

# The Creative Writer

White County Creative Writers

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## Twelve members, four locals win awards at the WCCW Conference

Twelve members of the White County Creative Writers group won awards this year for fiction, creative nonfiction, poetry and essays. Four others honored as well. The conference was held Sept. 3 at the American Heritage Conference Center at Harding University in Searcy.

### Club Members included:

**Jason Glass**, 1<sup>st</sup> Place WCCW short story award, 1<sup>st</sup>

### *The Creative Writer*

is a monthly newsletter for the White County Creative Writers group of Searcy, Ark.

If you have news stories or photos to share, send them to [buddy.garrett@netzero.net](mailto:buddy.garrett@netzero.net).

Deadline for reader submission is seven days prior to each month's meeting.

WCCW reserves the right to edit all submissions.

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*This was our 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference.*

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Place Whodunnit award; 1<sup>st</sup> Place Creative Non-Fiction award; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Music Memories; 2<sup>ND</sup> Place Good as Gold story; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Penpoint Group flash fiction; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Gimme the Creeps horror story; and an Honorable Mention for a Looking Back award.

**Peggy Sanders**, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Good as Gold story; 1<sup>st</sup> Place Village Writers short story; 1<sup>st</sup> Place Gin Creek Poets award; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place WCCW short story; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Erdel Family first chapter of a book; and Honorable Mentions for Whodunnit; Ode to Poo; Ekphrastic Poetry and LovePat Poetry awards.

**Kim Vernon**, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Looking Back award; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place River Poets Award; a 1<sup>st</sup> Place

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## Rhonda Roberts shares notes from non-fiction retreat she attended

*By Lilly Hobbs and Kim Vernon*

Rhonda Roberts attended a conference on non-fiction writing in July. She presented her notes at last month's meeting.

For this month's meeting, we will give feedback on the conference then a read-around if it's not too long, or something else you are currently working on.



*Roberts expresses a point about non-fiction writing.*

# Awards

Musical Memories award; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place WCCW Short Story and an Honorable Mention for Erdel Family first chapter of a book.

**Gary Breezeel**, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Zippy Kids Children Story; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Gimme the Creeps; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Good as Gold; and Honorable Mentions for Village Writers and My Favorite Pet story.

**John McPherson**, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Ekphrastic Poetry award; 1<sup>st</sup> Place River Poets award and Honorable Mentions for LovePat Poetry award; Musical Memories.

**Del Garrett**, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Erdel Family first chapter of a book and an Honorable Mention for a Looking Back award.

**William Jones**, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Penpoint Flash Fiction award.

**Crystal Jones**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Looking Back award

**Lilly Hobbs**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Central Ark Writers My Pet story

**Kayla Shown-Dean**, an Honorable Mention for Gin Creek Poets award.

**Jim Gabelhausen**, an Honorable Mention for Ode to Poo.

**Betty Slaughter**, an Honorable Mention for Creative Non Fiction.

## Other area winners include:

**Gary Rodgers**, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Central Ark Writers My Pet award.

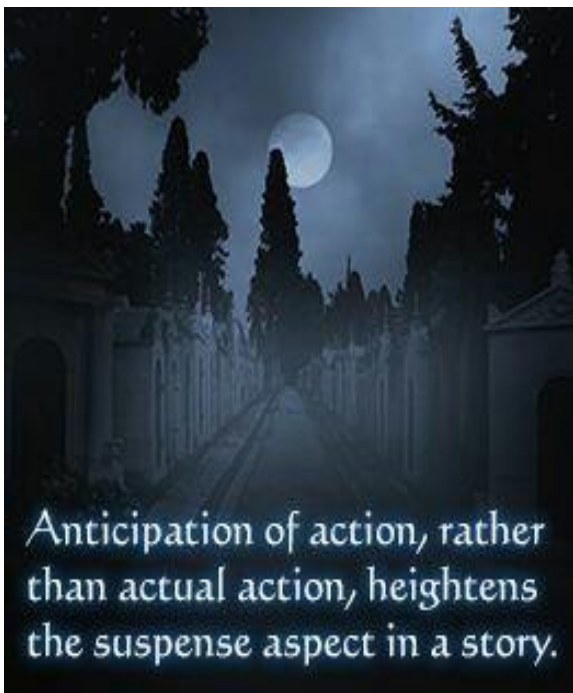
**Tiffany Moore**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Whodunnit.

**Don Money**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Zippy Children's story.

**Tom Letchworth**, an Honorable Mention for Creative Non Fiction.

Next meeting, Sept. 19,  
6:30 p.m., at Simmons First Bank,  
401 South Main Street in Searcy.

**Newsbrief**  
Don't forget  
to send in  
your poetry  
to the  
Arkansas  
State Fair to  
**ARRIVE** by  
Sept. 30



## How Well Do You Know Your Character?

**BACKGROUND**  
Where does he live?  
What does he do?  
What does he know?

**CHARACTERISTICS**  
Greatest strength?  
Greatest weakness?  
Greatest fear?

**OUTLOOK**  
How would he describe himself?  
What does he believe in?  
What haunts him?

**INTERESTS & FAVORITES**  
Favorite movie/song/book?  
Political leaning?  
Best gift he could receive?

**PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**  
Height/weight/posture?  
Eyes/nose/mouth/hair/skin?  
What clothes does he wear?

**EXPRESSIONS & ATTITUDES**  
What makes him laugh?  
How does he act when angry?  
What's the best way to cheer him up?

