

THE REPORT

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Staying On Top of Your Writing Goals During the Summer Slump



Contrary to popular belief, while many agents may close down their inboxes during the summer months, the industry as a whole does not “shut down,” and neither should you. There are still plenty of things to do to stretch one’s writing and submission muscles during the summer months, aside from—of course—writing.

Online contests are super popular these days, and

there are plenty of them that happen all year round, including now. Such contests are perfect for trying out your query letter or pitch. And if nothing comes of the contest itself, the networking opportunities are too good to pass up. Plenty of people have met critique partners and BETA readers during such events.

Another way to beat the Summer Slump is to take a moment to lay out your goals for the next few months. The changing seasons have an affect on peoples’ mindset and lives. You feel more energetic, or you’re tired of sitting around—did plenty of that during the winter—so you wanna go, go, go! Channel that energy. Set daily word count goals, or weekly ones. “Page count” goals work for anyone editing instead of drafting.

Set a deadline to finish this draft, or complete edits on that story by Independence day. Set a date for when you have to choose the story you’re going to work on next from the dozens of

ideas you’ve got scrawled in journals. Whatever you decide, make those goals public, it’ll add another level of accountability.

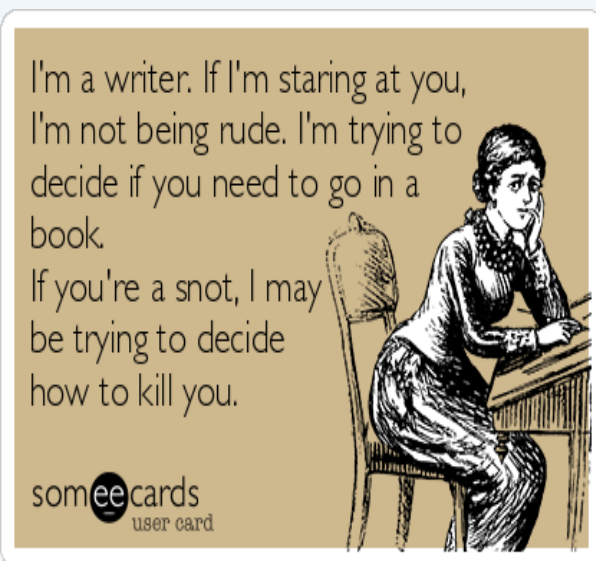
And while you’re at it, be sure to schedule in time for fun and rest. Chances are a lot of writers spent the early months of this year editing the story they started during NaNoWriMo last year. Burn out is a serious thing so don’t forget to take a break. It’s okay not to think about writing every single second of every single day. Go to cookouts, take long walks, sit on the porch with a glass of ice-cold lemonade and *finally* finish that book.

Yeah, you know the one I’m talking about.

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Made You Smile



Passing the Gavel: A letter from President Dawn Allen



Greetings! For those of you who don't know me, I'm a writer, college professor and President of OWFI for 2014-2015. It's been an incredible experience working with the OWFI Board this year, and I wanted to say a HUGE thank you to them for their hard work in preparation for the annual conference and contest. Without these volun-

teers, OWFI could not provide the writing conference each May.

OWFI 2014 is behind us and plans are under way for 2015. Rest assured that your input on the surveys is being applied to those plans. Many considerations drive the choices made each year and often these are complex. We cannot meet the individual desires of each person as much as we'd like to. What we are doing is striving to be good stewards of your investment in Oklahoma Writers' Federation. This means working with vendors who are trustworthy and provide in full faith what we need.

OWFI is here to serve writers. As such we all play an important part in making this happen. We

must continue to pay it forward as individuals and an organization. Volunteering is encouraged every year. Please, consider your role and what you can bring to the team.

As we move forward, if you have questions or concerns please ask. The website will provide the appropriate people based on your question.

Our keynote speaker for 2015, Les Edgerton, will lead what we expect to be a dynamic team of professionals. I encourage you to pick up [Hooked](#), his book on craft. You will not regret it.

In the meantime, keep writing!

Dawn Allen

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New Faces: The OWFI Board for 2015



There are a few new faces joining the Board for the upcoming year. For those eager to put a face to a name here we go! In order from left to right, then including those esteemed members not pictured above:

- Jim Martin** - 2nd Vice President
- [Vivian Zabel](#) - Grant Director
- [Dawn Allen](#) - President

- [Natasha Hanova](#) - Conference Chair
- [Jennifer McMurray](#) - Publicity Director
- [Leatrice McKinney](#) - Webmistress & Newsletter Editor
- Christine Jarmola** - Past President
- Tony LoPresti** - 1st Vice President
- [Wayne Harris-Wyrick](#) - Parliamentarian
- [Julia Mozingo](#) - Secretary
- Barbara McMinn** - Treasurer



Conference Highlights

The attendants had a lot to say about the conference this year, shining a light on things done well, and bringing to light a few tweaks that could be made for future events. Some of the favorites were the costume contest, the pitch sessions, and—of course—our amazing speakers. Here are a few things you all had to say!

Good job! Thanks.

Loved, loved, loved the costume contest. Writers are most assuredly imaginative people. Hope we make it an annual event.

Love this hotel. The staff is remarkable.

Eloisa James was so down to earth and practical. Enjoyed her keynote speech!

Could use longer time slots for some.

Jerry Simmons was outstanding.

I liked the subjects (content) was wonderful. The speakers were the best.

More session time if possible.

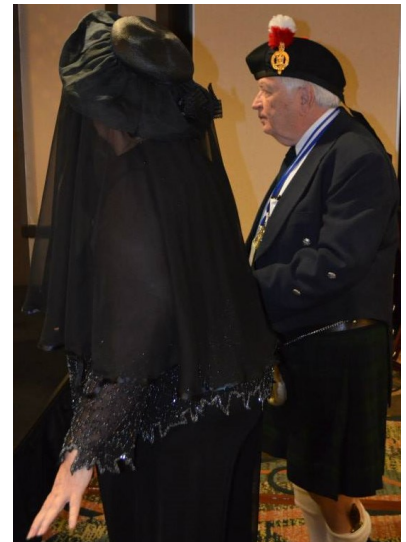
Thank you, thank you, THANK YOU!



“WRITERS ARE MOST ASSUREDLY IMAGINATIVE PEOPLE. “

Costume Contest!

One of the more popular events this year at OWFI was the costume contest! As one attendant put it, “writers are most assuredly imaginative people,” and it was great to see a lot of that imagination come to life in the costumes. Here are a few of the characters that came out to play.



Affiliate News - Bartlesville WordWeavers

Acceptances and Sales

JENNIFER MCMURRAIN: NOVEL: "Return to Quail Crossings," accepted for publication by LilyBear House (9/14)

Novels & New Books

VICTORIA

BURKS: NOVEL: Forbidden Garden, WestBow Press (4/14)

C.L. COLLAR: SHORT STORY: Into the Light, LilyBear House (5/14).

HEATHER DAVIS: HUMOR NON-FICTION: TMI Mom: Crazy on Board, Buzz Books USA (5/14).

JENNIFER MCMURRAIN: SHORT STORY: The Looking Glass, LilyBear House (5/14).

Contest Winnings

ANN CLEARY: Bartlesville Friends of the Library Creative Writing Contest: GRAND PRIZE, "A Journey and Japan", and NONFICTION: 1st Place, "A Journey and Japan".

HEATHER DAVIS: Bartlesville Friends of the Library Creative Writing Contest, CHILDREN'S LITERATURE: 1st Place, "Just Jane".

JENNIFER MCMURRAIN: Amazon Break-through Novel Awards, ROMANCE: 3rd Round Finalist, "Winter Song". Bartlesville Friends of the Library Creative Writing Contest, NONFICTION: 2nd Place, "The Toughest Choice".

CINDY MOLDER: Bartlesville Friends of the Library Creative Writing Contest, FICTION: 1st Place, "Bewildered Beloved".

BARBARA SHOFF: Bartlesville Friends of the Library Creative Writing Contest, POETRY: 1st Place, "A Writer's Insomina".

Professional Activities

Pepper Hume had a live reading of her play, "Snap On" on May 13, 2014.

Club News

The WordWeavers of Bartlesville meet the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm at the

Bartlesville Public Library. With the OWFI Board this year, and I wanted to say a HUGE thank you to them for their hard work in preparation for the annual conference and contest. Without these volunteers, OWFI could not provide the writing conference each May.

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Affiliate News - Pen and Keyboard Writers

Honors and Awards

VIVIAN ZABEL: OWFI Lifetime Member Award

JIM MARTIN: 2nd VP of OWFI

VIVIAN ZABEL: Children's picture book, I Like Pink, published by 4V Publishers. Earned the Children's Literary Classics Seal of Approval. Also placed 2nd in the children's category at the Northwest Texas Book Festival in Denton, Texas for her book I Like Pink..

EVA MAHONEY: Honorable Mention for her Feature Column entry at OWFI

VIVIAN ZABEL: Presented with third place trophy at the DHS Conference on Aging in Norman for her poem "Tapestry". She was privileged to read her poem aloud and was presented with their 2014 anthology containing her winning poem

VIVIAN ZABEL: Grant Director of OWFI

JIM MARTIN 1st place winner of the Best Costume at the First Annual Costume competition at the OWFI Conference with his portrayal of Robert Burns, author.

Professional Activities

VIVIAN ZABEL will lead a workshop on Writing Children's Books at the Lexicon Writer's Conference July 11-13 in Denton, Texas.

JACQUE GRAHAM, SHIRL YANCY, JIM MARTIN, AND EVA MAHONEY attended OWFI Convention.

Club News

Pen and Keyboard Writers have begun a series of programs on Writing and Marketing. Speakers have been JOHN BIGGS speaking on "Writing Short materials" and WAYNE HARRIS-WYRICK, published children's book author and Director of the Oklahoma Science Museum, who spoke on "Writing Children's Books".

PEN and KEYBOARD Short Story Writers Competition winners.

COLLEGE COMPETITION

First Place DIANE WADE, "Fiction and Reality", Southern Nazarene University.

Second Place MORGAN SORRELL, "Write of Shame", UCO

Third Place KELLYN EADDY, "Unbroken Promises", UCO



Affiliate News - Pen and Keyboard Writers continued...

Hon. Mention **MADISON COSELLI**, "New Hope", UCO

HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITION

First Place **CANDACE OSTERHOUT**, "Insuffafus", Crossings Christian School

Second Place **ETHAN SMITH**, "The Sinister", Edmond Memorial High School

Third Place **JENNA HAPTON**, "Antique", Edmond Memorial High School

Hon. Mention **AUBRIE VISOR**, "Safe in Mind", Edmond Memorial High School

Affiliate News - Ada Writers

Novels and New Books

ADA WRITERS newest anthology, "Creations 2014," released.

DON PERRY, YA novel, "Little Texas on the Pecos," released.

GAIL HENDERSON, poetry and photography, "Bare," written with photographer Michael Duncan, released.

TOM YARBROUGH, inspirational, "Treasures of the Kingdom: A Conversational Confessional" released.

Professional Activities

ADA WRITERS hosted songwriter and musician Doug Matlock for a mini-concert and discussion of song writing.

ADA WRITERS hosted Eric Collier, Director of Therapy Services at Mercy Hospital Ada, who gave a program on "Ergonomics and Exercises for the Writer."

ADA WRITERS had a book signing at the Ada Public Library.

ADA WRITERS will have their Summer Authors & Book Celebration in July at Karen's Art & Framing, downtown Ada.

STEPHEN B. BAGLEY gave a presentation on the book "Write. Publish. Repeat." and the associated podcast "The Self-Publishing Podcast" at Ada Writers, as well as shared a new redesign of his blog and the Ada Writers website..

GAIL HENDERSON gave a presentation on "Using Poetic Techniques to Enhance Your Writing" at Ada Writers.

KEN LEWIS won first place in his division of the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon.

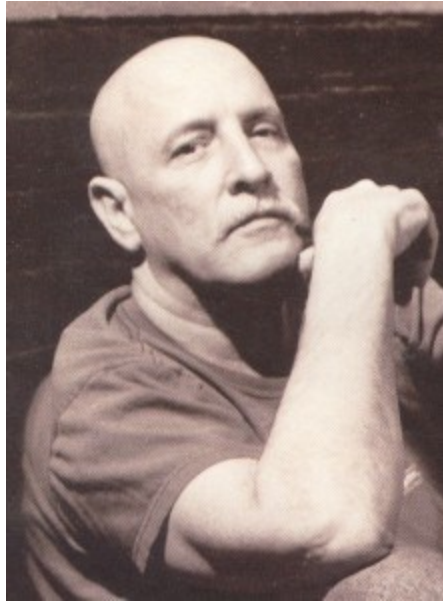
JEN NIPPS reported on the OWFI 2014 Conference at Ada Writers, had three articles published in the Progress Edition of the Ada Evening News, and will be teaching two summer classes for East Central University Continuing Education.

DON PERRY had an article published in the Ada Evening News.

TOM YARBROUGH had a book signing at Hot Shots Coffee House in Ada, Oklahoma and had an article published in the Ada Evening News.



A Sneak Peak at our 2015 Keynote Speaker: Les Edgerton



“IF LIFE HANDS YOU
LEMONS... MAKE
LEMONADE. THEN...
TRY TO FIND
SOMEONE TO
WHOM LIFE HAS
HANDS VODKA...”
— LES EDGERTON

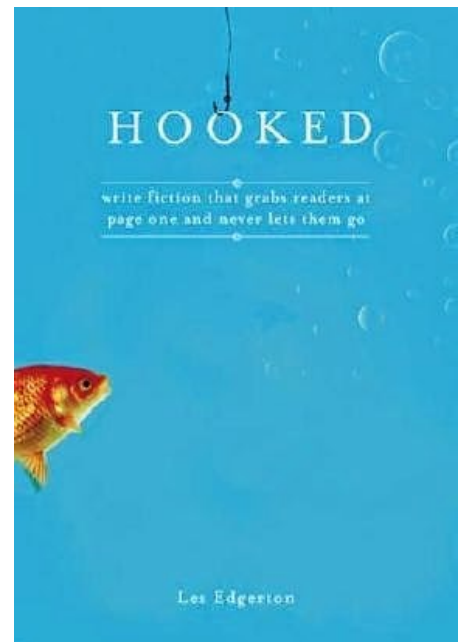
Les Edgerton is the author of eight books, including the story collection, *Monday’s Meal* and the writer’s how-to, *Finding Your Voice.*, and *Hooked: Write Fiction That Grabs Readers at Page One and Never Lets Them Go.*

Les was born in Odessa, Texas, and grew up in a variety of places, mostly in Freeport, Texas and in and around South Bend, Indiana. Until he was in his forties, Les never lived more than two-three years in one place. He’s settled down now, having lived in Ft. Wayne, IN for the past 20 years with his wife Mary and son Mike. He has two daughters—Britney Robinson who recently married Ray Robinson, and Sienna, married to Jason Cox. Sienna and Jason have given him his first grandchild, the ornery and cute-as-hell Logan.

He’s had a fairly colorful life. After serving four years in the Navy, Les went on a bit of a wild streak, ending when he was sentenced to a 2-5 year sentence in Pendleton Reformatory for second-degree burglary. After being paroled, he went to school at Indiana University at South Bend, where, four years after getting out of prison he was elected Student Body President, was the sports editor of the campus newspaper, and head of the Student Athletic Association which began the school’s first basketball team.

After that, he went on another years-long odyssey during which he (not in any particular order) sold and used drugs, worked for an escort service in New Orleans servicing older, wealthy women, sold life insurance, worked as a headhunter for a firm specializing in recruiting executives for firms dealing with electronic warfare, was a sports reporter, an award-winning hairstylist (cutting hair wasn’t his dream in the third grade—he learned the trade in Pendleton) who won 16 state hairstyling championships and co-hosted a Cox Cable television show with wedding gown designer Paul Cimino on fashion in New Orleans (his first three books were on the hairstyling business and are still enjoying healthy sales), was homeless and living on the floor of a garage and eating out of a Big Boy’s dumpster in Costa Mesa, California, made a television commercial and acted in a forgettable indie movie, went through several of his five marriages, collected white chips at A.A. meetings... and began writing seriously. Did some other stuff, some legit and some not.

Today, he’s all respectable and such, and you can invite him into your home and when he leaves you don’t have to worry about counting the silverware...





Contest Results

Mainstream Novel

1ST PLACE: "Life for a Life" by Jennifer

Adolph, Tulsa

NightWriters

2ND PLACE: "Woods

Beyond the Christmas

Sleigh" by Eric Reitan,

Member at Large

3RD PLACE: "Tin Door

Café" by Erin Cochran,

Member at Large

1ST HM: "Man Disposal"

by Donna Welch Jones,

Tulsa NightWriters

Romance

1st Place: "Texas Hearts"

by Susan Shay, Tulsa

NightWriters

2nd Place: "Waking From

the Dead" by Connie

Blaylock, Green Country

Ruff Rriters

3rd Place: "The Dark

Side of the Moon" by

Dixi Maxwell, Tulsa

NightWriters

1st HM: "Ghost of a

Chance" by Linda Zook,

Writers of the Purple

Sage

Historical Novel

1st Place: "Forsaken" by

Patrick McCully,

Member at Large

2nd Place: "Return to

Quail Crossing" by J

ennifer McMurray,

Bartlesville

Wordweavers

3rd Place: "Elizabeth's

Prodigal" by Margery

Kisby Warder,

Bartlesville

Wordweavers

1st HM: "Last Train to

Honobbie Flats" by Jim

Miser, Tulsa

NightWriters

Mystery/Suspense

Novel

1ST PLACE: "Paid in

Blood" by Jennifer

Adolph, Tulsa

NightWriters

2ND PLACE:

"Catastrophic

Connections" by Joyce

Brown, Member at Large

3RD PLACE: "Murder

Once Again" by Barbara

McMinn, Arkansas

Ridge Writers

1st HM: "Tattoo of Evil"

by Erin Cochran,

Member at Large

Western Novel

1ST PLACE: "Judas

Steer" by Tammy

Hinton, McAlester's

McSherry Writers

2ND PLACE:

"Crossroads" by Dee

Dee Chumley, The I

nklings

3RD PLACE: "Red Moon

on the Washita" by Car-

olyn Leonard, Oklahoma

City Writers, Inc.

1st HM: "Lighting in the

Grass" by Jim Miser,

Tulsa NightWriters

SciFi/Fantasy/Horror

Novel

1ST PLACE: "Unexpected

Eden" by Rhenna Morgan,

Tulsa NightWriters

2ND PLACE: "Magic

Popsicle Sticks" by John T.

Biggs, Oklahoma City

Writers, Inc.

3RD PLACE: "The Ancient"

by Sharon Burris, Member

at Large

1ST HM: "Dream House"

by Jerry Goodnight,

Member at Large

2ND HM: "Children of

Light" by Laura Popp,

Tulsa NightWriters

Nonfiction Book

HONORABLE MEN-

TION: "Face Forward" by

Arlene Gale, Member at

Large

PICTURE BOOK

1ST PLACE: "Just Jane" by

Heather Davis, Bartlesville-

Wordweavers

2ND PLACE: "Bon

Appetite" by Brenda Maier,

Member at Large

3RD PLACE: "Clancy's

Tasty Treats" by Una Belle

Townsend, Member at

Large

1ST HM: "Whirlen and

Towerrock Mountain" by

Wayne Harris-

Wyrick, Oklahoma City

Writers

2ND HM: "The Daydream-

ing Tree" by Cynthia

Henzel, Member at Large

3RD HM: "Digging Up

Dinosaur Bones" by Rita

Durrett, Bartlesville

Wordweavers

MIDDLE GRADE

BOOK

1ST PLACE: "The Totally

Weird Substitute" by

Jeannie Hagy, Oklahoma

City Writers, Inc.

2ND PLACE: "The Under-

water Witness Protection

Program" by Renee

Roberts, Member at Large

3RD PLACE: "Fanditha"

by Cynthia Henzel,

Member at Large

1ST HM: "When the Sky

Falls, Duck" by Wayne

Harris-Wyrick, Oklahoma

City Writers, Inc.

YOUNG ADULT BOOK

1ST PLACE: "Damaged

Goods" by Jeannie Hagy,

Oklahoma City Writers,

Inc.

2ND PLACE: "Armadillo

Queen" by Eric Reitan,

Member at Large

3RD PLACE: "Declaration"

by Cynthia Henzel,

Member at Large

1ST HM: "Diary of a

Darfurian Chalk Girl" by

Dwayne Morris, Member

at Large

2ND HM: "The Runway"

by Christy Buckner,

Member at Large

Contest Results continued...

POETRY UNRHYMED SHORT

1ST PLACE: "Surviving the Great Depression" by Alice Collinsworth, Member at Large

2ND PLACE: "The Death of Our Class Comedian" by Naomi Tomlinson PAWS: Professional & Amateur Writers' Society

3RD PLACE: "The Jazzman" by Victoria Hermes-Bond, Kansas Writers Association

1ST HM: "The Hands of the Dying" by Christine Nichols, Member at Large

2ND HM: "A Hundred Times a Day" by Wayne Harris-Wyrick, Oklahoma City Writers, Inc.

3RD HM: "Grass" by Una Belle Townsend, Member at Large

4TH HM: "Evening in Camp" by Jim Miser, Tulsa NightWriters

5TH HM: "Starlight" by Mary Ellen Main, Writers of the Purple Sage

POETRY UNRHYMED LONG

1ST PLACE: "Shangri-La" by Linda Reising, Member at Large

2ND PLACE: "Lilac Festival" by Eric Reitan, Member at Large

3RD PLACE: "Fruit for a Day" by Natash Tinsley, Oklahoma City Writers, Inc.

1ST HM: "Retiree at the Mall" by Jim Miser, Tulsa Nightwriters

2ND HM: "Our Common Voice" by Karen Kay Knauss Bailey, Member at Large

3RD HM: "Perilous Passage" by Neal Huffaker, Norman Galaxy of Writers

4TH HM: "Elvis in the Building" by Maria Veres, Oklahoma City Writers, Inc.

5TH HM: "Sleeping Beasts" by Sharon Burris, Member at Large

6TH HM: "Dance of Desire" by Ledia Runnels, Member at Large

POETRY RHYMED SHORT

1ST PLACE: "Unreformed" By Maria Veres, Oklahoma City Writers, Inc.

2ND PLACE: "Song of the Refugee" by Charlene Burrell, Member at Large

3RD PLACE: "Black Bear Creek" By Jennifer Lobaugh, Member at Large

1ST HM: "Wall Flowers" by Eric Reitan, Member at Large

2ND HM: "The Pretty One" by Linda Reising, Member at Large

POETRY RHYMED LONG

1ST PLACE: "On the Tower's Ledge" by Theresa Hupp, Kansas City

Writers Group

2ND PLACE: "Fight" by Sharon Burris, Member at Large

3RD PLACE: "Contentment" by Naomi Tomlinson, PAWS:

Professional and Amateur Writers Society

1ST HM: "Fortress" by Megan Cox, Member at Large

2ND HM: "Aunt Jenny's Night Rides" by Sally Jadlow, Kansas City

Writers Group

3RD HM: "If It Doesn't Hurt, It Doesn't Work" by Inez Phillips, Oklahoma City Writers, Inc.

4TH HM: "I Know" by Lottie Wilds, Tulsa NightWriters

FLASH FICTION

1ST PLACE: "The Wrong House" By Sandra Parsons, Tulsa NightWriters

2ND PLACE: "The Elephant in the Room" by Jodi Thompson, Member at Large

3RD PLACE: "Going Home" by Julie Kimmel-Harbaugh, Tulsa

NightWriters

1ST HM: "Threading the Needle" by Eric Reitan, Member at Large

2ND HM: "Pink Glads" by Sue McMurphy, Writers of the Purple Sage

3RD HM: "The Witch" by Jim VanDemon, Member at Large

SHORT SHORT STORY

1ST PLACE: "Brad Beastslayer Gets a Tough Break" by Terry Mirll, Member at Large

2ND PLACE: "Click" by Carol Johnson, Tulsa

NightWriters

3RD PLACE: "Come Die With Me" by Donna Jones, Tulsa

NightWriters

1ST HM: "The Hollow Man" By Eric Reitan, Member at Large

2ND HM: "Tables Turned" by Victoria Hermes-Bond, Kansas

Writers Association

3RD HM: "Valediction" by Alice Collinsworth, Member at Large

4TH HM: "Crazy is as Crazy Does" by Teresa Kinney, Writers of the Woodlands

5TH HM: "Necessary Things" by M. Carolyn Steele, Tulsa

NightWriters

6TH HM: "Ju Fu, Paper Magic" by Ledia Runnels, Member at Large

SHORT STORY

1ST PLACE: "A Ticket Out" by Nancy Hartney,



Contest Results continued

Arkansas Ridge Writers
 2ND PLACE: "Dakota Stones and the Peridot Princess" by Jennifer McMurrain, Bartlesville Word Weavers
 3RD PLACE: "Midwife 1836" by M. Carolyn Steele, Tulsa NightWriters
 1ST HM: "The Rally" by Nequita Hanna, Tulsa NightWriters
 2ND HM: "The Kiss" by John T. Biggs, Oklahoma City Writers, Inc.
 3RD HM: "Frog Soup" by Shelly Pagach, Oklahoma City Writers, Inc.
 4TH HM: "The Widowing of Miss Mattie" by Nancy Lee, Member at Large
 5TH HM: "He Called Her Sally" by Peggy Chambers, Enid Writers Club
 6TH HM: "Bittersweet Lesson" by Sabrina Fish, Oklahoma City Writers, Inc.

JUVENIAL SHORT STORY

1ST PLACE: "Big Top Tent Revival" by Dwayne Morris, Member at Large
 2ND PLACE: "Tattletale" by Neal Huffaker, Norman Galaxy of Writers

3RD PLACE: "Manny at the Pow Wow" by Pepper Hume, Bartlesville Wordweavers
 1ST HM: "Snails with Ketchup" by Jennifer McMurrain, Bartlesville Wordweavers
 2ND HM: "Christmas Puppies" by Laura Popp, Tulsa NightWriters

YOUNG ADULT SHORT STORY

1ST PLACE: "A Mother's Day Gift" by Theresa Hupp, Kansas City Writers Group
 2ND PLACE: "The Astronaut" by Patrick McCully, Member at Large
 3RD PLACE: "Sophie's Solution" by Sally Jadlow, Kansas City Writers Group
 1ST HM: "The Night My Grandma Went Poof" by Sue McMurphy, Writers of the Purple Sage

SCIFI/FANTASY/HORROR STORY

1ST PLACE: "The Manuscript" by Peggy Chambers, Enid Writer's Club
 2ND PLACE: "Vegetarian" by Gloria Teague, Tulsa NightWriters
 3RD PLACE: "Aquarius"

by Michael Matthews, Member at Large
 1ST HM: "The Ninth Circle of Hell" by Olive Hallmark Abbott, Fort Worth Writers
 2ND HM: "Audition Notice" by Pepper Hume, Bartlesville Wordweavers

PROSE HUMOR

1ST PLACE: "Next Time Buy it From IKEA" by Terry Mirll, Member at Large
 2ND PLACE: "The Real Political Science" by David Burnham, Red Dirt Writers
 3RD PLACE: "Uncle Chicken" by Judith Sexton, Stillwater Writers Group
 1ST HM: "Fatherly Advice" by Vaughn Phelps, Member at Large
 2ND HM: "Frackin Hell" by Linda Marshall, Member at Large
 3RD HM: "Next Christmas" by Dwayne Morris, Member at Large
 4TH HM: "The Novice" by Judy Goodspeed, PAWS: Professional & Amateur Writer's Society

ESSAY

1ST PLACE: "Slumber Parties" by Eric Reitan, Member at Large
 2ND PLACE: "Just So: Continental Drift Invents the Cuddly Koala" by Terry Mirll, Member at Large
 3RD PLACE: "The Fight for

Relevance" by Nequita Hanna, Tulsa NightWriters
 1ST HM: "One Man's Art" by Martha Lea Bryant, The Inklings
 2ND HM: "We Aren't to Blame" by Erin Cochran, Member at Large
 3RD HM: "To Break or Not to Break" by Pepper Hume, Bartlesville Wordweavers
 4TH HM: "My Dad Set Me Free" by Paula Bengel, Enid Writers Club

PLAY/FILM/TV SCRIPT

1ST PLACE: "Tattoo" by Inez Phillips, Oklahoma City Writers, Inc.
 2ND PLACE: "Train Ride to Hope" by Michael Helderman & Shelley Richter, Oklahoma City Writers, Inc.
 3RD PLACE: "The Last Monsoon" by Franklin Ray Gaskin, Member at Large
 1ST HM: "The Fall and the Rise of King Archispectrum Hypotheticuc the 1st" by Datia Ben-Dor, Member at Large

TECHNICAL/HOW-TO

1ST PLACE: "Flub Your Way to a Fuss-Free Christmas" by Brandi Barnett, The Inklings
 2ND PLACE: "How to Get His Ex to Hate You" by

Contest Results continued...

Shel Harrington, The Inklings
 3RD PLACE: "Secrets From the Contest Queen" by Barbara Shepherd, Mid-Oklahoma Writers
 1ST HM: "Getting Your Lady Interested in Football: Advice From a Female Football Fan" by Sarah Lonelodge, Member at Large
 2ND HM: "If I Can Do It, So Can You! 5 Steps to a Stick-With-it Gym Experience" by Mary Ellen Main, Writers of the Purple Sage

FEATURE ARTICLE

1ST PLACE: "Ghost Hunter of the Great Plains" by Linda Marshall, Member at Large
 2ND PLACE: "Salvaging Moore" by Dwayne Morris, Member at Large
 3RD PLACE: "On the Path and Still Moving Forward" by Heather Davis, Bartlesville Wordweavers
 1ST HM: "Col. Bourland Commands Attention" by Barbara Shepherd, Mid-Oklahoma Writers

WESTERN ARTICLE

HONORABLE MENTION:
 "Hatchet Lady" by Carolyn Leonard, Oklahoma City Writers, Inc.

INSPIRATIONAL

1ST PLACE: "The Gift of Believing" by M. Carolyn Steele, Tulsa NightWriters
 2ND PLACE: "Masterpiece" by Martha Heady, Member at Large
 3RD PLACE: "Last Fire" by Margaret Hrencher, Member at Large
 1ST HM: "I Don't Want to Lose You" by Theresa Hupp, Kansas

City Writers Group
 2ND HM: "A Journey and Japan" by Ann Cleary, Bartlesville Wordweavers
 3RD HM: "The Tat" by Barbara J Shoff, Bartlesville Wordweavers

COLUMN

HM: "Life in the Fast Lane" by Eva Mahoney, Pen and Keyboard Writers

NOSTALGIA

1ST PLACE: "Being Thelma and Louise" by Nequita Hanna, Tulsa NightWriters
 2ND PLACE: "The Remarkable Five and Dime" by Olyve Hallmark Abbot, Fort Worth Writers
 3RD PLACE: "Starry, Starry Night" by Mary Ellen Main, Writers of the Purple Sage
 1ST HM: "Fingerprints on My Heart" by M. Carolyn Steele, Tulsa NightWriters
 2ND HM: "Trouble with Traps" by Cathy Collar, Bartlesville Wordweavers
 3RD HM: "The Fishing Trip" by Erin Cochran, Member at Large
 4th HM: "Grandma Claus" by Barbara McMinn, Arkansas Ridge Writers

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Oklahoma Night Before Christmas
 Carolyn Macy, Member at Large

PUBLISHED NONFICTION BOOK

TMI Mom Getting Lucky
 Heather Davis, Bartlesville Wordweavers

PUBLISHED POETRY BOOK

Squall
 Jennifer Lobaugh, Member at Large

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With summer nearly in full swing, many of us look back on this past spring with fond memory of this year's conference. We made new friends, were reunited with old ones, learned new techniques for honing our craft, and some of us braved the fearful waters of the Pitch Session.



From costumes to Buzz Sessions, a lot of people are still talking about their favorite memories. This year was a roaring success, and much of that is due in part to the amazing members of this organization. Affiliates, members at large, new blood and returning participants alike, the members of the board thank you. We hope you enjoyed yourselves, and that you'll join us again in 2015.



See You Next Time~!