

2009

# Green River Writers Writing Contest

Deadline:  
August  
**31**  
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## Green River Writers Writers Helping Writers

*Green River Writers, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization founded in Kentucky in 1984 to support writers through education, promotion and fellowship.*

*Now in its twenty-first year, Green River Writers continues to encourage poets and writers by offering workshops, retreats, monthly critique sessions, and a tri-annual newsletter.*

*For information regarding membership and upcoming events, contact:*

*Green River Writers, Inc.  
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or call (502) 245-4902*

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## Green River Writers Membership

Become a member with your contest entry and pay the member rates! Members receive 3 newsletters, contest rate breaks, and the opportunity to submit news of your successes, personal and professional. Members are the first to receive any new information about GRW events and retreats.

**Annual Membership: \$25.00**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not currently a GRW member, send in this form and GRW membership fee with your contest entries to qualify for membership rates.

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## Contest Guidelines and Rules

1. All work must be original, typewritten on 8 x 11 white paper. Poetry may be single-spaced; all other genres must be double-spaced.
2. Submit two copies of each entry.
3. Number and title of category must appear in upper left corner of first page of each entry. DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON ENTRIES.
4. On a cover sheet your name, address, email and/or phone number followed by a list of category numbers, category names and titles of entries.

### Example:

Number/Category	Title
#2 Green River Grande	Alabama
#6 Clear Creek Special	My Love is a Glass

5. No submission may be entered in more than one category.
6. No more than three submissions per category.
7. No work will be published or returned; keep copies.
8. Winners will be posted on the GRW website ([www.greenriverwriters.org](http://www.greenriverwriters.org)).
9. Entry fees:
  - Grand prize categories - \$10 each entry for non-members; \$8 each entry for GRW members
  - All other adult categories - \$5 each entry for non-members; \$3 each entry for GRW members
10. Make check or money order payable to **Green River Writers, Inc.** Mail fee and entries to:

Terri Alekzander  
Contest Chair  
142 Nansen Street  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45216

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11. Winners will be announced by September 15, 2009

## Fiction & Poetry Categories, sponsored by individual writers and writing groups

**\$5 each entry non-members; \$3 members**

- #4 Green River Lean - Fiction**  
Short short fiction or flash fiction to 250 words, must have all elements of story. Make every word count.  
Prizes: 1st: \$50, 2nd: \$30, 3rd: \$20  
Sponsor: Marj Bixler
- #5 Green River Tales Prize - Fiction**  
Short stories to 8000 words, any subject.  
Prizes - 1st: \$100, 2nd: \$50, 3rd: \$25  
Sponsor: Tim Dawe
- #6 Clear Creek Special - Poetry**  
Any form, any length, any subject matter.  
Prizes: 1st: \$100, 2nd: \$75, 3rd: \$50  
Sponsor: Clear Creek Writers
- #7 "Best in Show" - Poetry**  
Show your stuff. Pick your best poem and submit; open to all subjects. One year GRW membership to first place winner in addition to prize money.  
Prizes: 1st: \$100, 2nd: \$60, 3rd: \$40  
Sponsor: Alan MacKellar
- #8 Hespeler Memorial Award - Poetry**  
Any style or form, up to 32 lines including spaces, anything on Human Relationship with Nature.  
Prizes: 1st: \$20, 2nd: \$10, 3rd: \$5  
Sponsor: Becky Alexander
- #9 Hub City Prize - Poetry**  
Sonnet, any standard form, (must be 14 lines, iambic pentameter), any subject.  
Prizes: 1st: \$35, 2nd: \$20, 3rd: \$10  
Sponsor: Ruth Falk Redel
- #10 Jim O'Dell Memorial - Poetry**  
One limerick, standard form (5 lines), limerick, wild and absurd.  
Prizes: 1st: \$30, 2nd: \$20, 3rd: \$10  
Sponsor: Mary O'Dell
- #11 On the Other Side of the Glass - Poetry**  
A poem that originated as a result of looking through a window. Any length; any form,  
Prizes - 1st \$20, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$5  
Sponsor: Barb McMakin
- #12 A Breath of Merton - Poetry**  
Thomas Merton said "How I pray is breathe." We are looking for poems that explore the human spirit, a word that means "breath." No poems about rainbows or angels. Be wary of the word "soul." Poems using rhyme and meter will be held to an exceptionally high standard.  
Prizes - 1st: \$30, 2nd: \$20, 3rd: \$10  
Sponsors: Judy Milford & Sherry Chandler
- #13 Poem for Myself—Poetry**  
Any form, any subject, any style. Up to 32 lines.  
Prizes - 1st: \$50, 2nd: \$35, 3rd: \$15  
Sponsor: Barroom Bards
- #14 "Poems Written After Midnight": The Deborah Madden Memorial—Poetry**  
Any form, any subject, any length  
Prizes - 1st: \$50, 2nd: \$35, 3rd: \$15  
Sponsor: anonymous
- #15 Tell it Slant - a monosyllabic challenge**  
Any subject. No line limit. Any format. Rhyming or non-rhyming BUT please no "greeting card" verse. Contractions are good (don't, won't, etc.) Hyphens— Not good. Don't split polysyllabic words like ad venture and count it as three words.  
**BLACK BEANS**  
taste best  
straight  
out of the can,  
lick it clean  
let the juice  
drip down  
your chin.  
Prizes - 1st: \$30, 2nd: \$20, 3rd: \$10  
Sponsor: Anna Lucas

The Green River Writers, Inc., contest for young writers (ages 18 and younger) will be held this fall. If interested in receiving information, send an email to: [contest@greenriverwriters.org](mailto:contest@greenriverwriters.org).

## Grand Prize Categories, sponsored by Green River Writers, Inc.

**\$10 each entry for non-members; \$8 each entry for GRW members**

- #1 President's Prize - Fiction**  
Short fiction to 2000 words.  
Prizes: 1st: \$175, 2nd: \$100, 3rd: \$50
- #2 Green River Grande - Poetry**  
Any subject, any form, to 50 lines.  
Prizes: 1st: \$175, 2nd: \$100, 3rd: \$50
- #3 Green River First Chapters - Novel**  
Submit plot synopsis of no more than 3 pages and complete first chapter.  
Prizes: 1st: \$175, 2nd: \$100, 3rd: \$50

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