

## Schedule for the 43rd Annual 'Weekend Conference' 9th to 11th March 2012



SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION  
OF WRITERS

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at The Erskine Bridge Hotel  
Erskine, Renfrewshire

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### PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER, August 2012



Dear Delegates,

Once again preparations are well under way for the Scottish Association of Writers' weekend in March 2012.

It is with a measure of disappointment, however, that we haven't been able to sustain the blanket affiliation fee for all clubs which we piloted last year, and have had to resort once more to a sliding scale, albeit a different version from that which went before. Last year's basic fee for every club simply didn't raise enough money.

Money, of course, is a very hot topic wherever we look these days and it is with the hope of raising funds for the SAW that we have instituted the St Andrew's Day Short Story competition. This is being run with some financial sponsorship from the General Teaching Council: you may remember that a representative of that body judged our General Article competition last year. The St Andrew's Day competition is entirely open and we are advertising it widely in the hope that we will receive many entries. With this in mind I would urge anyone who has an interest in the SAW to enter the competition and/or to promote it wherever possible.

As ever I look forward to an enjoyable and informative weekend; to seeing all the familiar faces and to welcoming many new ones.

By

*Mary Edward*

President

P.S. Remember to take a look at our website [www.sawriters.org.uk](http://www.sawriters.org.uk)

~ S P E A K E R ~  
Friday ~ **Cathy MacPhail** ~  
Author, tutor, speaker  
([www.catherinemacphail.co.uk](http://www.catherinemacphail.co.uk))

~ S P E A K E R ~  
Saturday ~ **Joyce Holms** ~  
Crime novelist  
([www.joyceholms.com](http://www.joyceholms.com))

**The Weekend begins with dinner on Friday 9th March at 6.30pm and will close on Sunday 11th in the afternoon.**

## Scholarship Competition

Scholarship : "Poetry" Dorothy Dunbar Rose Bowl

A poem of no more than 40 lines.

Adjudication : [Sheila Templeton](#) - Poet

Closing date for The Scholarship : **Friday 25th November 2011**

**The winner receives Free Accommodation for the Weekend**

## Scholarship Competition

## Castles in the Air

Theme "Glory Days"

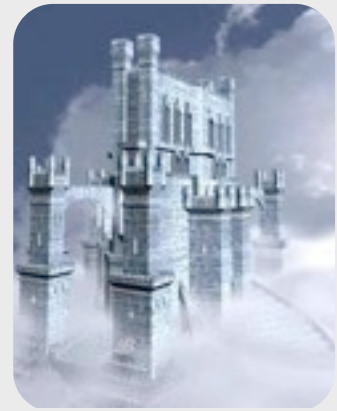
(Prose Fiction, open to any interpretation of the phrase)

2,000 >=< 2,500 words Entry Fee £3

**Prize : Castles in the Air - Salver Trophy**

Adjudication: [Rosemary Gemmell](#) Writer and Novelist  
([www.rosemarygimmell.com](http://www.rosemarygimmell.com))

**Closing date: Saturday 14th January 2012**



**NOTE : Entry Conditions as for general competitions.**

**Please send manuscript and sealed envelopes to:-**

**Barbara Hammond** 14 Ladysgate Court, Carronshore, Falkirk FK2 8HE

### NOVEL LENGTH COMPETITIONS

**Constable Trophy - The Stag** - First 10,000 (min) to 15,000 (max) words of a General novel, plus synopsis, max 2 pages. **Adjudicator - [Katie Grant](#)** - Novelist <http://kmgrant.org/>

**Pitlochry Quaich** - First 10,000 (min) to 15,000 (max) words of a Crime novel, plus synopsis, max 2 pages. **Adjudicator - [Alanna Knight](#)** - Novelist (crime & historical) [www.alannaknight.com/](http://www.alannaknight.com/)

**T C Farries Trophy 'The Crystal Thistle'** - First 7,000 words of a Children's novel, plus synopsis, max 2 pages. State age aimed at. **Adjudicator - [Nicola Morgan](#)** - Children's Novelist.

**Janetta Bowie Chalice** - First 10,000 (min) to 15,000 (max) words of a Book of non fiction, plus synopsis, max 2 pages. **Adjudicator - [Stuart Kelly](#)** Literary Editor and Author.

**CLOSING DATE** : for novel length entries: **Friday 25th November 2011**

**N.B. Novel length manuscripts : Please send direct to adjudicator (see note 6.1 below)**

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### OTHER COMPETITIONS

**Poetry (Scholarship) - Dorothy Dunbar Rose Bowl** - Maximum 40 lines.

**Adjudicator - [Sheila Templeton](#)** - Award winning Poet

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**General Article - Alastair Walker Trophy** - suggested minimum 1,000 - maximum 1,500 words.

**Adjudicator - Silvie Taylor** - Poet, Dramatist, Article Writer

**General Short Story - John Severn Trophy** - suggested minimum 2,500 - maximum 3,000 words.

**Adjudicator - Catherine Czerkawska** - Novelist, short story writer & Dramatist [www.wordarts.co.uk](http://www.wordarts.co.uk)

**Woman's Short Story - Margaret McConnell Trophy** - maximum 2,000 words. (Aimed at a *woman's magazine*.) **Adjudicator - Joyce Begg** - Short story writer

**Drama** - 5 - 10 minute sketch. **Adjudicator - Ann MacLaren** - Writer

**Humorous Article - Marty Duncan Trophy** - suggested minimum 1,000 - maximum 1,500 words.

**Definition** - Work of humorous prose (which must not be a short story).

**Adjudicator - David McVey** - Article and short story writer [www.david-mcvey.co.uk/](http://www.david-mcvey.co.uk/)

**Unpublished Authors - Short Story - Eastwood Salver** - suggested minimum 1,500 - maximum 2,000 words (Unpublished = not having received payment at the going rate.) **Adjudicator - Eleanor Fordyce**  
Poet, short story writer.

**Writing for the Under 7s - Writers' News Trophy** - Maximum 750 words.

**Adjudicator - Betty McKay** Children's Author [www.amazon.co.uk/Wee-Grannys-Magic-Picture-Kelpies/dp/0863158447](http://www.amazon.co.uk/Wee-Grannys-Magic-Picture-Kelpies/dp/0863158447)

**Flash Fiction - Writers' News Trophy** Maximum 250 words **Adjudicator - Richard Bell** (Writers' News)

**Fantasy Story Helen & Bob Orr Trophy** 1,500 >=< 1,600 words. (Includes stories in science fiction; heroic fantasy or horror.) **Adjudicator - Richard Bell** (Writers' News)

**Book Review May Marshall Trophy** 350 >=< 600 words. **Adjudicator - Writers' Umbrella**

You may review a book of your choice, but please give full details of it including the ISBN.

**CLOSING DATE** for General Competitions (except Novel length competitions & Scholarship)  
**Saturday 14th January 2012.**

Manuscript, fees and sealed envelopes to **Barbara Hammond**, 14 Ladysgate Court, Carronshore, Falkirk FK2 8HE

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**DRAMA NIGHT ON FRIDAY**

**CONFERENCE RAFFLE** - drawn on Saturday evening. Groups are asked to supply a raffle prize.

**FRIDAY BOOK EXCHANGE £1 PER BOOK**

**SAT & SUN ~ CONFERENCE BOOKSHOP**

**SAT EVE ~ SHIMMER 70S/80S DISCO**

**SAT EVE ~ POETRY PENTHOUSE**

**ON SALE ANTHOLOGY, BADGES & HISTORY**

**PLEASE NOTE** Workshop sign-up sheets will be available from start of conference.

## **CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

**A. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY FOR GENERAL COMPETITIONS** (Please read carefully as failure to comply with these conditions will result in automatic disqualification.)

1. **ELIGIBILITY** : Entries will be accepted from members of Writers' Clubs/Groups/Circles/Workshops affiliated to the Scottish Association of Writers attending the Weekend Conference and from permanently housebound or disabled members who are unable to attend.

2. **RESTRICTIONS** :

i Previously published/broadcast work is not admissible. (That is work for which the writer has received payment, for publication or broadcast, at the going rate at the time of publication.)

ii An entry previously submitted to the same adjudicator in the same category, will be disqualified.

3. **SPECIAL CRITERIA** : The following conditions apply to first prize winners re-entering competitions:

i The Scholarship Competition cannot be won more than twice by the same person.

ii Other Competitions the winner having won twice, is ineligible in that category for two years.

4. **SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES** : Entries are limited to one submission per category. The same entry may not be submitted to more than one category.

## **B. ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS FOR ENTRY TO NOVEL COMPETITIONS**

1. **ELIGIBILITY** :

i Members who have already published full length novels in a particular genre are not eligible for entry to this category of Scottish Association of Writers competition. You may still enter the other novel categories while you remain unpublished in those.

ii In all Novel categories, having won once, the winner is ineligible for two years and, if entering thereafter, must still be unpublished in that genre.

2. **AWARD** : The winner will hold the Constable, Pitlochry or T C Farries award for one year.

3. **PUBLICATION** : Please note winning a competition is not a guarantee of publication.

## **C. FOR ALL COMPETITION ENTRANTS IN ALL CATEGORIES**

1. **SECURITY** : For your security keep copies of your entries and make a note of Noms de plume used, as entries are passed to adjudicators in alphabetical order by Noms de plume : remembering your Noms de plume will be of great assistance when manuscripts are returned.

2. **S.A.W. MEMBER ADJUDICATORS** : for the conference in which they are adjudicating, are not eligible to enter competitions. However Book review competition adjudicators are eligible to enter all competitions *except* the one they are adjudicating.

3. **PRESENTATION** : Entries must be typewritten, double-spaced on one side only of A4 paper and set out as for submission to an editor. The number of words must be stated on the cover sheet.

4. **ADJUDICATION** : Adjudicators will not enter into correspondence with entrants either before or after delivery of their summation.

5. **COLLECTION OF MANUSCRIPTS** : Please note that any manuscripts not collected at the Conference will be destroyed after the event.

## **D. PROCEDURES FOR SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES** :

1. **TITLE PAGE** : Show the title of the entry, the category in which it is entered and a ONE WORD Nom de plume. (Your Nom de plume, should be changed from year to year and a different Nom de



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Please cut out these forms and submit one for each entry, to Barbara Hammond, 14 Ladysgate Court, Carronshore, Falkirk FK2 8HE.

### SAW COMPETITION INSERT FORM

Nom de plume	Name :	
Unique Title of entry	Category :	
Address	Tel No	Mobile
Post Code	Email	
Name of Writing Group :		

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### CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM 2012 (Please complete)

Registration from 1st October to Friday 30th November 2011. Delegates wishing to submit entries should ensure that they register no later than the closing date for competitions.

Hotel accommodation can **ONLY** be booked through the Association.

Address ALL enquiries (including special diet \* See note below) through the Accommodation Secretary, Lesley Deschner (address below).

I will attend the Scottish Association of Writers' Weekend Conference at Erskine Bridge Hotel, Friday 9th to Sunday 11th March 2012. I enclose the **non-returnable** Conference fee of **£30.00**. (**NO HOTEL DEPOSIT REQUIRED**). Balance of accommodation fee to be paid direct to hotel on or before departure.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tel No \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

email : \_\_\_\_\_

Writers' Group/Club (must be affiliated to the Scottish Association of Writers)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

**HOTEL BOOKING SECTION** Note - the hotel does not have single rooms. All room charges are per person. Tick where appropriate

DOUBLE/TWIN ROOM single occupancy rate \_\_\_\_\_ £225.00

DOUBLE/TWIN ROOM sharing with \_\_\_\_\_ £205.00

TRIPLE ROOM sharing with \_\_\_\_\_ £205.00

**People sharing:** Please ensure that you have confirmed this fact with each other prior to booking and complete separate forms for each person.

**Disabled/other facilities required** \_\_\_\_\_

**\* Special Dietary Requirements** \_\_\_\_\_

*A vegetarian option is always on offer, but other special dietary needs must be stated.*

**DAY DELEGATE BOOKINGS** - There are a limited number of Day Delegate places available for conference. Tick where appropriate

DAY DELEGATE One day - £65 one day (£35 fee+ £30 non-returnable conference fee).

DAY DELEGATE Two days - £100.00 (£70 fee + £30 non-returnable conference fee).

Dinner is available at £15 per person. **Full payment must be made at time of booking.**

**Attendees for Friday evening events should arrive in good time for the start of the programme.**

**COMPLETED FORM AND FEE** to be sent to - Lesley Deschner, Accommodation Secretary, 103 Jean Armour Drive, Mauchline KA5 6DP, Scotland. Cheques/postal orders payable to: "**Scottish Association of Writers**" Enclose a S.A.E. for confirmation of booking.

**EXTRA NIGHT** - A special rate is offered by the Hotel to attendees wishing to stay an extra evening before or after the conference. £44.00 per person B&B for double occupancy with a £10 supplement for single occupancy. Contact Accommodation Secretary for details.

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**BOOK STALL** Please cut out and return to : Lynne Carson - 32 Corlic Way, Kilmacolm, PA13 4JD. 0150 - 587 2638 / 0784 - 622 8372 email [lynnekarson@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:lynnekarson@tiscali.co.uk) Lynne will run the Book Stall on behalf of the Scottish Association of Writers, and all titles will be supplied by Gardners. If you wish your titles to be on sale, please complete this form and return it, before **Saturday 14th January 2012** For any clarification phone : 0141 429 4672

Name of Author

Prolific authors, if all your titles are available please tick here



Title	Publisher	ISBN	Rec. Price

Please note we will be happy to sell your out-of-print or self-published books, supplied by you, for an agreed percentage.

**Important** : Please indicate selling price for each book.

**CLUB ANTHOLOGIES** on sale on Sunday 13th March are the responsibility of each club who must collect money for items sold.

### How to get to the Hotel



**By Rail** - Paisley Railway Station is 5 miles away and Bishopton is 3 miles. The main rail stations in Glasgow (Central and Queen Street) are a 15 minute taxi drive journey from the hotel.

**By Road** - Exit M8 junction 30 and take the M898 at the first junction. Follow signs for Erskine, take a right turn at the first roundabout, go straight through the second roundabout, left at the third (you should now see the Erskine Bridge Hotel) and finally right at the fourth roundabout.

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**Competition Submission Template**

**Competition category entered :**

**Title of entry :**

**Nom de plume :**

**Number of words :**