



# 14<sup>th</sup> Writing Competition

## Categories:

Fiction	3,000 Word Maximum (includes drama)	(Only 1 entry per person)
Non-Fiction	3,000 Word Maximum	(Only 1 entry per person)
Poetry	75 Line Maximum Per Poem	(Each person may enter 3 poems)

## Rules and Guidelines:

- Deadline for submission is **Thursday, October 12, 2023**
- Writers must be 18 years of age or older to enter.
- All work must be original and not previously published.
- Excerpts from longer works will be accepted.
- All works should be typed using Arial Font size 12. Double spaced.
- Awards will be presented in each category.
- Entries must be submitted via e-mail to [rtsrolla@gmail.com](mailto:rtsrolla@gmail.com)
- Each person may enter more than one category.
- There is an entry fee of \$10 per author/poet who are Arts Rolla members and \$20 per author/poet for non-members. Please submit the entry form and fee to the following location to be eligible for awards:

Arts Rolla  
PO Box 721  
Rolla, MO 65402-0721

## About our Judges:

Judging of submitted work will be done by the following:

### ▪ Poetry - Dr. Agnes Vojta– Published Poet

Agnes Vojta grew up in Germany and now lives in Rolla, Missouri where she teaches physics at Missouri S&T and hikes the Ozarks. She is the author of *Porous Land*, *The Eden of Perhaps*, and *A Coracle for Dreams* (Spartan Press). Most recently, she collaborated with eight other poets on the book *Wild Muse: Ozarks Nature Poetry* (Cornerpost Press, 2022.) Agnes is associate editor of *Thimble Literary Magazine* and host of the Poetry at the Pub reading series in Rolla. Her poems have appeared in a variety of magazines; you can read some of them on her website [agnesvojta.com](http://agnesvojta.com).

### ▪ Non-Fiction - Lenore Marken – Author

Lenore Marken has always loved reading books for the places they can take you, the information they share; and the personal transformation that can happen just from reading a book. Ms. Marken also loves to write and started writing poetry and short stories as a young adult. After graduating college, she started her career working for different agencies in the field of environmental planning. During her tenure as an environmental biologist, she wrote numerous technical reports for proposed land use projects that were reviewed by clients, permitting agencies and the public. After ending her career in environmental planning, Ms. Marken felt the creative tug and began writing more poetry and short stories. This led her to join a local writing group. As a member, she shared her writing for critiques, gained new insights and helped to edit other members work. In 2018 Ms. Marken compiled, co-edited and co-published a book with other members of the local writing group.

Ms. Marken continues to read and write, and while she enjoys reading and writing fiction, most of her bookshelves are filled with non-fiction.

### ▪ Fiction – Linda Goff - Published Author

L.A. Goff got her start as a journalist, writing a monthly magazine and weekly newspaper column. She has been interviewed by the Today Show, Prevention Magazine, Huffpost and appeared on the cover of Women's World magazine. Currently, she enjoys writing murder mysteries with her husband for their local equity theatre and teasing the crowd with clues along the way. Her short stories won awards with the St. Louis Writers Guild and Arts Rolla. Goff published a nonfiction book in 2013 with Siloam Publishing. *Freezing Reign*, a full-length dystopian novel, is her latest book and the first in a series.

**Reception and Awards Presentation:**

- Arts Rolla is pleased to invite the public to a reception, which includes a reading of the works by regional writers participating in the Arts Rolla 14<sup>th</sup> Writing Competition.
- Writings will be shared **Saturday, October 21<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7 pm**
- The readings will be divided by category.
  - at:** Christ Episcopal Church.  
Fellowship Hall  
1000 N. Main St.  
Rolla, MO 65401
- Awards for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each category, as well as an emerging writer award, will be presented for the works selected for recognition. All awards have been donated for this event.

**Support and Sponsorship:**

Arts Rolla greatly appreciates the support of, the Missouri Arts Council, and the members of Arts Rolla.



Financial assistance for this project has been provided by the  
 “[Missouri Arts Council, a state agency](#)”.

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**WRITING COMPETITION ENTRY FORM**

Name	Age:		<input type="checkbox"/> Make check payable To ARTS ROLLA Or to pay by Debit or Credit card please call Arts Rolla at 573-364-5539  Return this form Along with your Entry Fee to: Arts Rolla Writing Competition PO BOX 721 Rolla, MO 65402-0721
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**Poetry**

Welcome

Works receiving recognition will be announced and read by poet.

All poets attending the reception will be invited to read one of their poems.

If time permits, poets may share additional poems that were submitted for this competition.

Networking and opportunity to sell published works.

**Fiction**

Welcome

Works receiving recognition will be announced and a portion read by the author.

All authors attending this reception will be encouraged to share a portion of one of the works they have submitted for this writing competition.

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**Non-Fiction**

Welcome

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All authors attending this reception will be encouraged to share a portion of one of the works they have submitted for this writing competition.

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