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MEDIA RELEASE

3rd Annual Postcard Story Contest Winner Announced

(July 2, St. John's, NL) – The winner and finalists of the Writers' Alliance of Newfoundland and Labrador's (WANL) 3rd Annual Postcard Story Contest were announced Tuesday at the Ship Pub in St. John's.

WANL's Postcard Story Contest judges, CBC Radio host Angela Antle and actor/author Greg Malone, read almost one hundred entries, selected **Mary Pike** as the winner with her story "Sharo." Pike won a \$250 cash prize plus a \$50 gift certificate from independent bookstore, Broken Books.

An emerging writer, Pike's credits include winning the 2014 H.R. (Bill) Percy Novel Prize (Atlantic Writing Competition) and the 2013 Percy Janes First Novel Award, as well as receiving honourable mention for the 2011 Cuffer Prize. In 2012, Pike apprenticed with Gerard Collins in WANL's competitive Mentorship Program for Emerging Writers.

The two runners-up include **Kristine Power** for "The Cartography of Them," and **Chris Bruce** for "Don't Fix It." **Beth Ryan** received Honorable Mention for "On the Rocks." Part of the prize for all finalists included publication in the *Newfoundland Quarterly's* 2015 summer issue.

This year, WANL partnered with Broken Books and the *Newfoundland Quarterly* to produce an exciting and fun literary challenge. Writers across the province were asked to create a story in 250 words or less that contained the word 'Broken.'

"This year we received the greatest number of entries yet," says Alison Dyer, executive director of the Writers' Alliance. "Writing competitions like this one can help novice writers in particular take that first step: sending their stories out; getting them read; and possibly netting them a cash prize and that important first literary publication credit. For the Alliance, we're discovering some new talent across the province."

Established in 1987, the Writers' Alliance of Newfoundland and Labrador is a not-for-profit member-based organization providing a supportive and inspiring environment for writers in Newfoundland and Labrador, advocating on behalf of the well-being of the province's writers, increasing public awareness of and celebrating the province's authors, and helping to build the provincial literary sector.

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