

JUST UNCOMMONLY GOOD (JUG) AWARD

MASTER LIST

The JUG Award was the brainchild of John “Jack” Zierold. It was established to honor exceptional writing, a writer’s body of work, and also the mentoring of writers.

2023 Tom Donlon for his service to WV Writers

2022 Larry Schardt for his service to WV Writers

2021 Boyd Carr, posthumously, for his years of service to WV Writers

2020 Kathy Manley for her service to WV Writers

2019 Eliot Parker for his service to WV Writers

2018 Carter Taylor Seaton, for her body of work.

2017 Dolly Withrow, for service writers of West Virginia & Michael Knost for mentorship

2016 Marc Harshman for his service to writing in West Virginia.

2015 Miles Dean for his service to writing in West Virginia.

2014 Debbie Crim, Gene Chancey and Jay Tabor for Organizational Support.

2013 Keith Davis for his service to writing in West Virginia, William Haydon for his service to writing in West Virginia, Terry McNemar for Organizational Support.

2012 Ethan Fischer, for both mentoring and his service to WV Writers & June Langford Berkley for mentoring.

2011 Richard A. Lewis, for his service to WV Writers & Christine Witthohn for her service to WV Writers & Lee Maynard for his body of work and service to the writers of West Virginia.

2010 Dr. William Plumley for his service to WV Writers & Phyllis Wilson Moore for service to the writers of our state. Rebecca Conrad for her service to WV Writers

2009 Geoff Fuller for writing and mentoring & Eric Fritzius for service to WV Writers.

2008 Joe McCabe for writing and mentoring & Sandy Tritt for service to WV Writers and for mentoring.

2007 Patsy Pittman for her years of service to WV Writers. Kate Long for her service to writers from WV.

2006 Irene McKinney for writing & Pam Hanson for writing & Cat Pleska for mentoring & Jerry and Rae Anne Blair for corporate support.

2005 Mary Furbee for writing & Fay Thompson for mentoring.

2004 Mark Defoe for his poetry and service to WV Writers & Belinda Anderson for mentoring.

2003 Fran Simone, George Lies, Wilma Acree

2002 Boyd Carr for writing & Cheryl Ware for mentoring & Elizabeth Chilton (corporate support from Charleston Gazette)

2001 no nomination

2000 Cleta Long for both writing and mentoring (awarded posthumously)

1999 Sherrell Wigal and Carolyn Sue Ferguson, both for mentoring

1998 Irene Brand and Billy Edd Wheeler

1997 Dennis Deitz and Jim Andrews

1996 Meredith Sue Willis and Kirk Judd

1995 No nominations

1994 Mary Lee Settle and Barbara Smith

1993 Jean Batllo and John "Jack" Zierold

1992 John Suter and Betty Mac Queen

1991 Denise Giardina and Helen Carper

1990 none

1989 none

1988 none

1987 Shirley Young Campbell

1986 none

1985 Louise McNeill (aka Louise McNeill Pease)

1984 Emil Pauley for her long-term efforts as organizer of the conferences.

James B. Andrews for helping establish WV Writers. Jim Comstock for writing

1983 Alberta Pierson Hannum, the first recipient, received the award for the body of her work which includes nonfiction, fiction, essays, and the motion picture screenwriting for one of her novels, Rosanna McCoy. She was in a nursing home at the time and died soon after. The effort to honor her was spearheaded by Jim Comstock.