

Prairie Fire Press & McNally Robinson Booksellers 2011 Writing Contest Winners Announced!

Prairie Fire Press & McNally Robinson Booksellers are pleased to announce the winners of The Banff Centre Bliss Carman Poetry Award, Short Fiction Contest and Creative Non-Fiction Contest. Each year a total of \$6,000 in prize money is awarded to three winners in each category. **All prize money is sponsored by McNally Robinson Booksellers except in the case of The Banff Centre Bliss Carman Poetry Award, which is sponsored in part by The Banff Centre.**

This year **The Banff Centre Bliss Carman Poetry Award, named after Canada's pre-eminent poet of the early 20th C., went to Sue Goyette** of Halifax, Nova Scotia, for her suite of poems called "fashion." In addition to receiving a cash prize of \$1,250, Goyette will appear this fall at THIN AIR, produced by the Winnipeg International Writers Festival, where she'll be presented with a valuable turquoise and silver replica of Bliss Carman's ring. **First prize in Short Fiction of \$1,250 was awarded to Alice Zorn** of Montreal, Quebec for "Frida Walks." **Lorri Neilsen Glenn** of Halifax, Nova Scotia received the **\$1,250 first prize in Creative Non-Fiction** for "Maxime's."

Second Prize for Poetry of \$500 went to Janice Colbert of Toronto, Ontario. **Short Fiction second prize of \$500 went to Philip Huynh** of Richmond, British Columbia and the **Creative Non-Fiction second prize of \$500 went to Susan Buis** of Knutsford, BC.

Third prize for Poetry of \$250 went to Sadie McCarney of Fredericton, New Brunswick. **Third prize in Short Fiction of \$250 went to Laura Trunkey** of Victoria, BC and **third prize in Creative Non-Fiction of \$250 went to Jean Van Loon** of Ottawa, Ontario.

Honourable Mentions went to Sue Sorenson of Winnipeg, Manitoba for Poetry, **penny k-kilthau** of Langley, BC for Short Fiction and **Louise Bergen Price** of Abbotsford, BC for Creative Non-Fiction.

The Banff Centre Bliss Carman Poetry Award judge this year was **Sylvia Legris**. Short Fiction judge was **Marilyn Bowering**. Creative Non-Fiction judge was **Larry Scanlan**.

All winners will be published in *Prairie Fire*'s summer issue, Vol. 33, No. 2 available in bookstores in July.