

Winners of the 2009 Hildegard Neill Ritchie Foxhunting Writing Contest

The judges for this year's contest were Dr. Rita Mae Brown, MFH, Cindy Piper, MFH, and Norm Fine. The results were:

First Place: Jessica Longe, a D3 from Lead Hound Pony Club from the Northern Lakes Region with "The First Foxhunt".

Second Place: Jacinta Roberts, a D1 from Peace Point Equestrian Center from the Tri-State Region with "Once Upon a Foxhunt"

Third Place: Maggie Lloyd, a HB from Genessee Valley Pony Club from the Western New York Region with an unnamed essay.

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First Place: Angela Parn, 14 a D-3 member of Horse Sense Pony Club "The Log on Top of the Hill"

Second Place: Sara Margaret (Maggie) Tally, 9 a D-1 member of Moore County Pony Club, "Cee Bar's Foxhunt"

Third Place: Hank Watson, 11 a D-2 member of Eno Triangle Pony Club, "Ellen and Her Own Elite Eight"

Other entries included: Virginia Gravelle, Laura Autrey McCray and Melanie Watson.

Winners of the 2007 Hildegard Neill Ritchie Foxhunting Writing Contest

The judges for this year's contest were Cindy Piper, MFH, Long Run Hounds, and Daphne Wood, MFH, Live Oak Hounds. Cindy Piper expressed the following: *"Overall, I am very impressed with the submissions... There is one common theme that came through loud and clear in all the submissions and that is the excitement each young person experienced. Whether they were seasoned foxhunters or first timers, it was clear*

their blood was up and they were paying rapt attention to their surroundings, something that does not happen much in the show ring. I am thrilled to see this in our Pony Club members."

The results were:

First Place: Nikki Surrusco, 20, Ellijay, Georgia, a C-3 member of Horse Sense Pony Club "The Thrill of Discovery"

Second Place: Katherine Sunderland, 14, Dunkirk, Maryland, a C-3 member of the Marlborough Pony Club, "A Day at the Hunt"

Third Place: Amy Brown, 19, Falls Church, Virginia, a C-1 member of the Rocky Run Pony Club, "Reunion"

Other entries included: Evan Becker, Carly Dolan, Helen "Allie" Farley, Lucy Gordon, Jenna Hedstrom, Haley Rudacille, Laura Ruskoski, Samantha Mosle, and Ayla Ybarra

Winners of the 2006 Hildegard Neill Ritchie Foxhunting Writing Contest

There were so many excellent submissions for this year's Hildegard Neill Ritchie Foxhunting writing contest that the judging panel found it difficult to select a winner. The results were:

First Place: Sophie Ruff's untitled essay

Second Place: Sarah Green's "Keeping Balance"

Third Place: Erin Kelly's "Foxhunting Fun"

Other entries included: Allie Billings' "My Foxhunt", Kiersten Childs' untitled essay, Carly Colt's "Born to Foxhunt", Virginia Gravelle's "My First Fox Hunt, I Will Never Forget It!", Lauren Janicki's "An Afternoon with the Hunt", Kathleen Kelly's "My Fox Hunting Story", Grace Lutfy's "Fox Hunt Clinic", Sofie Lutfy's "Fox Hunting Adventures", Ellen Palloto's untitled essay, Haley Amber Rudacille's "The Night before the Hunt", and Cara Weaver's "The Story of Northern Sky Angus". Thank you to all of the participants in this year's contest.

2005 Hildegard Neil Ritchie Foxhunting Writing Contest Results

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After careful deliberations they agreed that this year's top three.

The results were:

First Place: Lindsey Steiner, D2, Rackensack PC, with "Gone To Ground"

Second Place: Christine Shaner, C2, Old Dominion Hounds PC, with "A Victory For Charles?"

Third Place: Booli Selmayr, C3, Golden's Bridge Hounds PC, with an untitled submission.

The results from the 2004 Hildegard Neill Ritchie Writing Contest are:

First Place: Emily Hairfield, C2, Foxtails PC, with "Catch the Wind"

Second Place: Tristan Turner, D2, Croixside PC, with "My First Foxhunt - in Ireland"

Third Place: Hallie Hoffmann, D3, Potomac PC, with "Run for Life"

Honorable Mention: Elizabeth Johnson, C2 River Valley PC, with an untitled essay

The results from the 2003 Hildegard Neill Ritchie Writing Contest are:

1st August Marshall, "Hunt Breakfast"

2nd Amelia Landes, "The Old Hunter"

3rd Maggie Nichols, "Every Fox Has His Day"

Honorable Mention Erin Kornacki, "Working on Colors"

Honorable Mention Emily Berger, "The Skill of Foxhunting"