

It's Back!

THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL GARDEN STATE HORROR WRITERS SHORT STORY CONTEST

Let your imagination run wild, but please, no more than 3,500 words.

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

RULES:

1. Entries can be Horror ~ Science Fiction ~ Fantasy ~ Mystery ~ Suspense ~ Thriller.
2. Word limit: Up to 3,500 words.
3. Entry fee is \$10 per story (\$5 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.

Send payment (check or money order) to GSHW Writing Contest, c/o J. Persson, 1710 Tanglewood Court, Helmetta, NJ 08828.

*** Payment must be received before your entry will be judged.**

4. **E-mail submissions only to GSHWCONTEST2009@GMAIL.COM** Email Submission Format: Story file must be sent as an attached RTF (Rich Text Format) -- no exceptions! Use **STANDARD MANUSCRIPT FORMAT**. Title page **MUST** include:
Name
Mailing address and phone number
e-mail address
Title of story and word count
5. Entries must be unpublished and not accepted by any publisher at time of contest submission.

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

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

Contest opens **APRIL 15, 2009** and closes **JUNE 30, 2009**.

Score sheets and critiques will be e-mailed at the end of the contest.

Winners will be announced at the GSHW 2009 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.

The Garden State Horror Writers is a group dedicated to helping writers 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. For information, go to www.GSHW.NET