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Crowder Quill literary/art magazine streamlines electronic entries

Neosho, Mo. -- Crowder College's art and literary magazine, The Crowder Quill, has streamlined accepting electronic entries. All entries except traditional art should be sent digitally via email.

"We received positive feedback last year with the introduction of an electronic process," said Latonia Bailey, Quill adviser since 1994. "It saves time and money for entrants in terms of printing, delivery and postage."

The deadline for contest entries is Feb. 1 each year. Winning entries are published in the magazine and receive an award in May.

Entry categories include fiction, nonfiction, poetry, photography, art work, and digital art. A fairly new category, "digital art" includes extensively altered photographs using programs such as PhotoShop as well as computer-generated art created by programs such as Adobe Illustrator.

Individuals may submit up to four entries in each category. The photography and art categories are both divided into color and black and white. Entry divisions include high school, Crowder College students, and adult community members.

Entries should be sent as email attachments with entry information in the body of the email. Obtain an entry form for more detailed instructions and entry guidelines.

Winning entrants will be notified by letter or email in April. They will receive an award (gold, silver, bronze or honorable mention certificates) and will be published in the magazine.

Hand-delivered art entrants will be notified for retrieval of their entries by April.

"I entered the Quill competition last year mainly because I enjoy the opportunity to compete in an arts format," said Joshua Boley, Journalism and Public Relations major. "Next semester I have chosen to be part of the Quill magazine staff and look forward to judging this year's entries."

The Quill has been published since 1980 and is distributed free on campus and in the community.

"The purpose of The Quill is to showcase and encourage artistic and literary works," said Bailey.

Entry forms and guidelines for the adult-level contest are available as follows:

- at area high schools, public libraries, and on the campus of Crowder College
- email quill@Crowder.edu or latoniabailey@crowder.edu and request an entry form to be sent as an attachment
- go to the Crowder College website www.Crowder.edu and print out the form
- call 417-455-5410 and ask for the Quill.

The magazine is the effort of students in the Magazine Production course, Comm 111. Students publicize the contest, judge the entries, and prepare and host the awards ceremony.

"All students are welcome to enroll and will gain valuable skills in graphics, organization, and teamwork, and the students say it's a lot of fun," Bailey said.

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For more information please contact Latonia Bailey as mentioned in the release.