An exciting Outlet for Writers in South Arkansas and North Central Louisiana to Share Original Poetry, Essays, and Short Fiction

Between the Lines
Literary Magazine

South Arkansas Community College 2014
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*Between the Lines*, a literary magazine sponsored by the English faculty of South Arkansas Community College, provides a showcase for creative writers, ages eighteen and older, who live in the college’s service area, which includes Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, and Union Counties in Arkansas as well as Union, Claiborne, and Webster Parishes in Louisiana. Submissions are also accepted from writers younger than 18 if they are full-time students at SouthArk. The college publishes the magazine each fall and welcomes submissions of original poetry, short fiction, and essays from January through early October each year. The editors seek high quality material and invite creative writers—both published and unpublished—to treat the magazine as an outlet for their best poetry and prose.

Writers’ Guidelines

Because we target a general audience, we are looking for well-written, mainstream poetry or prose manuscripts that avoid extremes in subject matter and language. We welcome personal essays that explore everyday subjects and issues, short fiction that vividly delivers a slice of life in a memorable style, and poems that evoke powerful images without sentimentalism and predictability.

Fiction and essays should be no longer than 3,000 words, and poems should not exceed 50 lines. Simultaneous submissions are acceptable; previously published works are not. We acquire First North American Serial Rights; all other rights revert to the author upon publication. The editor will respond to all submissions within two weeks after the deadline. Published authors will receive three copies of the issue in which their work appears.

Copies of the 2013 volume are available at the college bookstore at 311 South West Avenue on the first floor of the El Dorado Conference Center for $5.00 each as well as by mail for an additional $2.00 each for postage and handling. Mail order requests should be addressed to Scott Larkin. Check should be written to South Arkansas Community College.

Submission Requirements

All submissions should be typed and double-spaced, with the author’s name, address, and telephone number on the first page. However, the author’s name should not appear on subsequent pages. The approximate number of words should also appear on the first page of short story and essay manuscripts. In a cover letter, please include a brief biographical sketch that may be used if your submission is published as well as a short list of previously published works, if applicable. Writers must be legal residents of one of the specified counties or parishes at the time of submission and publication. All manuscripts must be in digital form, either on a disk or a flash drive or as e-mail attachments. This will keep the staff from having to re-type manuscripts for the printer. If you submit your work by e-mail, type “Between the Lines” in the subject box so that your message will not be deleted as spam.

If you submit your work by regular mail, be sure to include a stamped, addressed envelope for a letter of acceptance or rejection. If you wish to have a rejected manuscript returned, the return envelope must have the required amount of postage. Manuscripts received without a stamped, addressed envelope will not be acknowledged. The deadline for the next issue is October 3, 2014.

Address submissions to

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