The North Carolina Writers' Network is now accepting submissions for its annual Rose Post Creative Nonfiction Competition, coordinated by the creative writing program at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

Memoirist Jay Varner will be the final judge of the 2011 Rose Post contest. Varner, author of *Nothing Left to Burn*, graduated from UNC Wilmington with an MFA in creative nonfiction. While in graduate school he taught creative writing and literature courses. He also served as nonfiction editor and eventually managing editor of *Ecotone: Reimagining Place*. He now lives with his wife near Charlottesville, Virginia, where he teaches adult and high school students and is at work on a novel. His website is www.jayvarner.com

The Rose Post Creative Nonfiction Competition encourages the creation of lasting nonfiction work that is outside the realm of conventional journalism and has relevance to North Carolinians. Subjects may include traditional categories such as reviews, travel articles, profiles or interviews, place/history pieces, or culture criticism. The first-, second-, and third-place winners will receive $300, $200, and $100 respectively. The winning entry will be considered for publication by *Southern Cultures* magazine.

Submissions for this year's contest must be postmarked by Wednesday, January 5, and mailed to:

North Carolina Writers' Network
Attn: Rose Post Competition
PO Box 21591
Winston-Salem, NC 27120

Checks should be made payable to the North Carolina Writers' Network. Winners will be announced in March. See below for complete guidelines.

Rose Post Creative Nonfiction Competition
Postmark deadline: January 5 (annual)
Submissions Accepted from November 15 – January 5

Eligibility and Guidelines

- The competition is open to any writer who is a legal resident of North Carolina or a member of the North Carolina Writers' Network.
- Submit two copies of an original and previously unpublished manuscript of no more than 2,000 words, typed (12-point font) and double-spaced.
- Names should not appear on manuscripts but on separate cover sheet along with address, phone number, e-mail address, word count, and manuscript title.
- An entry fee must accompany the manuscript. Multiple submissions accepted, one manuscript per entry fee: $10 for NCWN members, $12 for nonmembers. You may pay member entry fee if you join the NCWN with your submission. Checks should be made payable to the North Carolina Writers' Network.
- Entries will not be returned. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope for list of winners.