GREENSBORO, NC—Rebecca Warren, a retired teacher from Greensboro, has won the 2010 Randall Jarrell Poetry Competition, sponsored by the North Carolina Writers' Network.

Acclaimed poet and publisher Rhett Iseman Trull chose Warren's poem "Grass Bridge" from close to one hundred entries.

"'Grass Bridge' is a gently powerful poem. The voice is clear and melodic, the details vivid. The images speak to each other, creating layers of meaning that unfold throughout the poem," Trull said. "This is a beautiful poem about diligence, connection, work, and love."

Warren will receive a $200 prize from the North Carolina Writers' Network, and her winning poem will be considered for publication in the literary journal the *Crucible*.

Warren, a native of Edenton, has lived in Greensboro since 1979. Her poems have appeared in *Kenyon Review*, *Southern Poetry Review*, *International Poetry Review*, and other magazines and anthologies. Her poem "Chalk" won the Guy Owen Prize for 2000. In 2009, her poem "In the Neighborhood of Fire" won North Carolina State University's Brenda L. Smart Prize for Poetry, and her poem "Doorway" was awarded the
Spoon River Poetry Review
Editors' Prize. Her chapbook,
Prayers for Someone Else
, was the 2002 winner of the
Ruah
/Power of Poetry award. She is a certified healing touch practitioner, and also a volunteer at Greensboro's Women's Hospital, where she works with babies in the hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

Poets selected for honorable mention were Lynn Veach Sadler, Dannye Romine Powell, and Jeff Miles.

Rhett Iseman Trull's first book of poetry, *The Real Warnings* (Anhinga Press, 2009), received the 2008 Anhinga Prize for Poetry. Her poems have appeared or are forthcoming in the

American Poetry Review
,
Best New Poets 2008
,
Prairie Schooner
,the
Southern Review
, and other publications. Her awards include prizes from the Academy of American Poets and the Dorothy Sargent Rosenberg Foundation. She received her BA from Duke University and her MFA from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro where she was a Randall Jarrell Fellow. She and her husband publish
Cave Wall
in Greensboro.

The Randall Jarrell Poetry Competition honors the work and legacy of the poet and critic Randall Jarrell, who taught at what is now the University of North Carolina at Greensboro for nearly eighteen years. The competition is administered by Terry L. Kennedy and the graduate program in creative writing at UNCG, and is open to any writer who is a legal resident of North Carolina or a member of the North Carolina Writers' Network. Visit www.ncwriters.org for more information on this and other contests.