

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL GARDEN STATE HORROR WRITERS SHORT STORY CONTEST GUIDELINES

The GSHW is looking for enticing, well-written speculative fiction. There is no theme this year so let your imagination run wild, but please, no more than 3,000 words. Entries can be in Horror ~ Science Fiction ~ Fantasy ~ Mystery ~ Suspense ~ Thriller.

First prize is \$100 and The Graversen Award; second prize is \$50 and third prize \$25. Each eligible entry will be critiqued by three published writers and/or editors

RULES:

See <http://www.gshw.net/contests.html> for complete details and the latest updates.

Entry fee is \$10 per story (\$7 for GSHW members). Check or money order payable to GSHW (non-US authors, send only US Money Orders or checks drawn on a US bank). Include your name or story title on the memo portion of the check or money order. E-mail and snail mail submissions accepted.

- Send snail mail contest fees to J.M. Persson,
1710 Tanglewood Court
Helmetta, NJ 08828.
- Email should be sent to contest07@gshw.net

3. Word limit: Up to 3,000 words.

4. Entries must be unpublished and not accepted by any publisher at time of contest submission.

5. Send three (3) copies of each story. (Manuscripts and copies will not be returned. They will be recycled after the contest.) Standard manuscript format: double-spaced, on one side of each page only, and a page number and title (not your name) in the upper right hand corner of each subsequent page. 12pt Courier font.

Title page should include:

Name

Mailing address and phone number

e-mail address

Title of story and word count

The genre that you think the story belongs in

6. Please enclose a single # 10 SASE with two stamps for critiques.

7. You may enter as many times as you like, but must pay the entry fee for each submission.

8. Email Submission Format: Story file must be sent as an attached RTF (Rich Text Format) -- no exceptions! Use the same formatting as snail mail submissions.

The subject of the email must be "GSHW Contest Submission" The body of your email must contain the following:

Name

Mailing address and phone number

e-mail address

Title of story and word count

File name for the attached story

The genre that you think the story belongs in

This information must also be on the first page of your story.

9. Send payment and the same information included in the body of your e-mail as detailed above. Include your name or story title on the memo portion of the check or money order. Send payment and snail mail submissions to above snail mail address.

Note: Disregarding any of the above guidelines WILL disqualify your entry. No exceptions!

Contest opens April 20, 2007 and closes June 20, 2007 Payment, regardless of postmark, must be received before June 20,2007.

Winners will be announced at the GSHW 2007 October meeting. Winners unable to attend the meeting will receive their prizes by mail. Decision of the judges is final. Entries are assigned to the judges solely by the contest committee at random -- no requests, no exceptions.

Score sheets and critiques will be e-mailed at the end of the contest. Those who can accept score sheets and critiques only by regular mail should include an SASE with two stamps.

Your submission will not be processed until we receive your entry fee! The Garden State Horror Writers is a group dedicated to helping writers of all types of fiction perfect their skills. It meets the second Saturday of each month at the Monmouth County Library on Symmes Drive, off Route 9. Business meetings begin at 11 a.m. and guest speakers at noon. Guests, new members and press are always welcome.