



New Hampshire Writers' Project

The 2009 New Hampshire Literary Awards

To celebrate the rich and varied literary talent in the Granite State, the New Hampshire Writers' Project will present the ninth annual New Hampshire Literary Awards at Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester on November 14, 2009. Nominations are encouraged and welcome from everyone, including writers, publishers, organizations, and the general public. Self-nominations are also welcome. NHWP is proud to recognize achievement in writing with six different awards.

2009 New Hampshire Literary Award Categories

Award for OUTSTANDING CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

Awarded to a writer for a book of children's literature. This may be a picture book, chapter book, or book of young adult fiction or nonfiction.

Award for OUTSTANDING BOOK OF FICTION

Awarded to a writer for a book of fiction. This may be a novel or a collection of short stories and may be mainstream or may focus on a particular genre, such as mystery or science fiction.

THE DONALD M. MURRAY OUTSTANDING JOURNALISM AWARD

Awarded to a writer for a collection of articles, essays, or columns. Work may be published in newspapers or magazines, in print or online, and may include investigative journalism, news stories, feature stories, creative nonfiction, biography, travel, and other nonfiction subjects. Nominees should submit three to five pieces. This award is given in honor of Donald M. Murray, the Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist who died in December 2006. A \$500 cash prize is part of this award.

THE JANE KENYON AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING BOOK OF POETRY

Awarded to a poet for an outstanding book or chapbook of poetry. This award is given in honor of Jane Kenyon, the New Hampshire poet laureate who died in April 1995. A \$500 cash prize is part of this award.

Award for OUTSTANDING BOOK OF NONFICTION

Awarded to a New Hampshire writer for a book of nonfiction. This may be creative nonfiction, biography, memoir, historical nonfiction, or books that focus on travel, education, and other nonfiction subjects.

★ Award for LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

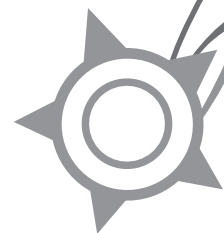
This award will be given to a major figure in New Hampshire whose contributions to the literary landscape and writing community are deemed to be particularly outstanding. Past recipients have included Theodore Weesner, Tomie dePaola, and Ruth Doan MacDougall.

All awards, except Lifetime Achievement, are given to one author in each category for an outstanding book (or collection of articles for the Journalism Award) written by a New Hampshire resident or native or that deals with subject matter deemed by the judges to be inherently connected to New Hampshire. All works must have been first published between July 1, 2007, and June 30, 2009.

Celebrate writing in the Granite State!

Nominate a work or writer for the New Hampshire Literary Awards! Deadline is July 10th, 2009.

www.nhwritersproject.org



Eligibility and the Judging Process

To be eligible for an award, nominees must (1) live in New Hampshire or (2) be a New Hampshire native or (3) deal with subject matter that is deemed by the judges to be inherently connected to New Hampshire.

Nominations will be accepted only for work first published between July 1, 2007, and June 30, 2009. Self-published works will be considered. Second and revised editions are ineligible. Books nominated must be published (printed, not photocopied) with at least 200 copies in print.

All nominations, except for the Lifetime Achievement Award, must include four copies of the book or work nominated. In some cases, publishers may provide a nominator with the copies of the book or work for all categories, but it is the responsibility of the nominator to obtain four copies before submitting the nomination form to NHWP. Books and

published articles will not be returned. It is not necessary to submit books or other published work with Lifetime Achievement nominations; however, if published work is submitted for this award, only one copy is needed.

All nominators (including those who nominate themselves) will remain anonymous to the judges.

Except for the Lifetime Achievement Award, winners will be chosen based only on the work submitted for the award, not on career achievements, past awards, or prior publications. An individual may be nominated in more than one category. NHWP reserves the right not to give out an award in a particular category or categories if the judges deem this decision appropriate.

A public announcement of the award recipients will be made prior to the awards

ceremony in November. All nominees will receive a letter announcing the award winners.

Nominations for each category will be judged by a panel of three independent judges, except for the Lifetime Achievement Award, which will be selected by the New Hampshire Writers' Project Board of Trustees.

Judges are accomplished writers or publishers of the genre they are reviewing, and judges will be selected to insure objectivity and fairness. Immediate past winners of an award are ineligible to serve as judges. Also ineligible to either serve as judges or be considered as nominees are members of the NHWP staff and independent contactors who work with NHWP. Members of the NHWP Board of Trustees will serve as judges for the Lifetime Achievement Award but are ineligible to serve as judges for other categories or to be considered as nominees in any category.

Submission Requirements

Please submit the following:

- a completed nomination form;
- four copies of the book or published articles (see special guidelines for Journalism and Lifetime Achievement below);
- a \$35 nomination fee (payable to NHWP) to cover administrative costs;
- a brief statement indicating if the nominee is (a) a resident of New Hampshire, (b) a native of New Hampshire, or (c) the author of a work inherently connected to New Hampshire.

For the Donald M. Murray Outstanding Journalism Award: Please collate copies of articles, essays, or columns into four identical packets and fasten each with a binder clip (no staples, please). Identify the title of each piece, date of publication, and name of publisher.

For Lifetime Achievement: Please list the title(s) of the work submitted and corresponding publication date(s) on the nomination form. Resumes and publication credits are also welcome. Please note that

you need to include only one copy of any published material submitted for this nomination. Fasten non-book supporting material together with a binder clip (no staples, please). Also, please take up to two double-spaced pages to summarize the contributions and accomplishments that make the nominee uniquely deserving of an award for Lifetime Achievement.

The 2009 New Hampshire Literary Awards Nomination Form

This nomination is for (please check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Children's Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Book of Nonfiction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Book of Fiction | <input type="checkbox"/> The Jane Kenyon Award for Outstanding Book of Poetry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Donald M. Murray Outstanding Journalism Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Achievement |

Name of Nominator

Name of Nominee

Address

Title of Nominated Work (if applicable)

City State Zip

Publication Date(s) and Publisher(s) (if applicable)

Phone (Home) (Work)

Address

E-mail

City State Zip

Please mail this form with payment to:

New Hampshire Writers' Project
2500 North River Road
Manchester, NH 03106

Phone (Home) (Work)

E-mail

**Each submission must include a \$35 administrative fee payable to NHWP.
All nominations must be postmarked by July 10, 2009.**