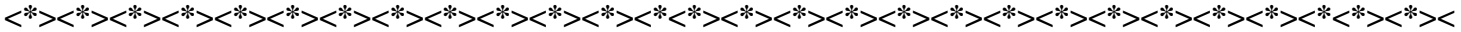




# SPARE MULE

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## CHAPTER REPORTS

Poets and Friends: In spite of the cool weather in April our Poetry in the Park session was fun and successful. We had some new faces there and some from others chapters and that's always fun. With the last half of the year coming at us we will be concentrating upon getting our poetry contests in high gear, preparing for elections stabilizing our meeting place which has been in a bit of flux this year.

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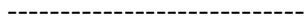
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Springfield Writers' Guild Poetry/Prose** contest deadline September 30. Awards \$100 and below. Eleven categories. Fees \$2 and \$3. Email Lee Ann Russell at [lar1111@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lar1111@sbcglobal.net) for guidelines or SASE to 1004 N. Rogers, Springfield, MO 65802. See flier below.



## SENIOR POETS LAUREATE

Winners in the 1st round of competition in the 2012 Senior Poets Laureate Poetry Competition for American poets age 50 and older are now online at [www.amykitchenerfdn.org](http://www.amykitchenerfdn.org). Thanks to the fine Missouri poets who entered and won.  
Wanda Sue Parrott and Al Baker



## SPARE MULE ISSUES

The Spare Mule currently has issues in January, April, August, and October. There is a proposal to be discussed at the state meeting to expand the issues to all 12 months. Chapters should discuss this among themselves and send representatives to the state meeting ready to share your thoughts. --Editor



## KUDOS FOR:

**KUDOS FOR LEE ANN RUSSELL** from: **Missouri Writers' Guild Contest**

**1st place** in President's Best Poem category for "Last Call"

**1st place** in Form Poem category for "Bridges and Doors"

**2nd HM** in Free Verse Poem category for "Bonniebrook"

And from the **ARKANSAS WRITERS' CONFERENCE**

**2nd place** in Lucille Longstreth Memorial Award for poem, "Divorce Pending"

And from the Poets Roundtable of Arkansas June Contest –

**3rd place** for "Anthology"



**KUDOS FOR MARIE ASNER**, Overland Park, Kansas who will have a poem in the latest Religion and the Arts text book by Dr. Michael Bauer, University of Kansas, Eerdman Press.

**Marie will also** have a poem included in the November 2012 anthology by Whispering Prairie Press, and a poem and short story in the Dixon Hearne anthology due in November 2012 by Boomer Press.



**CONVENTION:**

**MSPS CONVENTION**  
**September 28-29, 2012**  
**Lebanon-Laclede County Library**  
**915 S. Jefferson Ave., Lebanon, MO 65536**

**FRIDAY**

- 6:00 p.m. Registration**
- 7 p.m. Welcome by MSPS President Missi Rasmussen**
- Reading and comments by Thom Satterly**
- Break and book signing by Thom Satterly**
- Door prizes and read-around**

**SATURDAY**

- 8:00 a.m. Board Meeting**
- 9:30 a.m. Welcome by MSPS Vice President Dawn Harmon**
- Workshop by Thom Satterly**
- Break**
- Local Talent**
- Door prizes and read-around**
- Lunch, MSPS Secretary MJ Becco presiding**
- MSPS Vice President Dawn Harmon announces Summer Contest winners**
- Honorary Lifetime Member presentation**
- Welcome by MSPS Treasurer Bill Lower**
- Business Matters report**
- Workshop by Carla Kirchner**
- Door prizes and read-around**
- 4:15 p.m. Adjournment**

Friday Evening Session, Saturday Session, and Lunch with vegetarian option-----	\$20.00
Friday Evening Session, Saturday Session without Lunch-----	\$8.00
Friday Evening Session -----	\$4.00
Saturday Session -----	\$4.00
Saturday Session with Lunc-----	\$16.00

**Lunch reservation DEADLINE----- September 14**

**Mail check payable to Lebanon Poets' Society and mail to  
Velvet Fackeldey, PO Box 1667, Lebanon, MO 65536**

**Lebanon Motels**

<b>Super 8 1831 W. Elm 417-588-2574</b>	<b>Double or Single-----</b>	<b>\$62 + tax</b>
<b>Best Western 1225 Millcreek Rd. 417-532-6171</b>	<b>same rates as Super 8</b>	
<b>America's Best 1830 W. Elm 417-532-3133</b>	<b>Queen-----</b>	<b>\$54.32 w/tax</b>
	<b>King-----</b>	<b>\$57.06 w/tax</b>
	<b>Double-----</b>	<b>\$60.35 w/ tax</b>

**Several other motels are available in the area.**



## POEMS

### PROFESSOR PARROTT'S PSYCHOLOGY 101

I stuck my finger up my !!\*?\*!!  
then could not pull it out.  
And that is why I sing this song.  
You've heard it: *Twist and Shout*.

*Wanda Sue Parrott  
Monterey, CA*

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**Haiku on the English Language**

**"drinking straws"**  
I need straws that abstain  
from drinking.

**"Change the world!"**  
Then give me a shovel,  
better yet a crane.

**"Live in my shoes, and..."**  
I need a house much bigger  
than your shoes.

**"a bad check"**  
The check should learn to  
behave itself.

**"She cut her leg"**  
Only a brave soul like her  
can chop off one's leg.

**"He's Vice President"**  
I always thought he was  
a man of virtue.

**"President's party"**  
If it is his party, why  
are the rest here?

**"Stand fast!"**  
All right, I'll stop standing  
slowly.

**"running water"**  
The water isn't running,  
it doesn't even walk

**"apartment complex"**  
The property looks simple,  
not complex

**"We have clear skies."**  
Are there multiple skies?  
I see only one.

**"Monday rolls around"**  
It is another Monday,  
and it doesn't roll.  
By John J. Han  
On the Edge

Growing haiku

**sleeping underground  
seeds slowly wake and break out  
reaching for the sky.**

**butterflies in flight  
unexpected hope returns  
nectar brings them home.**

**flowers tempt the bees  
destiny of life fulfilled  
cycle back to seed.**

**heaven's fluid falls  
to nurture waiting seedlings  
sun smiles at rainbow.**  
by Frieda Risvold



# 2012

## Springfield Writers' Guild

### 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Literary Awards

[www.springfieldwritersguild.org](http://www.springfieldwritersguild.org)

#### JIM STONE GRAND PRIZE MEMORIAL AWARDS

#1 Poetry	Any subject, any form	Limit: 1 page, single spaced
#2 Fiction	Any subject	Limit: 1,000 words, double spaced
#3 Non-Fiction	Any subject	Limit: 1,000 words, double spaced

**Awards: 1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$100, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$50, 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$25, one Honorable Mention, plus Certificates  
(Fee: \$3.00 per entry)**

**NOTE: 1<sup>st</sup> place winners in 2011 may not enter the same category in 2012.**

**There is no limit to the number of entries as long as the \$3.00 fee is paid for each submission.**

**Only one award will be given per person in the same category in the Jim Stone Division.**

#### PROSE

**Limit: 1,000 words, double spaced**

#### POETRY

**Limit: 1 page, single spaced**

#4 Fiction, <b>any genre</b>	# 8 Any Specific Form, <b>any subject</b>
#5 Non-Fiction, <b>any subject</b>	# 9 Humorous, <b>any form</b>
#6 Humorous	#10 Free Verse, <b>any subject</b>
#7 SWG Members Only: <b>any genre, any subject</b>	#11 Shakespearean Sonnet, <b>any subject</b>

**Awards: 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$25, 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$15, 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$10, one Honorable Mention, plus Certificates  
(Fee: \$2.00 per entry)**

**NOTE: There is no limit to the number of entries as long as the \$2.00 fee is paid for each submission.**

**It IS possible to win more than one award per person in the same category in these Prose and Poetry Divisions.**

#### ENTRY GUIDELINES

1. All entries must be the original, unpublished (including hard copy and on-line) work of the contestant. Do not enter the same prose or poetry in more than one category.
2. All manuscripts must be typed on 8 1/2 x11" paper in standard manuscript form. Prose must be double spaced and poetry single spaced. All entries must have a title (except haiku, which is always untitled).
3. Place the category number and name, prose word count or poetry form in the upper left corner of each entry. Number prose pages.
4. **DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THE ENTRY.** Include one typed cover sheet with your name, address, phone number and email address, and list ALL entries by category number, name, title and first line.
5. Keep all originals; no copies will be returned. No entries will be published.
6. Winners will be announced and awards given at the October 27, 2012, regular SWG meeting or mailed to those unable to attend.

7. **DEADLINE:** All entries must be postmarked no later than September 30, 2012. SWG is not responsible for late, lost, misdirected or postage-due entries.
8. For a list of winners, include a SASE with your entry. The list will also be posted on the SWG website.
9. Any entry that does not follow these guidelines will be disqualified without reimbursement.
10. Make check or money order payable to Springfield Writers' Guild. Mail contest fees and entries to:

**SWG Contest**  
**Lee Ann Russell**  
**1004 N. Rogers**  
**Springfield, MO 65802-3517**

**Questions? email: [lar1111@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lar1111@sbcglobal.net)**  
**(subject: contest)**  
**or phone: 417 866-0638**

**Earth cry's**

The seven mile stretch quivers  
 as the snow flakes fall wet  
 Soon winter's ice shivers  
 Just before the ice sickles set

I feel the trembling at my feet  
 the earth cry's its ugly roar  
 Are buildings shiver to her beat  
 glass shatters inside the store's

Are valley's split as it rips'  
 The rivers turns' around  
 As you embrace, the day the earth grips'  
 We try to stand a gentle ground

Are life runs parallel to a small sum  
 It is how the earth's circle turns  
 From the dust we come

**To the ground are village's return**

**Falling high from the stars**  
**Remembering only time will tell**  
**Sleeping in the meadows once was ours**  
**but unlike doves in late season, are city's fell**  
**Gilbert Thebeau**

**(A PASTORAL POEM)**

**The sheep that share these hills with me**  
**Share not the wonders that I see**  
**The stars and moonlight touch these hills**  
**Like mother's love so deep and still**

**The glow caresses fields and trees**  
**And brings this shepherd to his knees**  
**While huddled lambs shake in the night**  
**In fear of things that could or might.**  
**Don DePriest, P&F**

**SUMMER HEAT WAVE DREAMS**  
**YA'LL KEEP COOL NOW, YE HEAR**

