

Calling all Writers

The 2nd Annual Blue Sage Writers' Anthology Contest

A writing competition and judging collaboration
to provide local writers a venue
for presenting and publishing short stories
and to develop an historical record
of the writing talents of the North Fork Valley.

Here's how it works

- Submit one unpublished manuscript of fiction or non-fiction prose, up to 3000 words, typed and double-spaced.
- **Manuscripts are due to the Blue Sage by February 23rd**
- You will then receive a set of anonymous manuscripts for you to read and judge within two weeks. Each writer who submits a story must serve as a judge.
- Judging requires that each writer choose half the manuscripts to recommend for publication. Comments to the authors are encouraged and can be written directly on the manuscript, which authors may retrieve after the contest.
- Judged manuscripts will be returned to the Blue Sage and ranked according to the number of 'publish' ratings they receive.
- Authors of the top half of the ranked manuscripts will be deemed winners. **Winners with the most publish ratings will be invited to read their stories at a gala event at the Blue Sage. All winning manuscripts will be published in the second annual *Write On! Stories and Essays from the North Fork Valley*.** Proceeds from sales of the anthology will be used to support the Blue Sage. All published authors will receive a complimentary copy of the anthology and two free passes to any Blue Sage event.

Contest Rules:

Manuscripts must be received at the Blue Sage by **February 23rd, 2009**.

Blue Sage mailing address: P.O. Box 700, 228 Grand Avenue, Paonia, CO 81428. Call 527-SAGE for Blue Sage office hours to drop off manuscripts. Email manuscripts to: bluesage@paonia.com

Authors must be 18 years of age or older and reside in Delta County.

Stories must *not* have been previously published and must be no longer than 3000 words.

All manuscripts must be typed and double-spaced.

A cover sheet must accompany every manuscript, including:

- Author's name (winners names will be announced)
- Mailing address and email address (if available)
- Phone number
- Story title and word count

The author's name should *not* be included on any other page of the manuscript. Subsequent pages should identify the manuscript by title and pages should be numbered.

A **\$10 entry fee** must accompany every submission, to cover the cost of copying (checks may be made out to the Blue Sage).

Only one story per author please.

Writers who do not serve as judges or do not return their judged manuscripts on time will have their submissions retracted.

Winners agree to allow the Blue Sage to publish their story in an anthology to be sold as a benefit for the Blue Sage.

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Happy Writing!
