

Judges for the 2019 Carteret Writers Contest

Our Judge for Flash Fiction

Ronald Jackson



Ronald Jackson writes fiction, non-fiction, and poetry. His work has appeared in *The Chattahoochee Review*, *Painted Bride Quarterly*, *Tar River Poetry*, and other journals and anthologies. Recognitions include finalist for the 2018 Doris Betts and Thomas Wolfe prizes in short fiction, the 2016 Lascaux Prize in Flash Fiction, the 2016 Lamar York Prize in Non-Fiction, and the 2014 Prime Number Magazine Flash Fiction Award. You can find him in Durham cafés, working on a short fiction collection or a dark crime novel. Jackson is currently studying in the MFA in Writing (Fiction) program at Vermont College of Fine Arts.

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Our Judge for Fiction

Anne Kaylor



Publisher of the creative prose and photography journal *moonShine* review and co-editor of *Kakalak*, Anne Kaylor keeps many plates spinning as an author, editor, graphic designer, and publisher. In addition to providing editing and design services for writers, Anne serves as a reviewer and judge for various contests, including *Main Street Rag's* annual poetry book contest. Her publishing credits include *Pearl*, *Iodine Poetry Journal*, *Kakalak*, *The Main Street Rag*, and two poetry collections: *Unwilling to Laugh Alone* and *Floating a Full Boat* (2015 and 2009, Main Street Rag Publishing Company).

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Our Judge for Nonfiction

Randy Foster



Randy Foster is a New Bern-based writer and editor. After a six-year stint in the Marine Corps ending in 1985, he became a newspaper reporter and photographer for seven years before becoming an editor. His previous job was executive editor of *New Bern Sun Journal*, *Kinston Free Press*, *Havelock News*, *My New Bern* and *My Lenoir* magazines, newbernsj.com, kinston.com, havenews.com and several other publications. Now he runs a local news website, newbernpost.com. His 32-year career in journalism has taken him coast to coast, through four states and seven cities. He is married to the former Sarah Parker. Together they have five sons and live in a century-old house near downtown New Bern.

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Our Judge for Poetry

Anna Lena Phillips Bell



Anna Lena Phillips Bell is the author of *Ornament*, winner of the Vassar Miller Poetry Prize. Her work appears or is forthcoming in the *Southern Review*, *32 Poems*, and *Poetry International*, and in anthologies including *A Literary Field Guide to Southern Appalachia*, *Gracious: Contemporary Poems in the Twenty-first Century South*, and *Big Energy Poets: Eco-poetry Thinks Climate Change*. The recipient of an NC Arts Council Fellowship in literature, she teaches at UNC Wilmington and is editor of *Ecotone* and Lookout Books. She lives with her family near the Cape Fear River, and calls Appalachian square dances in North Carolina and beyond.

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Our Judge for Writing for Children

Joan Edwards



Joan Y. Edwards is a motivational speaker and author who informs, inspires, and helps others to laugh and never give up. Her blog, www.joanyedwards.com has more than 473,000 views. She is the author of three books: *Flip Flap Floodle*, *Joan's Elder Care Guide*, and *80 Gospel-Based Crossword Puzzles for Year B*. She has a Master of Arts in Education. She is a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI), and the Charlotte Writers Club. She and her husband, Carl enjoy humorous mysteries, like Columbo and Monk. They relax at the beach and in the mountains.