



The Garden State Horror Writers is pleased to announce the 17th Annual Writing Contest and Graversen Award!

The theme of the 2011 contest is THE END OF THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT. Genres can be horror, science fiction, fantasy, or some derivative.

First prize is \$75, the Graversen Award, and publication in Space and Time Magazine. The second prize is \$40, and third prize \$20. Each eligible entry will be scored and critiqued by published authors and/or editors and the top five entries will be judged by award winning editor, **Ellen Datlow**, and **Hildy Silverman**, editor of Space and Time Magazine and Vice President of the GSHW.

Contest opens May 1 and closes July 31st. Winners will be announced at the GSHW's November meeting.

The Rules:

1. Word limit: Up to 4,000 words.
2. Theme: THE END OF THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT
3. Entries must be unpublished and not accepted by a publisher at the time of contest entry. Previous winning entries, including honorable mentions, will not be accepted.
4. Entry Fees are \$7.50 (\$4.50 for GSHW members). Payment can be made via Paypal or by mailing a check (payable to GSHW). Include your name or story title on the memo portion of the check. **Send check payments to: GSHW Writing Contest C/O Neil Morris, Treasurer 345 Morgan Avenue, Old Bridge, NJ 08857.**

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

5. Email Submissions ONLY. Email Submission Format: Story file must be sent as an attached .RTF (Rich Text Format). Send submissions to contest@gshw.net with the subject "GSHW Contest 2011". Please copy the title page information into the body of the email as well as note whether payment was by check or Paypal.

6. Standard manuscript format: double-spaced, and a page number and title (not your name) in the upper right hand corner of each subsequent page. Use 12pt Times New Roman font.

7. Title page should include: Name, Mailing address and phone number, e-mail address, Title of story, genre, and word count.

8. Critiques will be sent via email to eligible contestants within 30 days after announcement of contest winners.

9. Payment must be received before submission will be judged. If a check is mailed as payment, it must be postmarked no later than July 31, 2010.

10. Winners will be announced during the GSHW's November meeting. Prize money will be issued in the form of a check payable to winner.

NOTE: Disregarding any of the rules and guidelines will disqualify your entry with no exceptions.

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. Critiques will be e-mailed at the end of the contest.