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Lane Literary Awards

Fiction and poetry winners named

What's Happening is very pleased to announce the winners of the first annual Lane Literary Awards, a juried competition jointly sponsored by Lane Regional Arts Council, Lane Literary Guild and *What's Happening*. The awards honor Lane County writers in the fields of short fiction and poetry.

The winners in the fiction category are Vickie Nelson for her short story, "My Mother's Name," and Teresa Carp for "The One That Got Away."

Winners in the poetry category are Mervin Mecklenburg for "Only Water" and Ron Phillips for "the sleeping dragon."

Writers receiving honorable mention are: Joan Dobbie for "Things That Grow Up Out of the Dark"; Helen Frost for "Out of the Ground Like This" and "Heartache"; Cecelia Hagan for "The Bride Fires Her Naivete"; Amy Klauke for "Before the Birth"; Kerry Paul May for "The Gift"; Mervin Mecklenburg for "Summer of Dust"; Gayle Hunter Sheller for "Ottie"; and Dean Wesley Smith for "Variations of a Scream."

Fiction winner Vickie Nelson, a Eugene freelance editor and writer, has had work published in the anthology *Popular Fiction by Oregon Authors*, and in *Front Row* and *Oregon Coast* magazines.

Teresa Carp, of Eugene, has taught in the Classics Department and School of Journalism at the U of O. She is a freelance writer for such publications as the *Christian Science*

Monitor and *Oregon Business*. She has a special interest in the American West, its conflicts regarding natural resource development and management.

Poetry winner Mervin Mecklenburg, a resident of Springfield, is a recent MFA graduate from the School of Creative Writing at the U of O, where he won the Graduate Poetry Award. Prior to arriving in Lane County two years ago, he studied with the late Richard Hugo at the Univer-

as well as a major non-fiction work, *Another Mother Tongue: Gay Words, Gay Worlds* (Beacon), which the American Library Association declared its Gay Book of the Year in 1985. Her work has been translated or reproduced in English in ten countries and is widely anthologized. She has just completed a verse play, *The Queen of Swords*, to be released in October by Beacon Press.

John Varley is considered to be one of the most outstanding science fiction writers of our time. He has won numerous awards, including the 1978 Hugo and 1978 Novella for *The Persistence of Vision*. Author of the best-selling trilogy *Titan, Wizard and Demon*, his short stories have appeared in numerous magazines and collections. Recently he has been working on a screenplay of his book *Millennium*, which is being made into a movie.

The winning work, along with selected honorable mention pieces, will be published in *Pacifica*, the publication of the annual Lane Literary Awards. *Pacifica* will be distributed inside the September 17 issue of *What's Happening* and at the Eugene Celebration. Winners also receive a \$50 honorarium.

The jurors and four winners will read at the Hult Center on Sunday, September 27, from 3 to 5 pm, as part of Lane Literary Guild's annual "Writers at the Hult," an official event of the Eugene Celebration. Admission is free.

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sity of Montana.

Ron Phillips began writing poetry seven years ago, shortly after moving to Eugene to work with the Draft and Pre-enlistment Counseling Project where he is presently Coordinator. This will be his first published work.

The jurors for the Awards were: for poetry, Judy Grahn of the San Francisco area; and for fiction, John Varley of Eugene.

Judy Grahn is considered one of America's foremost poets and one of its most provocative voices. She has published numerous books of poetry

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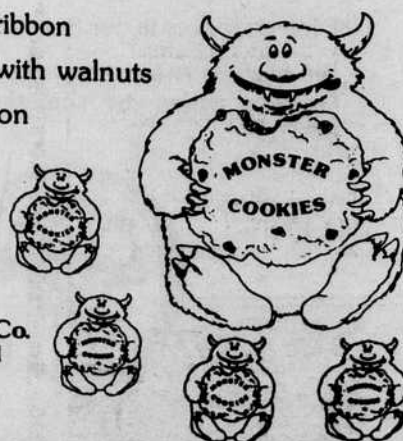
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