

## THE HOBART BOOK VILLAGE OF THE CATSKILLS

# SHORT STORY CONTEST

The Hobart Book Village of the Catskills, the "reading capital of New York State," will sponsor its first annual Short Story Contest. As one of the most beautiful sites in the State, Hobart, at foot of the Catskill Mountains, is also an exciting setting for fiction and story-telling. By entering our Short Story Contest, you can write Hobart into the honored American tradition of short fiction.

<u>Categories of Entry</u> Three winners will be chosen from each of the following two categories:

- 1. "Student Writers" may include students from ninth to twelfth grades. Entry must be accompanied by verification of your high school of attendance.
- 2. "Adult Writers" may include persons 18 years and older

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#### **Cover Contest**

Artwork may also be submitted for the cover of the journal. Please submit an original piece of artwork or digital file, which reflects a local theme, to be judged. If it's a digital file it must be a 300 dpi actual size  $(8 \frac{1}{2}$ " x 5  $\frac{1}{2}$ ") digital file. Please email to <u>ddales@stny.rr.com</u>. If an original art work it must be 8  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 5  $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Send to Donald Dales, POB 211, Hobart, NY 13788. Original artworks will be returned to sender. Deadline is July 15, 2016.

Deadline for ALL Submissions: JULY 15, 2016.

<u>Submissions</u> must be postmarked no later than July 15 and mailed to: Contest, c/o Blenheim Hill Books, P.O. Box 241, Hobart, N.Y. 13788. We are not accepting electronic submissions this year.

## **Submission Guidelines:**

- 1. Hobart, N.Y. must play at least a part in the story.
- 2. Short fiction, not any other genre.
- 3. Typed in 12 point "Times New Roman" font, double-spaced, and with one and a half inch margins.
- 4. At least 2,500 to no more than 3,750 words, or 10-15 pages.

All submissions will be read anonymously by two judges in each of the above categories.

## Your manuscript should include

- 1. A cover letter on which the title of your story, your name, brief biographical information, your address, email, and telephone number.
- 2. A second cover sheet with only the title of your story clipped to it, and your name should not appear on any pages of the manuscript.
- 3. Manuscripts will not be returned unless enclosed with a Self-Addressed-Stamped Envelope.

## **Reading Fees:**

- 1. A \$10 reading fee for those in the "Adult" category
- 2. A \$5 reading fee for those in the "Emerging Writer"

All fees will be accepted at the time of submission. Please make checks or money orders payable to The Hobart Book Village.

<u>Winning Entrees:</u> Six Winners will be announced on September 9 during the Opening Reception of the annual Hobart Festival of Women Writers.

Winning stories will be published in the first edition of *The Hobart Book Village Stories from the Catskills* and be sold at each of the seven book stores and at all Book Village programs.

Please contact Don Dales at 607-538-9788 if you have questions.