



## ***JUST UNCOMMONLY GOOD (JUG) AWARD MASTER LIST***

*According to the existing records, the Jug was the brainchild of John “Jack” Zierold. It was established to honor exceptional writing and also mentors of writers.*

- **2026 Norman L. Fagan**, Founder Recognition, for his efforts, support and work in the founding of West Virginia Writers, Inc. **David B. Prather** - for his body of work
- **2025 Diane Tarantini** for her service to WV Writers.
- **2024 Sheila Redling** and **Erin Novotny (Tobi Doyle)** for their mentorship and their body of work.
- **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 her service to the 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, Inc. **June Langford Berkley** for mentoring.
- **2011 Richard A. Lewis**, for his service to WV Writers, Inc. **Christine Witthohn** for her service to WV Writers, Inc. **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, Inc. **Phyllis Wilson Moore** for service to the writers of our state. **Rebecca Conrad** for her service to WV Writers, Inc.
- **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. **Cathy 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 screen writing for one of her novels *Rosanna McCoy* (which, by the way, starred Farley Granger). She was in a nursing home at the time and died soon after. As I recall, the effort to honor her was spearheaded by Jim Comstock.