

2009 Young Writers Contest Winners

The Betty Tenney Memorial Essay/Personal Narrative Awards

Grade 6

First Place

Augustine Chemparathy

"Keeping Your Hand on the Rudder"
Gale Ranch: Sara Faidley

Second Place

Stephanie Sloves

"When You Wish Upon A Star"
Orinda: Sally Thompson

Third Place

Rishi Krishnan

"Wednesday Night Fever!"
Gale Ranch: Sara Faidley

Grade 7

First Place

Carter Broad

"Le Tour de Ow"
Orinda: Cecilia Kilmartin

Second Place

Caie Kelley

"Climbing My Fears"
Orinda: Cecilia Kilmartin

Third Place

Fatima Naveed

"Two Minutes"
Walnut Creek Intermediate:
Carol Hoy

Grade 8

First Place

Nina Fairbairn

"Masi Mara"
Dorris-Eaton: Brad Breilein

Second Place

Sebastian Grobelny

"The Learning Curve"
St. Agnes School: Paula Traynor

Third Place

Arielle Mourrain

"The World's a Stage"
Dorris-Eaton: Deenie Schoenfeld

Short Story

Grade 6

First Place

Sarah Sweeney

"Moonlight"
Joaquin Moraga: Kristin Anderson

Second Place

Zhill Olonan

"Blood Shed"
Adams Middle: Angie McDonald

Third Place

Rubina Gala

"Why Snakes Are Scaly"
Gale Ranch: Marissa West

Grade 7

First Place

Sean Lee

"Run"
Windmere Ranch: Kim Vaiana

Second Place

Raia Cherednikov

"Monster"
Valley View: Johanna Ravhala

Third Place

Sophie Belinn

"Time to Wait"
Orinda: Mary Risso

Grade 8

First Place

Aaron Broadbent

"Misstep"
Palmer School: Cassie Hull

Second Place

Karishma Pareek

"Fade"
Pine Valley: Sylvia Hegarty

Third Place

B. J. Norcross

"Guardian Angel"
Delta Vista Middle: Mr. Whitmore

Poetry

Grade 6

First Place

Chloe Chan

"Kaleidoscope"
Pine Valley Middle: Robin White

Second Place

Lena Milton

"Waiting for the Moon"
Tehiyah Day: Richard Lyon

Third Place

Paul Cook

"If I Were A Tree"
Valley View: Nicole Manasewitsh

Grade 7

First Place

Eleana Binder

"Betrayal"
Tehiyah Day: Stephanie Piper

Second Place

Jonathan Ng

"The Sea Slug"
Athenian: Charlie Raymond

Third Place

Gabriella Alvarez

"When Cupid Misses"
Queen of All Saints: Jeffrey Buhl

Grade 8

First Place

Theresa Rizza

"Desert"
Walnut Creek Intermediate:
Mary Claire Caron

Second Place

Celina Maiorano

"Lady Sea"
Pine Valley Middle: Sylvia Hegarty

Third Place

Austin Shore

"An Inevitable Outcome"
Dorris-Eaton: Deeni Schoenfeld