



Missouri Writers' Guild 2025 Writers' Contest Winners



Walter Williams Award

- 1 Larry Wood - Murder & Mayhem in Northeast Oklahoma .
- 2 Terry Allen - Preserving the Past for the Present.
- 3 Jill Tremlett Large & Pen and Publish

Where the Light Gets In: Stories about the Transformative Power of One Action.

Show Me Your Best

- 1 Michelle Collins Anderson - The Flower Sisters.
- 2 Nancy Jo Allen, - Darkness and Light.

Best Short Story

- 1 Alice Landrum, - The Shelter.
 - 2 Fedora - Galhad's Bawdy Plans.
 - 3 Jeffrey Czuchna - Rodney.
- Honorable Mention - Billie Holladay Skelley - Storm Bird.

Best Fiction

- 1 Deborah Raney - Who Touches the Mountains.
- 2 Robb Grindstaff - Bones of Dead Man's Bluff.
- 3 Susan Victoria Becher & Pen and Publish - Penn & Ava.

Best Non-Fiction

- 1 Deborah Shouse - Letters from the Ungrateful Dead: A Grieving Mom's Surprising Correspondence with Her Deceased Adult Daughter.
 - 2 Tim Scherrer - The U.S. Military Hand Cart: World War One to Korea.
 - 3 o, Jeanne Pontello Szarwinski - Tears of a Blue Eyed Friulian.
- Honorable Mention, Joey Buran & Pen and Publish - Beyond the Dream.

Poetry

- 1 Billie Holladay Skelley - A Neutral Life.
 - 2 Terry Allen - Flying Squirrels Can't Really Fly.
 - 3 Marilyn Hope Lake, - Remembering.
- Honorable Mention Nancy Jo Allen - As Delicate as Paper.

Children's Work

- 1 Billie Holladay Skelley - The Haunted States of America: Knowing and Not Knowing

Best Magazine Article

- 1 Diana West - Red Hot Redheads.
- Billie Holladay Skelley, - Live Like the Violet.
Lynn Cassity - Decoration Day of My Childhood

Best Newspaper Article

- 1 Lonnie Whitaker - An Ozark Skeptic Journeys to a UFO Conference.
- E. Jane Rutter - Continuing the Spiritual Journey: Forgiveness Frees

