

2010

# Green River Writers Writing Contest

Deadline:  
September  
**30**  
2010

Reduced entry fees

## 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.  
103 Logsdon Court  
Louisville, KY 40243  
or call (502) 245-4902*

## 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 their successes, personal and professional. Members are the first to receive any new information about GRW events and retreats.

**Annual Membership: \$25.00**

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

**GRW members:** \$3 each entry

**Non-members:** \$5 each entry

### #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

## Fiction & Poetry

### Categories, sponsored by individual writers and writing groups

**GRW members:** \$2 each entry  
or \$12 for unlimited entries

**Non-members:** \$3 each entry  
or \$18 for unlimited entries

### #3 Green River Lean—Fiction

Short short fiction or flash fiction to 1,000 words, must have all elements of story.

Make every word count.

Prizes - 1st: \$50, 2nd: \$30, 3rd: \$20

Sponsor: Marj Bixler

### #4 First Lines—Fiction

Short fiction or nonfiction to 2,000 words, must have all elements of story. Must begin with one of the following opening lines:

*"The sound of \_\_\_\_\_  
stopped him/her."* [Must use two words for the blanks. Gender is author's choice.]

*"In the end, it doesn't matter how old you are."*

Prizes - 1st: \$30, 2nd: \$20, 3rd: \$10

Sponsor: Terri Alekzander

### #5 The World's Your Oyster—Poetry

Poems with an international slant. Well crafted, any style, 40 lines maximum.

Prizes - 1st: \$30, 2nd: \$20, 3rd: \$10

Sponsor: Jean Tucker

### #6 Clear Creek Writers—Poetry

Any form, any length, any subject matter.

Prizes - 1st: \$50, 2nd: \$35, 3rd: \$25

Sponsor: Clear Creek Writers

### #7 Let the Thing Speak—Poetry

A poem that personifies an object, any length, any form.

Prizes - 1st: \$50, 2nd: \$35, 3rd: \$15

Sponsor: Barb McMakin

## 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	Toast of the Village
#6 Let the Thing Speak	Mirrored Daylilies

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. Names of winners will be posted on the GRW website ([www.greenriverwriters.org](http://www.greenriverwriters.org)). Winning entries are not published, so all rights remain with the author.
9. Entry fees:
  - Grand prize categories - \$3 each entry for GRW members; \$5 each entry for non-members
  - All other categories - \$2 each entry or \$12 maximum for GRW members; \$3 each entry or \$18 maximum for non-members.
10. Make check or money order payable to **Green River Writers, Inc.** Mail fee and entries to:  
  
Anna Lucas  
Contest Co-Chair  
309 Elm Street  
Madison, IN 47250
11. Winners will be announced by November 30, 2010.

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### #8 Bill Thomas Memorial Award— Poetry/Short Story

Six Word Poem/Short Story (e.g., Hemingway's: For Sale. Baby Shoes. Never Worn.)

Prizes - 1st: \$40, 2nd: \$25, 3rd: \$15

Sponsor: Barb McMakin

### #9 Hub City Prize—Poetry

Sonnet, any standard form (must be 14 lines, iambic pentameter), any subject.

Prizes - 1st: \$30, 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 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 & Mark Brown

### #12 Poem for Myself—Poetry

Any form, any subject, any style. Up to 32 lines.

Prizes - 1st: \$50, 2nd: \$35, 3rd: \$15

Sponsor: Barroom Bards

### #13 "Poems Written After Midnight": The Deborah Madden Memorial—Poetry

Any form, any subject, any length.

Prizes - 1st: \$25, 2nd: \$15, 3rd: \$10

Sponsor: Delori Hawkins & Linda Frisa

### #14 Persona Poem—Poetry

Free verse, no rhyme, 50 line max.

Prizes - 1st: \$30, 2nd: \$20, 3rd: \$10

Sponsor: Sheri Wright & Michele Shoemaker

### #15 Black Holes & Time Warps—Poetry

Any form, but no rhyme. 40 line limit.

Prizes - 1st: \$25, 2nd: \$15, 3rd: \$10

Sponsor: Christine Strevinsky

### #16 Short Attention Span—Poetry

20 lines or less, free verse, any subject

Prizes - 1st: \$35, 2nd: \$25, 3rd: \$15

Sponsor: Anna Lucas

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