington, TX, "In the Arms of the Sea"
- **1st HM** Lindsey Maxon, Arlington, TX, "Purpose"
- **2nd HM** Lindsey Maxon, Arlington, TX, "Miss Minerva Clark"
- **3rd HM** Kara Lynn Piechowski, Braxton, "Earl Harvey"

CATEGORY - ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PRIZE NAME COUNTY TITLE

- **1st** Grace Kesler, Kanawha, "Spork the Woolly Pig"
- **2nd** Molly Williams, Marion, "The Sun, The Moon & The Fox"
- **3rd** Celeste Vingle & Jordan Holmes, Putnam, "The Cat Lady's Revenge on the Purple Bean Man"
- **1st HM** Kayla Long, Wyoming, "Time Machine"
- **2nd HM** Brock Martin, Kanawha, "The Leprechaun Room"
- **3rd HM** Alaine Lambertson, Monongalia, "Colonial Doctors, Health and Medicine"
- **Xtra HM** Rachel Minney, Kanawha, "I'm Sick Today"

CATEGORY - MIDDLE SCHOOL

PRIZE NAME COUNTY TITLE

- **1st** Cayla Jakubowski, Montgomery, MD, "Joining Hands"
- **2nd** David Byler, Wood, "Spectre Street Library"
- **3rd** Morgan E. Southall, Kanawha, "An Alaskan Mystery"
- **1st HM** Bayan Misaghi, Kanawha, "Detective Dan"
- **2nd HM** Sarah Williams, Kanawha, "Stepping Stones"
- **3rd HM** Maher Shammaa, Kanawha, "Missing Maine"
- **Xtra HM** Trevor Bryant, Mercer, "Grandfather's Legacy"
- **Xtra HM** Sarah Teter, Pendleton, "Essay Implosion"

PEOPLE'S CHOICE WINNERS

Poetry - Friday

- **1st** - Kayla Ward, "Believe in a Thing Called . . ."
- **2nd** - Ethan Fischer, "Ode to Pee"
- **3rd** - Cheryl Denise, "God and Farmers"

Prose - Friday

- **1st** - George Lies, "Once Upon a Time Trapped by a Flood in Mexico"
- **2nd** - Teresa Newsome, "The Meanest Teacher"
- **3rd** - Lynne Sturtevant, "The Headache"

Poetry - Saturday

- **1st** - Cheryl Denise, "In Sago"
- **2nd** - Kathy Kish, "Full Circle"
- **3rd** - Rhonda White, "A New Year in West Virginia January 2, 2006"

Prose - Saturday

- **1st** - Joshua Mattern, "Polaris"
- **2nd** - Jerri Bell, "Conversion of Granny McKee"
- **3rd** - Debbie Sparks, "Never Too Old"

Youth - Saturday

- **1st** - Morgan Southall, "Storm of Embers"
- **2nd** - Grace Kesler, "My Problem's Writing"

WRITER'S WALL WINNERS

Poetry

- **1st** - Sharon Gardner, "Mirrors"
- **2nd** - Deborah Sparks, "Gabriel"
- **3rd** - Susannah Holstein, "Apology"

Prose

- **1st** - Sally Brinkman, "Between River and Mountain"
- **2nd** - Betsy Pascucci, "Harmonica"
- **3rd** - Lynne Sturtevant, "Trash Day"

Youth

- **1st** - Erika Luzader, "The Candy Doll"
- **2nd** - Morgan Southall, "Prologue"
- **3rd** - Grace Kesler, "Dreams"