

	Ozark Creative Writers 2025 Winner's List (In reverse order)	
	Grand Showcase Awards (Prize Amounts Vary)	
Contest 1	Grand Showcase Award	OCW Board of Directors Sponsor
3 Honorable Mention	Faith Took a Hike	Gary Rodgers
2 Honorable Mention	The Locketts	Peggy Grigowski
1 Honorable Mention	A Chair at the Table	Donna Volkennant
3	The Dragon's Paladin (\$50)	Margarite Stever
2	The First Timer (\$30)	Marlon Hayes
1	Second Place is First Place Tonight (\$20)	Anthony Wood
Contest 2	Oxbow Award In Memory of Dusty and Pat Richards	OCW Board of Directors Sponsor
3 Honorable Mention	East Side of Sorrow	Don Money
2 Honorable Mention	Hangin' Tree	Michael Lee
1 Honorable Mention	A Moment of Truth	C. Allan Butkus
3	The Dilemma of Bass Reeves (\$50)	Regina McLemore
2	The Good, The Bad, and the Goats (\$100)	Lynn Combs
1	Pie Supper (\$200)	Joni Cogbill
Contest 3	Founding Member Award in Memory of Peggy Vining	OCW Board of Directors Sponsor
2 Honorable Mention	Lifetime Love	Susette Shreve
1 Honorable Mention	Unaffiliated	Brenda Galloway Conway
1	Our Mothers' Gardens (\$200)	Ann Cleary
Contest 4	Mike Willis Memorial Award	Chrissy Willis Sponsor
1 Honorable Mention	Dear Mabel	Larry W. Hightower
1	The Kentucky Social (\$100)	Peggy Grigowski
Contest 5	Velda Brotherton Memorial Award	Anthony Wood Sponsor
2 Honorable Mention	Alice's Law	Margarite Stever
1 Honorable Mention	Heartless Hannah	Lynn Combs
1	Wildflower (\$100)	Don Money
Contest 6	Published Newspaper Blog Award	Max McCoy Sponsor
1	Grand Finale for the Symphony in the Flint Hills Signature Event (\$50)	Marcia Lawrence
Contest 7	Show Me Your Book Cover Adult/Children	Ellen Withers Sponsor
ADULT COVERS		
Honorable Mention	On the Scout	Charlie Amos
Honorable Mention	Tales of the Western Frontier	White County Creative Writers
1st Adult	Singing to Butterflies (\$50)	Marlon Hayes
CHILDREN'S COVER		
Honorable Mention	Duncan the Dragon Gets His Fire	Lynn Combs
1st Childrens	Chicken Bristle Road (\$50)	Schyrlet Cameron & Kathy Brown

	Showcase Awards (1st \$50/2nd \$30/ 3rd \$20)	
Contest 8	In Search of Excellence	Leon Combs Sponsor
Honorable Mention	Mijo	Robert Cossel
3rd	Meeting the Nibletts	Brittany James
2nd	Blue Dot Women	Brenda Galloway Conway
1st	On a Bank with PawPaw	Don Money
Contest 9	Native American Short Story	Barbara Clouse Sponsor
3rd	Walks in the Sun (August 27, 1954)	Terry Alexander
2nd	The End of the Trail	C. Allan Butkus
1st	Neighbors	Kimberly Vernon
Contest 10	A Fish Out of Water Tale	Micki Fuhrman Sponsor
3 Honorable Mention	Draft Beer	Larry W. Hightower
2 Honorable Mention	The Other Side of the Storm	Lynn Combs
1 Honorable Mention	Undercover Vegan	Jaime Cole
3rd	The Brickhouse Grill	Julia Zellner
2nd	Decimus Nerva Aurorus	Barry Brown
1st	Ghost Cabin	Mary Grones
Contest 11	Point A-Z	Saturday Book Club Sponsor
3 Honorable Mention	Concise Writing	C. Alan Butkus
2 Honorable Mention	Jake	Charlie Amos
1 Honorable Mention	In the Eyes of the Beholder	Mary Grones
3rd	Baby Elephant in the Room	Tammy Parra
2nd	Vengence Is Mine	Gary Rodgers
1st	Love on Aisle Nine	Jane Hamilton
Contest 12	Sleuths' Ink Mystery Writers	Springfield MO
Honorable Mention	Ava's Garden	Peggy Grigowski
3rd	Raising Cain	Larry W. Hightower
2nd	Operator	Robert Cossel
1st	Little Black Bag	Tammy Parra
Contest 13	From Dusk to Dawn	Homegrown Books Sponsor
3rd	When the Mist Comes	Lynn Combs
2nd	In the Confessional	Marlon Hayes
1st	Gods and Odds	Larry W. Hightower
Contest 14	Ozark Romance Authors Award	Ozark Romance Authors (Springfield, MO)
Honorable Mention	Pickles and Peanut Butter	Arleta Kersh
3rd	M is for Matchmaker	Jaime Cole

2nd	The Keeper of the Coupons	Marlon Hayes
1st	The True Love Cookie Caper	Betsy Gray
Contest 15	Steamy Romance	Delicious Escape Publications Sponsor
Honorable Mention	Paris of the South	Barry Brown
3rd	The Pen and the Flame	Lynn Combs
2nd	Steam #1	Larry W. Hightower
1st	Writing Our Own Love Story	Margarite Stever
	Conference Awards (1st \$25/2nd \$15/ 3rd \$10)	
Contest 16	Flash Fiction in Memory of David Kirkland	Coffee & Critique- St. Charles, MO Sponsor
3 Honorable Mention	Snakes	Carolyn Branch
2 Honorable Mention	Cutting Expenses	Margarite Stever
1 Honorable Mention	The Nightmare	Shirley McCann
3rd	The Hiring Freeze	Jaime Cole
2nd	My Father's Pocket Watch	Lisa Mueller
1st	One Last Ride	Lynn Combs
Contest 17	Everything But the Kitchen Sink	Little Red Writing Hood Sponsor
3 Honorable Mention	Field of Daisies	Tammy Parra
2 Honorable Mention	Chalk One Up To Mom	Don Money
1 Honorable Mention	Violet's Unexpected Treasure	Margarite Stever
3rd	Reflections of Yesterday	Lynn Combs
2nd	Railroad Station	Larry W. Hightower
1st	Dishonor and Deliverance	Ellen Carpenter
Contest 18	A Scream in The Night	Tahlequah Writers Sponsor
2 Honorable Mention	Id's Cave	C. Alan Butkus
1 Honorable Mention	Alone and Scared	Lois Curran
3rd	M.I.A.	Larry W. Hightower
2nd	Candles for the Queen	Arleta Kersh
1st	The Rental	Randolph Lancaster
Contest 19	Historical Romance Contest	Deadline Divas Sponsor
3 Honorable Mention	Valentine	Larry W. Hightower
2 Honorable Mention	Where the Tears Were Hidden	Arleta Kersh
1 Honorable Mention	The First Lady of Typography: Meeting with Stanley Morrison	Brittany James
3	The Dueling Duchess in Disguise	Tracy Caillouet
2	In Their Own Time	Julia Zellner
1	In '49	Marlon Hayes
Contest 20	Hometown Nostalgia Column	Lonnie Whitaker Sponsor
2 Honorable Mention	The Truck Patch	Russell Gayer
1 Honorable Mention	Hard and Fast	Charlie Amos

	3	Stories in Stone	Wanita Humphrey
	2	11/15/1960	Larry W. Hightower
	1	No Rush to Rush	Gary Rodgers
Contest 21		Nouveau Holiday	Marcia Gaye Sponsor
Honorable Mention		Imagination Day	LMG Swain
	3	National Put Down Your Pen Day	Jaime Cole
	2	Love Your Lawyer Day	Ellen Carpenter
	1	In Celebration of NoMoCouldaShoudaWouldaDay	Jane Hamilton
Contest 22		Quotable Quote Blog	Linda Apple Sponsor
3 Honorable Mention		The Habit of Habits	Russell Gayer
2 Honorable Mention		Success is Never Owned	Gary Rodgers
1 Honorable Mention		Hard Now, Easy Later	Shirley A. Howard
	3	Keep Your Eyes on the Prize	Kimberly Vernon
	2	Know Better, Do Better	Brenda Galloway Conway
	1	They Said I Couldn't So I Did	Lynn Combs
Contest 23		Space Journey	Tahlaquah Writers Sponsor
3 Honorable Mention		Panic	Randolph Lancaster
2 Honorable Mention		It Came From Outer Space	Betty McPherson
1 Honorable Mention		Mission to Mars	Jaime Cole
	3rd	A Wrinkle in Time Travel	Barry Brown
	2nd	A Little Visit on the Third World	Arleta Kersh
	1st	The Year We Stopped an Alien Invasion	Lynn Combs
Contest 24		Travel Article	Johnny D. Boggs Sponsor
3 Honorable Mention		We Got Our Kicks on Route 66	Regina McLemore
2 Honorable Mention		So Ordinary	C. Allan Butkus
1 Honorable Mention		Finding the Heart of the West at the Center of the West	Kimberly Vernon
	3	Honor Flight to Washington, D.C.	Larry W. Hightower
	2	Three and One	Michael Lee
	1	Carcassone	Wanita Humphrey
Contest 25		Show Me Mystery	Ellen Withers Sponsor
3 Honorable Mention		Pictures to Die For	Ruth Weeks
2 Honorable Mention		Escape Plan	Kimberly Vernon
1 Honorable Mention		Nightcaps and Nightshade	Margarite Stever
	3	Howl at the Moon	Marlon Hayes
	2	Lucy Takes a Dive	Gary Rodgers
	1	Bloodlines and Burdens	Lynn Combs
Contst 26		Things that Go Bump in the Night	Ruth Weeks Sponsor

Honorable Mention	Black Widow Blues	Jen Kenning
3	Cora's Requiem	Lynn Combs
2	Who Do Doll	C. Allan Butkus
1	Refuge in the Snow Storm	Kimberly Vernon
Contest 27	Best First Paragraph	Bonnie Tesh & Margarite Stever Sponsor
Honorable Mention	The Albion Saga- Through the Fire and Ash	Lynn Combs
3	Hillbilly Chess	Peggy Grigowski
2	Struck	Jane Hamilton
1	The Treasures in the Attic	Julia Zellner
Contest 28	Rainbolt Children's Book Award	Doris Jean Shaw Sponsor
Honorable Mention	I am a Snake	Lisa Mueller
3	Use Your Imagination	Joni Cogbill
2	Azure and the Color Maker	Meghan Huff
1	A Coat for Emma	Kimberly Vernon
Contest 29	Middle Grade Fiction for Boys 8-12	Renee LaViness Sponsor
3 Honorable Mention	Tristan's Magic Compass	Jen Kenning
2 Honorable Mention	Polargeist	Don Money
1 Honorable Mention	The Dragon's Tears	Joni Cogbill
3	The Do-over Treehouse	Betsy Gray
2	Trapped!	Brenda Galloway Conway
1	Echoes in the Locker	Lynn Combs
ON THE SPOT	The Costume (\$25)	Barry Brown