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### ***Virginia Writers Club Announces Annual Writing Awards***

Richmond, Virginia – On Saturday, November 1 the Virginia Writers Club (VWC), Virginia's oldest standing organization for writers, announced the winners of its 2014 *Golden Nib Awards* at its annual meeting.

“Once again, I am proud to announce the names of the Golden Nib winners. The depth of talent in our organization never fails to surprise me,” said Betsy Ashton, president. “The hardest part of calling out the names is knowing that not everyone wins. I wish all our writers great success in getting their works published this coming year.”

The *Golden Nib Awards* were created to showcase Virginia writers in three genres: fiction, nonfiction, and poetry. There is no fee to enter the competition, but writers must be active members of VWC to participate.

The 2014 *Golden Nib Award* winners are:

FICTION: "Prairie Winds" by Ann M. Skelton (Chesapeake Bay Writers)

NONFICTION: "Once Again, Naked in Public" by Kimberly J. Dalferes (Valley Writers Chapter)

POETRY: "In Memoriam: Griffith Observatory, Los Angeles" by Sally Zakariya (Northern Virginia Chapter)

A complete list of winners is found on the announcements page on our website.

Additional awards were presented, including the recognition of Write by the Rails, Manassas, as VWC chapter of the year. Service awards were presented to June Forte, Cindy Brookshire, Darrell Fleming, and Gary Kessler.

The winning *Golden Nib Award* pieces will be included in the next VWC anthology, to be published early next year. This anthology will include all the winning entries for the *Golden Nib Awards*. You can read the 2013 anthology here:

<http://www.virginiawritersclub.org/Default.aspx?pageId=1858739>

The 2014 anthology will also feature the winners of the 2014 VWC *Summer Shorts* competition, a fun contest that limits its entries to 1,200 words or less in both fiction and non-fiction. Poetry entries are limited to thirty lines.

For additional information regarding the 2014 *Golden Nib Awards*, please contact your local VWC chapter - <http://www.virginiawritersclub.org/chapters>.

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