



2020 SHORT STORY CONTEST

We're pleased to announce our third annual short story competition for writers of **fiction** stories.

The rules governing the Contest 2020 are as follows:

Eligibility: The contest is open to members of the Space Coast Writers Guild **and** State of Florida residents 18 years old and above.

Submission Guidelines:

- Opens **MARCH 1, 2020**
- Entries must be received no later than **APRIL 27, 2020**
- The manuscript must be **2500 words** or less
- **The document must be Times New Roman 12, double spaced, with numbered pages and the title at the top of each page. Your name MUST NOT BE ON THE STORY MANUSCRIPT.**
- Send story as a **PDF file** in an **e-mail** attachment to cindyfoley123@gmail.com. Receipt and acceptability will be acknowledged. **Your name MUST NOT BE ON THE STORY MANUSCRIPT.**
- **In a separate attachment, e-mail** a cover page with your name, phone number, mailing address, and e mail address. Title of the story and word count should also be on the cover page. **None of this information should appear in the story pdf.** If it does, the story will be immediately disqualified.
- **Entry fees: SCWG members \$5.00; non members \$10.00** Must be sent by personal check, cashier's check, or money order made payable to Space Coast Writers Guild and mailed to Cindy Foley, 520 Heron Drive, Merritt Island, Fl. 32952. No entry will be accepted without receipt of required fee.
- Genre: general/literary fiction, romance, historical, mystery/suspense, horror, science based/alternative. No children's stories, explicit inappropriate language or erotica will be accepted.
- Limited to ONE (1) submission per person.
- All work must be original work of submitting author and cannot have been published anywhere (including but not limited to any SCWG anthologies or Scribblers of Brevard anthologies) prior to submission. Author retains copyright of submitted work.
- **All submissions are final. No changes or substitutions are allowed once your entry(s) is/are received.**

Judging

A team of readers will complete the first round of selections. Using a **5 point scoring matrix**, the entries will be judged on the following elements:

Structure, Organization, and Pacing
Spelling, Punctuation, and Grammar
Plot
Character Appeal and Development
Voice and Writing Style

Using the same elements the top 10 final selections will then be judged by a panel of four judges

Prizes

One First Place Winner will receive \$200.00

The Second Place Winner will receive \$150.00

The Third Place Winner will receive \$100.00

Two Winners will receive Honorable Mention and a Certificate of Award

Indemnity:

By participating in this Contest, you agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Sponsors, and their office bearers from any and all damages, injuries, claims, causes of action, or losses of any kind (including but not limited to lawyers' fees) arising from your participation in the Contest, your violation of any term of these Contest rules, your violation of any third party right, including without limitation any copyright, property, or privacy right; or any claim that your submission caused damage to a third party.

Force Majeure clause:

The Sponsors are not liable for failure to perform their obligations under these rules if such failure is as a result of Acts of God (including natural disasters), Acts of War, civil unrest, usurped power or confiscation, terrorist activities, prevention of statutes, or interruption or massive and sustained failure of electricity, internet, or telephone service.

Any extension/reduction of contest and/or the judging window will be at the sole discretion of the organizers, and will be notified by e mail and on the website if extended.

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE AUGUST 15TH, 2020 SPACE COAST WRITERS GUILD MEETING, 7900 GREENBORO DRIVE, W. MELBOURNE, FL.