

# The Creative Writer

White County Creative Writers

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## *The Creative Writer*

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

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Deadline for reader submission is  
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## **WCCW Conference draws massive crowd**

“The 29<sup>th</sup> annual White County Creative Writers Conference was held Saturday, Aug. 31 in Searcy. This year’s conference drew 80 attendees, the most we’ve seen in the 10 years I’ve been involved with the group, wrote Kimberly Vernon in her blog update.

Fourteen WCCW members won a whopping 46 awards at the conference

See page 2 for a list of contest winners and see the full coverage on our WCCW website.

Outtakes from last month’s meeting: Del Garrett’s latest Felix Nash novella is published, and his Civil War short story will be read in a podcast. Gary Breezeel got a full proposal request for a story entered in a contest. Gary Rodgers and Don Money both have short stories in Saddlebag Dispatches. John McPherson has a poem in Saddlebag Dispatches. Terry Engel’s film will be screened at the AR Cinema Society Filmland Festival and a Q&A with his partner will follow. Anthony had a successful book signing earlier this month. Writers Inc will have Ellen Withers as a speaker on Oct. 19 in Paragould, Ark., starting at 10:30 a.m. Next meeting is a read around of contest wins.

# Contest Winners

- Gary Breezeel** - 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Trail Ride  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Scrivenings Press Clean Fiction Award  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Show Me Mystery  
Honorable Mention – A Job Well Done  
Honorable Mention – A walk in a Shoe’s Shoes
- Barry Brown** - 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Nobody Believes Me, But...  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Del Garrett’s Gimme the Creeps Award  
Honorable Mention – Much Ado About ...  
Honorable Mention – A Twist in the Story
- Alyssa Darby** – 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Love Your Neighbor
- Del Garrett** - 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Cozy, Seasoned Romance  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Trail Ride  
Honorable Mention – Motivation Monday  
Honorable Mention – Show Me Mystery
- Dr. Rebecca Foster** – Honorable Mention – Del Garrett’s Gimme the Creeps Award
- Patrick Gray** – Honorable Mention – Newby Award
- Shirley Howard** – Honorable Mention – Granny Prewitt Award
- John McPherson** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Del Garrett’s Gimme the Creeps Award  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Much Ado About  
Honorable Mention – The Tallest Tale  
Honorable Mention – A Walk in a Shoe’s Shoes
- Don Money** - 1<sup>st</sup> Place – The Day AI Took Over  
1<sup>st</sup> Place – A Twist in the Story  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – A Job Well Done  
Honorable Mention – Four For Fantasy
- Gary Rodgers** - 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Surprise Me!  
1<sup>st</sup> Place – Whodunnit? Award  
1<sup>st</sup> Place – Drabble Story  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – I Love the 70s  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Show Me Mystery  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Motivation Monday  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Granny Prewitt Award  
Honorable Mention – Four for Fantasy
- Peggy Sanders** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Four for Fantasy  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Nobody Believes Me, But ...  
Honorable Mention – A Walk in a Shoe’s Shoes
- Naomi Sechrest** – Honorable Mention – Love Your Neighbor
- Kimberly Vernon** - 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Motivation Monday  
1<sup>st</sup> Place – Show Me Mystery  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Drabble Story  
Honorable Mention – When I Was 17  
Honorable Mention – Gin Creek Poetry Award  
Honorable Mention – Cozy, Seasoned Romance
- Julia Zellner** – Honorable Mention – Del Garrett’s Gimme the Creeps Award  
Honorable Mention – Scrivenings Press Clean Fiction Award  
Honorable Mention – Granny Prewitt Award

Next Meeting: Sept. 16, 6:30 p.m.

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