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EDITOR'S NOTE

2016 was an amazing year for Spillwords Press. A year, which saw our Authors list grow to almost 500 worldwide who in turn contributed and collaborated with over 2000 publications.

There is much to celebrate in 2016, from our viewership growth to our global expansion. Therefore we've decided to highlight some of the year's greatest accomplishments via our first annual 'Spillwords Press Awards'.

The Awards reception was beyond our expectations, and readers and writers from all corners of the globe provided their input and voiced their selections. Although one winner was selected per category, it can't be stressed enough how you all were collectively the reason for the Spillwords.com success.

Thank you all, for your incredible participation and for making Spillwords.com one of the fastest growing Literary e-zines and the wonderful community it has become.

Warm regards,

Editor
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AUTHOR OF THE YEAR



ALYSSA BROCKER

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Alyssa Brocker describes herself as a girl who gets lost on her way to the party, almost hits a mailbox pulling in, but when she finally gets there (mostly) everyone is glad she made it. She started her writing career her freshman year of college. With the creative efforts of her theatre troupe they produced an original play written in prose. After that, it was all she wanted to do. Her current project is a young adult novel about the people we connect with throughout our lives and how they can change us.

POETIC PUBLICATION OF THE YEAR



A SULTRY NIGHT

BY JAN SMITH

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The night is warm & still
She sips white wine & reads poetry

A sultry night
Fragrant

She stays awhile in her safe haven

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NON-POETIC PUBLICATION OF THE YEAR



THE UNFAITHFUL EARL BY HEMMINGPLAY

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With one exception, no one in the pub that night had heard the story of the dead earl with the spear in his guts.... At least, not since they were children. It was a quiet evening. Truth be told, it was like most evenings in the little village. This night was running down in the same way. Nothing moved outside, or inside, except for calls for refills by the few villagers...

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INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATION OF THE YEAR



ABITA-RE

BY MARIA PIA DELL'OMO

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Non farmi tua casa.
Erodi le fondamenta e dammi terra nuova
e cieli e spazi incommensurabili.
Dimmi "la mia casa sei tu senza radici"

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SERIES OF THE YEAR



WORDS OF SEDUCTION

BY ANNE G

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Words of Seduction is a series of poems inspired by the feminine form and written to celebrate the strength and beauty that lie within each and every woman.

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SPOKEN POETRY OF THE YEAR



SPEAK TO ME?

BY BOB JENSEN

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Bob Jensen has been writing poetry, music and prose his whole life. He has multiple spoken poetry pieces featured on Spillwords.com and a spoken word series called 'Speak to Me?' For him, poetry really comes to life when it is presented by a human voice. This series includes him performing four of his poems and some truly wonderful artists performing the other four.

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ARTWORK

ARTIST OF THE YEAR

**ROBYN MACKINNON**[SEE HER POSTS](#)

Robyn is mostly a visual artist, but she likes to create “found poetry”, specifically daily haikus made from the statuses of her Facebook friends. It was her Mom who started this, and officially passed the responsibility onto her when she became too busy.

Robyn has a featured series called ‘Robyn finds Poetry’ which is a collection of haiku, along with some cartoons she made to go with them.

HONORARY AWARD

HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR

**DON KNOWLES**[SEE HIS POSTS](#)

Don is a man who deeply believes in the power of caring and loving one’s fellow man. This is evident not only in his poetic inspirations but most importantly through his everyday actions and the charitable causes in which he is involved and for which he motivates others to get involved in, continuously striving to help those in need.

CONTRIBUTOR OF THE YEAR



NATALIA AESCHLIMAN

[SEE HER POSTS](#)

Natalia was voted May 2016 Author of the Month and has been a contributor to Spillwords.com since April 2016 with many of her literary works featured on our pages.

She was born in Puerto Rico and she lives a very simple life with her husband and 2 beautiful kids.

She writes because she doesn't know how to live without it.

SOCIALITE OF THE YEAR



J MARZEC

Twitter: [@AOE_Photography](#)
Instagram: [aoc_photography](#)

J Marzec has been a prominent socialite, both on Twitter and Instagram, sharing his voice with other authors and supporting literature and art.

He is an owner and founder of MDG-ARTS. A photography and media company based in Gdansk & Miami. He loves and lives life, one photographic moment at a time.

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