

**Writers Unlimited-MPS South Branch  
44<sup>th</sup> Annual Literary Competition  
2015 Winners List**

Category 1 - Writers Unlimited Award (Judge: Jeanne Kelly)

First Place: Philip Levin, Biloxi, MS *The Letter*  
Second Place: James O'Loughlin, Columbus, MS *The Killing Room*  
Third Place: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX *Bird of a Different Feather*  
HM1: Sheila Grieco, Ocean Springs, MS *Feeling Stalked*

Category 2 – Chevron Products Award (Judge: Betty Malone)

First Place: Robert H. Robeson, Lincoln, NE *Dying for a Story*  
Second Place: Beth Staas, LeGrange Park, IL, *The Black Widow*  
Third Place: Sheila Grieco, Ocean Springs, MS *The Proposal*  
HM1: James O'Loughlin, Columbus, MS *The Birthday Dance*  
HM2: Judy Davies, Gautier, MS *Raising Twins*  
HM3: Philip Levin, Biloxi, MS *Polaroids*

Category 3 – Coastal Insurance Award (Judge: Bonnie Kidd)

First Place: Philip Levin, Biloxi, MS *The Old Biloxian*  
Second Place: Judy Davies, Gautier, MS *Measure of Patience*  
Third Place: James O'Loughlin, Columbus, MS *Salt Water*  
HM1: Mark Hudson, Evanston, IL *Conquerors of the Coast*

Category 4 – Gulf Coast Authors Award (Judge: Philip Levin)

First Place: Robert H. Robeson, Lincoln, NE *Dreams, Danger and Duty*  
Second Place: Jeanne S. Kelly, Madison, MS *Grandma's Advice*  
Third Place: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX *The Day I Fluttered Around the Stoplight*  
HM1: Hollis Davis, Trophy Club, TX *An Attitude about Farming*  
HM2: Elaine McDermott, Gulfport, MS *Once Upon a Streetcar*  
HM3: Mary Wiygul, Columbus, MS *Knee Deep*

Category 5 – Jarvis Award (Judge: Helen Jarvis)

First Place: Judy Davies, Gautier, MS *Change of Attitude*  
Second Place: Brenda Finnegan, Ocean Springs, MS *Reflections on Hurricane Katrina*  
Third Place: Philip Levin, Biloxi, MS *My Best Seller*  
HM1: Mark Hudson, Evanston, IL *The Star Spangled Bandana*  
HM2: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX *Shifting Fears*

Category 6 – Burnham Drugs Award (Judge: Ann Carolyn Cates)

First Place: Elaine McDermott, Gulfport, MS *Grady Outgrows Jasper County*  
Second Place: Janice Canerdy, Potts Camp, MS *Ode to Porches*  
Third Place: Judy Davies, Gautier, MS *Autumn*  
HM1: Brenda Finnegan, Ocean Springs, MS *On Emerald Mound*  
HM2: Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR *All those deliberate actions*  
HM3: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX *In the hamlet of Yuriage*

Category 7 – Poetic Images/Imagist Poems (Judge: Dr. Will Watson)

First Place Individual: Sheila Grieco, Ocean Springs, MS *Okeechobee Road*

Runner Up Individual: Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR *Summer leftover*

HM1: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX *When Insects Dart Around the Porch Light*

HM2: Von S. Bourland, Happy, TX *Summer*

First Place Series: Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR *Summer leftover, In the fall, and Winter print*

Runner Up Series: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX *When Insects Dart Around the Porch Light, Anticipation, Mimicry, Widowed, and Every Summer*

Category 8 – Mississippi Poetry Society South Branch Award (Judge: Ann Carolyn Cates)

First Place: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX *Gene and Roy Had It Easy*

Second Place: Brenda Finnegan, Ocean Springs, MS *Christmas Villanelle*

Third Place: Judy Davies, Gautier, MS *Morning Coffee*

Category 9 – Kathy McCall Memorial Award (Judge: Elaine McDermott)

First Place: Brenda Finnegan, Ocean Springs, MS *The Tin Star*

Second Place: Jeanne Kelly, Madison, MS *Apology to Mary Lee Lewis*

Third Place: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX *Brushed with Spring*

HM1: Janice Canerdy, Potts Camp, MS *The Garden*

Category 10 – Ruby L. Dennis Memorial Award (Judge: Patricia Butkovich)

First Place: Judy Davies, Gautier, MS *Song of Spring*

Second Place: Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR *Searching for what matters*

Third Place: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX *No Muse Is Good Muse*

HM1: Dorothy Rogers, Lucedale, MS *Change*

Category 11 – Davies Tote Bag Award (Judge: Judy Davies)

First Place: Philip Levin, Biloxi, MS *Life's Tote Bag*

Second Place: Brenda Finnegan, Ocean Springs, MS *Carry These, My Child*

Third Place: Dr. Emory D. Jones, Iuka, MS *If I Could Change the World*

HM1: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX *I Would Carry Irises*

Category 12 – Winklebleck's Choice Award (Judge: Barbara Blanks)

First Place: Brenda Finnegan, Ocean Springs, MS *Zombies Are Here!*

Second Place: Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR *When to wait*

Third Place: Von S. Bourland, Happy, TX *Red Roses Summer-Fermented to Wine*

Category 13 – Limerick Award (Judge: Joan Crow)

First Place: Janice Canerdy, Potts Camp, MS *Why Did I Do That Research?*

Second Place: Judy Davies, Gautier, MS *Rose*

Third Place: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX *Witch Way*

HM1: Dr. Emory D. Jones, Iuka, MS *The Poet*

HM2: Von S. Bourland, Happy, TX *Dying Happy*

HM3: James O'Loughlin, Columbus, MS *The Sot*

Category 14 – Dane Turner Memorial Award (Judge: Sheila Grieco)

First Place: Judy Davies, Gautier, MS *Cat-egorically Speaking*

Second Place: Janice Canerdy, Potts Camp, MS *October 31*

Third Place: Brenda Finnegan, Ocean Springs, MS *Bombay Speaks*  
HM1: Mark Hudson, Evanston, IL *The Black Cat on the Roof*  
HM2: Dr. Emory D. Jones, Iuka, MS *The Cat's Meow*  
HM3: Philip Levin, Biloxi, MS *Meeting the Family*

Category 15 – Garbin Award (Judge: Faith Garbin)

First Place: Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX *Smoking Guns*  
This category had only one winner.

**Writer's Unlimited Youth Awards**

Category 1 – Youth Awards – Grades 1-3 - Prose (Judge: Judy Davies)

First Place: Cody Burns, Iuka Elementary School *My Dogs and Me*  
No other entries

Category 2 – Youth Awards – Grades 1-3 - Poetry – No entries

Category 3 – Youth Awards – Grades 4-5 - Poetry – No entries

Category 4 – Youth Awards – Grades 6-12 Poetry (Judge: Barbara Moss)

First Place: Patrick Watts, Resurrection Catholic School *Ole Oak Trees*  
Second Place: Caydn Perez, Resurrection Catholic School *Morning in the Woods*  
Third Place: Emma Landry, Resurrection Catholic School *Autumn Days*  
HM1: Paul Frye, Resurrection Catholic School *Out on the Sea*  
HM2: Megan Rose Campbell, Resurrection Catholic School *Fall*  
HM3: Patrick Larsen, Resurrection Catholic School *The Beautiful Okatoma River*

Category 5 – Youth Awards – College Undergraduate – Prose (Judge: Ken Meyer)

First Place: Ryan Wilshusen, Messiah College *Call*  
Second Place: Kaitlyn Miller, Northeast MS CC *Blood, Sweat, Freedom*  
Third Place: Tumarro Williams, Northeast MS CC *“Untitled” story on Patriotism*