



The Creative Writer

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WCCW Members Take 52 Awards at AWC

White County Creative Writers made an impressive showing at the 77th Annual Arkansas Writers’ Conference Saturday June 5, with nine members present at the event. Ten members won a total of 52 awards. A complete listing is on pages 2 and 3 of this newsletter. Of 21 contests members were eligible to enter, at least one WCCW member placed in the top three spots. In four different contests, WCCW members swept all three cash award places. The group’s primary focus is learning more about the craft, while encouraging members to write, edit, give and receive feedback, all with the goal of improvement.

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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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HOMEWORK For the June meeting, members were asked to write a compelling opening to a story. They were asked to try to grab a reader’s attention with their first paragraph, or first three to four sentences. Members can read these aloud to see if their words grab attention and make a reader want more.

**Next meeting:
NOTE NEW LOCATION
June 21, 6:30 p.m.
Simmons Bank
401 S. Main St
Searcy, Ark.**

SPOTLIGHT

Mike Bass of Conway won 1st Place in the Jim Barton Memorial Poetry Contest, 2nd Place in the AR Pioneer Branch NLAPW Poetry Contest, and 2nd Honorable Mention in the Erdel Family Memorial contest.

Gary Breezeel of Searcy won 1st Place in the Fiction Who-Dunnit Contest Award, 1st Place in Scott Plantation Settlement Contest Award, 1st Place in The Great Escape Contest, 1st place in You Got My Goat Contest, 2nd Place in the Dusty Richards Memorial Prose Contest, 2nd place in The Erdel Family Memorial Award, 2nd Place in the Make a Wish Contest Award, 2nd Place in the Dilemma Contest Award, 3rd Place in the Carl J. Iannacone Memorial Contest, 3rd Place in the Dorothy Truex Memorial Prose Contest, 2nd Honorable Mention in the Henry & Betty Heidelberger Memorial Prose Contest, 2nd Honorable Mention for Animal Perspective Short Story Contest, and 2nd Honorable Mention in Del Garrett's Gimme The Creeps Horror Contest.

Sharon Freyaldenhoven of Greenbrier won Honorable Mention in the Jim Barton Memorial Poetry contest.

Del Garrett of Judsonia won 2nd Place in the Animal Perspective Short Story contest, 3rd Place in The Great Escape Contest, and 2nd Honorable Mention in the Dusty Richards memorial Prose contest.

John McPherson of Searcy won 3rd place in the David Goodgame Memorial Award, 1st Honorable Mention in the AR Pioneer Branch NLAPW Prose Contest Award, 2nd Honorable Mention in the Dilemma Award contest, and 3rd Honorable Mention in Del Garrett's Gimme The Creeps Horror Contest.

Donna Nelson of Kensett won 3rd place in the Jim Barton Memorial Poetry contest.

Gary Rodgers of Pangburn won 2nd Place in the Carl J. Iannacome Memorial Contest, 2nd Place in the LaViness Award for Living Mystery Contest, 2nd Place in the AR Pioneer Branch NLAPW Prose Contest, 2nd Place in The Great Escape contest, 3rd Place in the You Got My Goat Contest, and 3rd Place in the Mistletoe Contest.

Kim Vernon of Pangburn won 1st Place in the Carl J. Iannacome Memorial Contest, 1st Place in the LaViness Award for Living Mystery Contest, 1st Place for the Henry & Betty Heidelberger Memorial Prose Contest, 2nd Place in the Mistletoe Contest, 2nd Place in the Scott Plantation Settlement Contest, 3rd Place in the Dilemma Contest, 3rd Place in the Animal Perspective Contest, 1st Honorable Mention in the WOW! Press Contest, 1st Honorable Mention in the Dusty Richards Memorial Prose Contest, 1st Honorable Mention in the David Goodgame Memorial Contest, and 2nd Honorable Mention in the Peggy Vining Memorial Essay Contest.

Anthony Wood of North Little Rock won 1st place in the Dusty Richards Memorial Prose Contest, 3rd Place in the Del Garrett's Gimme the Creeps Horror Contest, 3rd Place in the Peggy Vining Memorial Essay Contest, 1st Honorable Mention in the Scott Plantation Settlement Contest, 1st Honorable Mention in The Great Escape Contest, and 2nd Honorable Mention in the Fiction Who Dunit Contest.

Julia Zellner of Bull's Gap, TN won 1st Place in the Dilemma Contest, 3rd Place in the WOW! Press Contest, 1st Honorable Mention in the Peggy Vining Memorial Essay Contest, and 2nd Honorable Mention in the Make a Wish Contest.

Congratulations to all winners.