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13th Annual Literary Competition - Short Fiction and Poetry

5th Annual Youth Literary Competition – Short Fiction and Poetry

Awards Announced

ROCK HILL, SC – The Arts Council of York County presented the awards for the 13th Annual Literary Competition and the 5th Annual Youth Literary Competition at a free, public reception and open mic at the Center for the Arts, 121 E. Main St., Rock Hill, SC on Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 6 PM.

The Annual Literary Competitions include two categories - short story and poetry. Authors were eligible to enter both the short story and the poetry competitions, and entries were eligible to win an award in each category. Independent jurors were: Totty Wilkerson, Beth Pierce, and Michelle Ramsey - members of the Perihelion Book Club, Earl Wilcox - retired, Winthrop University faculty - Assistant Professor Dustin M. Hoffman and Instructor of English Mary Martin, and Susan Ludvigson – retired Winthrop University faculty and published poet.

Winners of the 13th Annual Literary Competition – Poetry

**1st Place** – “Blue Panes” by Kimberly Simms, Marietta, SC

**2nd Place** – “Dream Sequence” by Joy Colter, Rock Hill, SC

**3rd Place** – “Chartreuse and Plum” by Bailey V. Oedewaldt, Rock Hill, SC

**Honorable Mention** – “Awash” by Joy Colter, Rock Hill, SC

**Honorable Mention** – “Changing of the Guard at Greenbriar” by Barbara Guidry, Rock Hill, SC

Winners of the 13th Annual Literary Competition – Short Story

**1st Place** – “Persistence of Borglum” by Bob Jolly, Rock Hill, SC

**2nd Place** – “The Russian Bear” by Charles Kaska, Heath Springs, SC

**3rd Place** – “Jacksonboro” by Benjamin D. Robertson, Clover, SC

**Honorable Mention –** “Spring in Charleston” by Jay Johnson, Rock Hill, SC

**Honorable Mention –** “Mango Tango” by Tiffany Cutrone, Rock Hill, SC

Winners of the 5th Annual Youth Literary Competition – Poetry

**1st Place** – “Summer” by Charlotte Pollack, Fort Mill, SC

**2nd Place** – “The Undersea Orchestra” by Mackenzie Bocholis, Fort Mill, SC

**3rd Place** – “Boulevard” by Rachel Stevens, Fort Mill, SC

**Honorable Mention** – “Rainy Revelations” by Charlotte Pollack, Fort Mill, SC

**Honorable Mention** – “Summer Vacation” by Carly Kennedy, Rock Hill, SC

Winners of the 5th Annual Youth Literary Competition – Short Story

**1st Place** – “Drive” by Grace Riginos, Rock Hill, SC

**2nd Place** – “Passed By” by Jaden Lemmonds, Fort Mill, SC

**3rd Place** – “We’re Goin’ Someplace Free” by Mallory Dover, Clover, Sc

**Honorable Mention** – “Bricks and Mortar” by Rachel Stevens, Fort Mill, SC

**Honorable Mention** – “Second Grade Worries” by Chloe Powell, Rock Hill, SC

Honorable Mention – “Colors” by Jaden Lemmonds, Fort Mill, SC

Prizes and awards for the 13th Annual Literary Competition and the 5th Annual Youth Literary Competition were underwritten by the Perihelion Club. The Perihelion Club, as a member of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs, began in 1898 as a literary and social club in Rock Hill. Over the years, club members, individually and as a club, have supported literacy in the community in a variety of ways - by conducting story hour at elementary schools, purchasing books for school libraries and funding a scholarship at Winthrop University. Today its members continue to share their love of literature with each other and to eagerly support literacy efforts in the community by raising funds at an auction held annually at its December meeting. The Perihelion Club is very proud to encourage writers of short stories and poetry by funding prizes for this competition.

The Arts Council is headquartered in downtown Rock Hill, a state-recognized cultural district. For more information on Arts Council events, contact the Arts Council of York County at 803-328-2787, by email at arts@yorkcountyarts.org, or visit our webpage at http://www.yorkcountyarts.org.

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