



## SHORT STORY CONTEST

### RULES

Contest is open to all amateur writers, defined as anyone who has not sold a work of fiction of any length to any professional publication before September 1, 2013, who are residents of the Phelps-Clifton Springs Central School District or the Manchester- Shortsville School District.

Entry must be no longer than 1,500 words and the original work of the person submitting it.

One entry per person.

Entries must be received by November 2, 2013.

Submissions may be mailed or dropped off at Explore! The Book Store, 18 East Main St., Clifton Springs, NY 14432, Clifton Springs Library, Red Jacket Library, or sent as an attachment to [anne.mancilla@gmail.com](mailto:anne.mancilla@gmail.com) .

### GUIDELINES:

1. Story must be submitted with the Entry Form which serves as a cover sheet for your story. It must contain your **STORY TITLE**, **NAME**, and **CONTACT INFORMATION** (including phone number, e-mail address, and mailing address). You can't win if we don't know who you are!
2. On each page of your story, include *only* the **PAGE NUMBER** and your **STORY TITLE**, *not* your name or other contact information.
3. Use plain white paper; typewritten/computer printed only on one side of the paper – no handwritten entries!
4. Double space your text. Use plain fonts, Courier or Times New Roman are preferred, 12 or 14 point type, plain black text, no colored inks.



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### ENTRY FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Story Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Age Division: \_\_\_\_\_

*I do hereby certify that the work of fiction submitted with this entry form is my own original work and that I am an amateur writer as defined in the rules of this contest.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

**ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 5, 2013**  
**Winners announced at The Festival of Lights, December 6<sup>nd</sup>**  
**at Explore! The Book Store**  
**18 East Main Street**  
**Clifton Springs, NY 14432**

**Any questions call or email Anne Mancilla; 315-521-0832**  
**[anne.mancilla@gmail.com](mailto:anne.mancilla@gmail.com)**

## JUDGING CRITERIA

<b><u>Plot</u></b> (hook, complications climax, satisfying resolution) and	5	4	3	2	1	
<b><u>Characterization Development</u></b>						
<b><u>Evokes emotion in reader</u></b> (e.g. chuckle, sadness)	5	4	3	2	1	
<b><u>Sensory Detail</u></b> (engages the imagination)						
<b><u>Theme</u></b> (what story says beyond plot e.g. courage/fear, loss/gain)	5	4	3	2	1	
<b><u>Mechanics</u></b> (grammar, point of view, showing vs telling) writing style suits the story	5	4	3	2	1	
<b><u>Originality/Creativity</u></b>	5		4	3	2	1
<b><u>Well developed setting</u></b>	5	4	3	2	1	