



*Melody  
Richardson  
Memorial  
Contest*

## **Contest Rules**

### **A little about Melody**

Melody Richardson started Muskoka's memoir group, then expanded her writing program to welcome all genres. Many Muskoka Authors Association members, including Cindy Watson and Wendie Donabie were part of Melody's inspirational group and honed their craft under her unique brand of encouraging mentorship. Sadly, Melody passed away after a brave fight against cancer in 2014. To keep her memory and contribution alive, MAA created the first annual Melody Richardson Memorial Contest.

### **A little about the contest**

In honour of Melody's contribution to memoir writing, our inaugural contest is dedicated to the art of memoir.

There are two categories:

- Fiction (maximum 1500 words)
- Flash fiction (maximum 500 words)

Writers will submit a short story or flash fiction based on their real-life experience.

### **Submission Guidelines:**

- Double spaced
- 12-point font
- Flash Fiction: 500 words
- Fiction: 1500 words
- Your name **cannot** appear on or in the story, but ensure the title does.
- Ensure your name appears on the entry form with the title of your piece.
- No previously published works will be considered.
- Multiple submissions accepted (separate entry and payment for each entry).

**Deadline Extended:** December 3, 11:59 pm

### **How to enter:**

Entries must be submitted to [info@muskokaauthors.ca](mailto:info@muskokaauthors.ca).

Please pay your fee of \$10 (members) and \$20 (non-member) per entry online.

Ensure the title of your manuscript is on the entry form and the piece itself, but that your name does not appear on the story.

All submissions must be in no later than 11:59 pm on December 3, 2017. No submissions sent later than December 3, 11:59 pm will be considered for the competition.

If you have difficulty with your entry please email your questions **prior** to the deadline at: [info@muskokaauthors.ca](mailto:info@muskokaauthors.ca) so we can make other arrangements.

### **Prizes**

#### **Fiction**

First prize: \$500 and on MAA website

Second prize: \$200 + publication on MAA website

Honorable mention: publication on MAA website

#### **Flash Fiction**

First prize: \$300 and on MAA website

Second prize: \$125 + publication on MAA website

Honorable Mention: publication on MAA website

### **Awards Ceremony**

The date of the Awards Ceremony is T.B.D. At the awards ceremony we will have the 3 winners read their pieces as well as individuals coming up to speak about their memory of Melody. We are hoping Mrs. Richardson, Melody's mother, can join us for this special event.