

THE BIENNIAL LITERARY AWARD 2015 RESULTS

This Australia wide award attracted a larger response than in 2013 by a thirty percent increase in entries, with the award winning writers scattered throughout various states. Judges Emilie Collyer (Poetry) and Dr. Molly Travers (Short Story and Article) attended the meeting on 25 September to read their reports and present prizes and certificates. Both judges commented on the overall high quality of the writing but there was also mention of poor punctuation detracting from otherwise good work. Four SWWV members were among those who received awards, Janice Williams, Mary Jones, Judith Green and Razmi Wahab.

SHORT STORY:

1st Prize Tamara Lazaroff for 'The Menkas' (Qld)

2nd Prize Janice Williams for 'Ammonia Plains' (SWWV)

Special Mentions:

Jean Thornton for 'Capote Goes to Market' (Vic) ; Edith Speers for 'Mrs. Nunn and the Blue Mask' (Tas); Mary Jones for 'Double Take' (SWWV); Erin Courtney Kelly for 'Sunny Girl' (Vic); Janet Upcher for 'Three Voices' (Tas); Cheryl Williss for 'Dorothy's Glycine' (SA).

POETRY:

1st Prize Jan Price for 'Teaspoon Full' (Vic)

2nd Prize Edith Speers for 'Gutshot' (Tas)

Special Mentions:

Kim Westwood for 'Dusk in the Park' (ACT); S.G.Weinreich for 'Eighteen Minutes Before He Died' (Vic); S.G. Weinreich for 'Here and Now' (Vic); Judith A. Green for 'In the Shade of the River Gums' (SWWV)

ARTICLE:

1ST Prize Edith Speers for 'Downshift' (Tas)

2nd Prize Anne Scott for 'Mass Production' (Tas)

Special Mentions:

Mary Jones for 'The Right Direction' (SWWV); Rosemary Stride for 'Scars' (Qld);
Razmi Wahab for 'The Garden Within Us' (SWWV)

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