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Crowder Quill Prepares for 35th Anniversary Contest

Neosho, Mo. – The *Crowder Quill* art and literary magazine is now accepting contest submissions for its 35th anniversary edition. High school and Crowder College students as well as community members are eligible for awards and publication. The deadline is Feb. 1 every year for post-marked entries or Feb. 4 for online and hand-delivered submissions. In honor of the 35th anniversary, a goal of 1,035 entries has been set.

The categories are fiction, nonfiction, poetry, photography, digital, 2D and 3D art. Art entries are accepted by mail, hand delivery, or online submission; all other entries should be sent digitally through www.CrowderQuill.com.

See the website for guidelines and more information. Email Quill@crowder.edu or call 417-455-5410 if questions or to make arrangements for hand-delivered art entries.

“Since 1980, the *Crowder Quill* has been striving to showcase and encourage artistic and literary works,” said Latonia Bailey, *Quill* adviser, who also noted the magazine recently was designated Best Community College Literary-Art Magazine by the American Scholastic Press Association.

Winning entrants will be notified by April 1. High school gold winners will be offered scholarships subject to enrolling in specific, related courses. The awards ceremony and open mic poetry reading will be May 7 in the Farber Building with a special anniversary celebration.

The *Quill*, distributed free on campus and in the community, is created by students in the Magazine Production course, Comm 111 each spring semester. Students from a variety of majors gain valuable skills in graphics, organization, and teamwork, according to Bailey. “Being published in the *Quill* was a unique experience,” said Sofia Sanchez Salcedo, 2013 *Quill* winner.

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