



# The Creative Writer

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## 26<sup>th</sup> WCCW Conference sees record number of contest entries

The White County Creative Writers held its 26th Annual WCCW Writers Conference Saturday, Sept. 4, at the White County Extension Service building, 2400 Landing Road in Searcy. Each year, WCCW hosts a gathering of authors and provides more than 20 contests offering cash prizes to the winners. This year more than 280 contestants submitted stories and poems — a WCCW record. (WCCW winners listed on next page.)

### *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](mailto: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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## **Award winning comedy writer Mike Bass to speak at this month's WCCW meeting**

Mike Bass recently won awards for the best monologue and best joke in national comedy writing competition sponsored by the Gene Perret Round Table organization.

He said he was proud and excited to have won his third straight first prize in comedy writing against other comedy writers from all over the country,

Bass will be the featured speaker at this month's WCCW meeting..



Courtesy Photo

Mike Bass

**Next meeting**

Sept. 20, 2021, 6:30 p.m  
Simmons Bank  
401 S. Main  
Searcy, Ark.



# WCCW LIST OF WINNERS

1. WCCW Cozy Mystery Contest: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Gary Rodgers; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Prix Gautney; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Sharon Keathley; 1<sup>st</sup> HM Sandra Boutwell-Falcone; 2<sup>nd</sup> HM Ellen E. Withers; 3<sup>rd</sup> HM Kristin Castleberry.
2. Historical Fiction Contest: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Gary Breezeel; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Don Money; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Millie Gore Lancaster; 1<sup>st</sup> HM Ellen E. Withers; 2<sup>nd</sup> HM Sandy Jordan; 3<sup>rd</sup> HM C. Allan Butkus.
3. WCCW Western Contest: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Gary Breezeel; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Rhonda Roberts; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Gary Rodgers; 1<sup>st</sup> HM Ellen E. Withers; 2<sup>nd</sup> HM Shelley Anne Richter; 3<sup>rd</sup> HM Sara Gipson.
4. Don't Have a Date Contest: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Julia Zellner; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Gary L. Breezeel; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Ellen E. Withers; 1<sup>st</sup> HM C. Allan Butkus; 2<sup>nd</sup> HM Sara Gipson; 3<sup>rd</sup> HM Gene La Viness.
5. Make Me Laugh Contest: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Gary L. Breezeel; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Don Money; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Rhonda Roberts; 1<sup>st</sup> HM Gene La Viness; 2<sup>nd</sup> HM C. Allan Butkus; 3<sup>rd</sup> HM Glenda Hughes
6. Mystic Pawn Contest: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Prix Gautney; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Gary Rodgers; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Julia Zellner; HM Lisbeth L. McCarty.
7. Fledgling Dragon Contest: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Kim Vernon; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Gary Rodgers; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Mike Bass
8. Happiness is ... Contest: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Regina McLemore; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Lisbeth McCarty; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Anthony Wood; 1<sup>st</sup> HM Kim Vernon; 2<sup>nd</sup> HM Irene Buss Hunt; 3<sup>rd</sup> HM Neil Chandler.
9. Glassworks Poetry Contest: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Donna Nelson; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Prix Gautney; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Sara Gipson; 1<sup>st</sup> HM Mike Bass; 2<sup>nd</sup> HM Millie Gore Lancaster; 3<sup>rd</sup> HM Irene Buss Hunt.
10. Whodunnit Contest: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Del Garrett; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Lisbeth L. McCarty; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Sara Gipson
11. Granny Prewitt Contest: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Neil Chandler; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Harlain S. Ruff; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Jane Gatewood; 1<sup>st</sup> HM Gary Rodgers; 2<sup>nd</sup> HM Lisbeth McCarty.
12. Family History FICTION Contest: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Gary Rodgers; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Gary Breezeel.
13. Would You Believe? Contest: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Ellen E. Withers; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Gary Rodgers; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Shelley Anne Richter; 1<sup>st</sup> HM Neil Chandler; 2<sup>nd</sup> HM Lisbeth McCarty; 3<sup>rd</sup> HM Millie Gore Lancaster.
14. Nursery Rhyme Time Contest: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Prix Gautney; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Mike Bass; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Kristin Castleberry; 1<sup>st</sup> HM Millie Gore Lancaster; 2<sup>nd</sup> HM Regina McLemore.
15. Humorous Essay – You Really Had to be There: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Georgia A. Hubley; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Kim Vernon; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Julia Zellner; 1<sup>st</sup> HM Lisbeth L. McCarty; 2<sup>nd</sup> HM C. Allan Butkus; 3<sup>rd</sup> HM Irene Buss Hunt.
16. Gin Creek Poetry Contest: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Kristin Castleberry; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Prix Gautney; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Irene Buss Hunt; HM Sara Gipson.
17. Morning Memo Contest: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Glenda Hughes; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Kim Vernon; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Shelley Anne Richter; HM Donna Nelson
18. Del Garrett's Gimme the Creeps Contest: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Mike Bass; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place John McPherson; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Terry Alexander; 1<sup>st</sup> HM Kristin Castleberry; 2<sup>nd</sup> HM Lisbeth McCarty; 3<sup>rd</sup> HM Julia Zellner
19. Paranormal Romance Contest: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Ruth Weeks; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Gary L. Breezeel; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Gary Rodgers; 1<sup>st</sup> HM Sara Gipson; 2<sup>nd</sup> HM Patricia Clark Blake; 3<sup>rd</sup> HM Prix Gautney.
20. RobertsFamilyArk Poetry Contest: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Donna Nelson; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Kim Vernon; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Sam Sullivan; 1<sup>st</sup> HM Gary Rodgers; 2<sup>nd</sup> HM Fay Smalling Guinn; 3<sup>rd</sup> HM Sara Gipson.
21. First Page Contest: 1<sup>st</sup> Place P. Jan Hall; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Gary Rodgers; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Kim Vernon; 1<sup>st</sup> HM Laticia Harris; 2<sup>nd</sup> HM Julia Zellner; 3<sup>rd</sup> HM Millie Gore Lancaster.
22. Penpoint Writers Memorial Award: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Gary Breezeel; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Gary Rodgers; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Millie Gore Lancaster; 1<sup>st</sup> HM Jean Alfieri; 2<sup>nd</sup> HM Jennifer Landers; 3<sup>rd</sup> HM Kim Vernon