

**2017 SAN MATEO COUNTY FAIR
LITERARY CONTEST WINNERS**

**2017 LITERARY EXHIBITOR OF THE YEAR
James Alex Veech**

Div. 313 Carry the Light Book Cover Art Contest

1st Place: *Girl with Firefly*, Heather Theroff

2nd Place: *Bird of Paradise*, Donald Shernock

Div. 325-01 Persuasive Essay

HM: *Craven Media, Detached Public: We Have Met the Enemy and He Is Us*,
Mimi Vaillancourt

Div. 325-02 Literary Essay

1st Place: *The People Next Door Step Up*, Michelle Carter

2nd Place: *Selenium's Sacrifice*, Robert Dubrow

3rd Place: *Moscow's Only Smoke Detector*, Michelle Carter

HM: *It's Old Women Who Run Russia*, Michelle Carter

**ESSAY BEST OF SHOW
The People Next Door Step Up
Michelle Carter**

Div. 326-01 Personal Memoir

1st Place: *The View from Erroll's House*, Mary Beth O'Connor

2nd Place: *A Distant Memory*, Sheena Arora

3rd Place: *Kindergarten Slammer*, Linda Fredericks

HM: *Out for a Spin*, Marjorie Johnson

HM: *Between Takes*, Sue Barizon

HM: *Sold on a Small Town Saturday*, Ellaraine Lockie

Div. 326-02 Lifestyle Memoir

1st Place: *Get in Their Heads*, Robert Dubrow

2nd Place: *The Whole Truth*, Evie Groch

3rd Place: *Matchbox Dreams*, Karen Hartley

MEMOIR BEST OF SHOW
The View from Erroll's House
Mary Beth O'Connor

Div. 327 Best Blog

1st Place: *Journey of One Drop of Water*, Cherilyn Jose
3rd Place: *No More Political News*, Sheena Arora
HM: *Little Free Library*, Eva Barrows

Div. 328-02 Audiobook Contest

1st Place: *Super Holly Hansson in: The Intellecta-Rhapsody!*, David Strom
3rd Place: *Tell My Dad*, Ram Muthiah

Div. 329-01 Digital Recorded Lyric Songwriting Contest: American/Folk/County

2nd Place: *Back Where I Belong*, Jim Duncan

Div. 329-03 Digital Recorded Lyric Songwriting Contest: Singer/Songwriter/Indie

HM: *Lazarus*, Sam Kauffman

Div. 330 – Publisher's Choice Novel Chapter Contest

1st Place: *All Nuts Are Not Created Equal*, Jean Morrow
HM: *Facing the Music*, Shannon Brown
HM: *The Short Arm of Chromosome 4*, Carol Peyser

Div 331 – Genre Novelist First Chapter Contest

1st Place: *Voices in the Night*, David Wolf
2nd Place: *Monsoon Nights*, Seana Graham
3rd Place: *The Meeting*, Jac A. Fitzenz
HM: *Focus on Death*, Donna Harper

Div 332 – Heroes Arise Heroic Deed Contest

1st Place: *Justice Matters*, Ron Vergona

Div. 333-01 Short Story, General Fiction

1st Place: *Old River Road*, Kimberly Schultz
2nd Place: *Heirloom*, Angela Yang
3rd Place: *Crow Secrets*, Megan Clancy

Div. 333-02 Short Story, General Fiction, Senior

1st Place: *Scaffolding Over Invisible Odds*, Luanne Oleas

2nd Place: *The Boy Who Hung the Moon*, Luanne Oleas

3rd Place: *Empowered*, Lisa Johnson

HM: *Ticket to Freedom*, Carolyn Donnell

HM: *The Cold Breakfast*, Linda Marie Pillay

HM: *Flight*, Thomas Kirkpatrick

Div. 333-04 Short Story, Science Fiction/Fantasy, Senior

1st Place: *EVA*, Doug Baird

2nd Place: *It's a Fake!* Carolyn Donnell

3rd Place: *Cal "The Intellectual" Critbert in: The Lutefisk Door!* David Strom

HM: *Biometrical Psychology 101*, Evie Groch

Div. 333-05 Short Story, Mystery/Thriller

1st Place: *The Last Chapter*, Kimberly Schultz

2nd Place: *The Darkness Within Humanity*, Kassandra Cooney

3rd Place: *A Late Night Visit*, Megan Clancy

Div. 333-06 Short Story, Mystery/Thriller, Senior

1st Place: *Night School*, Penelope Anne Cole

2nd Place: *Gaylyn*, Evie Groch

HM: *Stopped*, Lisa Johnson

Div. 333-08 Western/Historical, Senior

HM: *Margie Goes West*, Lisa Johnson

Div. 333-09 Humorous

HM: *The Birthday Committee*, Eva Barrows

Div. 333-10 Short Story, Humorous, Senior

1st Place: *The Yipka Follies*, Thomas Kirkpatrick

2nd Place: *Visiting Nirvana*, Valerie Stoller

3rd Place: *Billy's Belly*, James Alex Veech

HM: *The Boarding Pass*, Evie Groch

SHORT STORY BEST OF SHOW

Scaffolding Over Invisible Odds

Luanne Oleas

Div. 334-01 Poetry, Free Form Poem, Exhibitor 54 Years Old or Younger

2nd Place: *Candles*, Taylor Martin

3rd Place: *My Dear Hanuman*, Sheena Arora

HM: *Sun Snake*, Taylor Martin

Div. 334-02 Poetry, Free Form Poem, Senior

1st Place: *Almaz Ayana, in the Style of Billy Collins*, James Alex Veech

2nd Place: *The Smile*, Jo Carpignano

3rd Place: *Can We See the Light*, Karen Franzenburg

HM: *Once More Before I Go*, James Alex Veech

HM: *Recital: Three Dancing Fuchsias*, Karen Hartley

Div. 334-03 Poetry, Structured Poem, Exhibitor 54 Years Old or Younger

1st Place: *The Earth Reflects the Sky*, Heather Theroff

Div. 334-04 Poetry, Structured Poem, Senior

1st Place: *Coming Home in a Haibun*, Ellaraine Lockie

2nd Place: *Water*, Kathy Boyd

3rd Place: *Global Warming*, Ida J. Lowenstein

HM: *Limerick Challenge*, Kathy Boyd

HM: *Wisdom's Cost*, Stanley Gedzelman

POETRY BEST OF SHOW

Almaz Ayana, in the Style of Billy Collins

James Alex Veech

Div. 335 SF Peninsula Writers Club Writer of the Year Short Story

1st Place: *The Marksmen*, James Alex Veech

Div. 336 – The Immigrant Experience

2nd Place: *Giuseppe and the Earthquake*, Jo Carpignano