

**23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Lonesome Pine Short Story Contest**  
**Sponsored by Lonesome Pine Arts and Crafts, Inc.**  
**Big Stone Gap, Virginia**

**CONTEST RULES**

- Stories will be accepted in three categories:

	<u><b>Adult</b></u>	<u><b>High School</b></u> (Grades 9-12)	<u><b>Middle School</b></u> (Grades 5-8)
<b>First Place</b>	\$100	\$35	\$25
<b>Second Place</b>	\$50	\$25	\$15
<b>Third Place</b>	\$25	\$15	\$10

- Only one (1) short story submission per author is allowed. (Authors may submit one entry in the short story contest AND one entry in the poetry contest. If you wish to enter both contests, your entries **may** be submitted together in one envelope, but they must be clearly marked.)
- Maximum length: 1,700 words. Submissions must be **typed** and bound with paper clips (**NO STAPLES!**). Entries must be submitted on 8½ x 11 paper. Entries should be written in an easily legible typeface (such as Times New Roman, Arial, etc.). Please avoid elaborate or cursive typefaces. Font size should be at least 12 point and no larger than 14 point.
- **Deadline for submission: 4:30 p.m., February 26, 2010.** Submissions must be **in the MECC Foundation office** (Dalton Cantrell Hall; Room 218 or 219) by the deadline. Late submissions will not be considered.
- Winners will be invited to accept their awards at the John Fox, Jr. Festival on March 25, 2010 at 10 a.m. in the Goodloe Center located in Phillips/Taylor on the Mountain Empire Community College campus.
- A **typed cover page** must accompany the story. It should include:
  - Name (Your name should appear **ONLY** on the cover page and **NOT** on the story)
  - Complete Address
  - Daytime telephone number
  - Alternate telephone number (if available)
  - Title of the story (Should appear on cover page **AND** the first page of the story)
  - Number of words in the story
  - Contest Category (adult, high school, or middle school)
  - Name of school (if submitted in the high school or middle school category)
- **DO NOT** include any supplemental information with your entry (i.e. biographical data on the author, background information on the story, etc.). These items will **NOT** be read or considered by contest judges.
- **DO NOT** include your name anywhere on the entry, **except for the cover page**. Judging is anonymous, and all identifying information will be removed from the story prior to judging.
- Entries placing in the contest (first, second, third, or honorable mention) will be published on the Mountain Empire Community College website and in a booklet to be distributed to attendees at the John Fox Jr. Festival. By entering the contest, an author consents to these methods of publication.
- **Mail entries to:**  
**Lonesome Pine Short Story Contest**  
**Attn: Tina Willis**  
**Mountain Empire Community College Foundation**  
**3441 Mountain Empire Road**  
**Big Stone Gap, Virginia 24219**