

The Creative Writer

White County Creative Writers

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Eleven members win awards at 23rd Annual Conference



Photo by Steve May

Eleven members of the White County Creative Writers group won awards this month for fiction, creative nonfiction, poetry and essays at the 23rd Annual White County Creative Writers conference held Sept. 1 at the American Heritage Conference Center at Harding University in Searcy.

More than 280 entries from all over the United States competed for monetary prizes in 17 contests.

Next Meeting
Sept. 17, 6:30 p.m.
501 South Main St.
Searcy, Ark.

The Creative Writer
is a monthly newsletter for the White County Creative Writers of Searcy, Ark.
If you have news stories or photos to share, send them to del.garrett.s0ke@gmail.com.
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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Contests and WCCW winners

1. White County Creative Writers Award:
Senior Citizen Romance, 3,000-word max.
Sponsor: White County Creative Writers.
Third Place: Kim Vernon for "Dancing with Joy."

2. Carolyn Sanders Memorial Award:
Fact or fiction story about an overwhelmed caregiver in a difficult situation.
Sponsor: Peggy Sanders.
Third Place (tie): Gary Rodgers for "Learning to See."
Third Place (tie): Gary L. Breezeel for "What Now?"
Second Honorable Mention: Del Garrett for "Caregivers Need Help Too."

3. Del Garrett's Gimme the Creeps Award:
Psychological Horror. Twilight Zone short story.
Sponsor: Del Garrett.
Second Place: John McPherson for "The Captain's Boots."
Third Place: Daniel Wantulok for "A Noise in the Cellar."
First Honorable Mention: Gary Rodgers for "Sergeant James."

7. Grandma Dot Award:
Children's story for non-readers.
Sponsor: Dot Hatfield.
Second Place: John McPherson for "The Amazing Peanut Butter Boy."
First Honorable Mention: Donna Nelson for "Names are Important"
Second Honorable Mention: Del Garrett for "Valentines are for Love."
Third Honorable Mention: Connor Wantulok for "The Dancing Ninja."

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9. Take Me Away Award:

Take me on your favorite road trip.

Sponsor: Gary Rodgers.

First Place: Gary L. Breezeel for "California, Here I Come."

Second Place: Christine Henderson for "On Bikers and Bravery."

10. The How-To Contest:

Tell us step-by-step how to master any process, from building a rocket to finding inner peace.

Sponsor: Steve May.

Honorable Mention: William Bohannan for "How to Make a Peanut Butter Sandwich."

Honorable Mention for Peggy Sanders for "Privy Secret: How to Build an Outhouse"

11. Make it Count Award:

A Nonet poem, any subject.

Sponsor: Kim Vernon.

Third Honorable Mention: Donna Nelson for "Dry July"

12. Zippy Kids Award:

Childhood adventures while seeking one of the Arkansas lost treasure legends.

Sponsor: The Wantulok Family/Zippy Kids.

First Place: Gary L. Breezeel for "Lost Treasure."

Second Place: Gary Rodgers for "The Osage Silver Mine."

13. Whodunnit? Award:

Short story featuring an amateur detective who solves a murder.

Sponsor: Gary Breezeel.

Third Place: Debbie Wantulok for "Murder at Schoolhouse Cave."

First Honorable Mention: Del Garrett for "The Case of the Adulterated Actress."

14. Lovepat Press Award:

Sonnet, any subject. 14 lines.

Sponsor: Pat Laster.

Second Place: Christine Henderson for "Lessons From My Mother."

Second Honorable Mention: Kim Vernon for "Ode to a Cadillac DeVille."

15. Upon Reflection:

Humorous fantasy short story. Protagonist can see the future and tries to change it.

Sponsor: Carol Hodges.

First Place: Peggy Sanders for "The Wow-some Weirdness of an Average Wonder Woman"

Second Place: Gary L. Breezeel for "Gadget Goes Bonkers."

First Honorable Mention: Gary Rodgers for "Glimpses of Celia"

16. Write it Right:

Newspaper article. A reporter must cover a moonshine festival for a local paper in a DRY county.

Sponsor: Penpoint Writers Group.

First Place: Kim Vernon for "Moon Shines on Local Festival."

Second Place: Peggy Sanders for "Brewing Up Harvest Hogwash in Obediah County"

17. The Kitchen Sink Award:

Short prose, any subject.

Sponsor: Vernon-Rodgers Tales.

Second Place: Gary R. Breezeel for "Grandma's Secrets."

Second Honorable Mention: Peggy Sanders for "Beauty's in the Eye of the Beholder"

Personal copies of the Anthology due at next meeting

Personal copies of the Anthology has been shipped and, providing they stay on time, will hbe available at this month's meeting. Here is a breakdown for everyone's cost. Please make checks payable to White County Creative Writers and turn them over to Rhonda Roberts during the first few minutes of the meeting.

Gary Breezeel — 5 @ **\$25.35**

Rebecca Foster — 10 @ **\$50.70**

James Gabelhausen — 1 @ **\$5.07**

Del Garrett — 4 @ **\$20.28**

Jason Glass — 6 @ **\$30.42**

Dot Hatfield — 5 @ **\$25.35**

Chris Henderson — 5 @ **\$25.35**

John McPherson — 7 @ **\$35.49**

Trish Miller — 1 @ **\$5.07**

Donna Nelson — 2 @ **\$10.14**

Betty Sue Slaughter — 5 @ **\$25.35**

Debbie Wantulok — 6 **\$30.42**

Kim Vernon and Gary Rodgers — 15

(combined order) @ **\$76.05**