



*Melody  
Richardson  
Memorial  
Contest*

## 2020 CONTEST

### **A little about Melody Richardson**

In 1999, Melody Richardson moved to Huntsville after a 10-year career as a writer with the Detroit Star. The following year she started a memoir writing group in Muskoka, which later expanded to welcome all genres. Many Muskoka Authors Association members 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 Melody Richardson Memorial Contest.

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

There are two categories:

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

### **Submission Guidelines:**

- Microsoft Word documents or PDFs
- Double spaced, 12-point font, Times New Roman
- Flash Fiction: 500 words maximum
- Fiction: 1500 words maximum
- 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).
- All entries not meeting all guidelines will be rejected.

### **How to enter:**

1. Please pay the contest fee of \$10 (members) and \$20 (non-member) per entry online at [www.MuskokaAuthors.ca](http://www.MuskokaAuthors.ca).
2. Submit entry forms and your stories to [info@muskokaauthors.ca](mailto:info@muskokaauthors.ca).

**NOTE:** Contest opens February 1, 2020. All submissions must arrive no later than 11:59 pm on April 30, 2020. Submissions sent later than April 30, 2020, 11:59 pm will NOT 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.