

OLLI Writing Contest 2009 Winners

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First Prize – Fiction

Roberta Burton began writing letters to her cousin when she was in fifth grade. In later years, they were voluminous. She began expanding to essays, poetry, and even plays when she took two years of creative writing in high school. Roberta has been writing ever since. While her college writing was nonfiction, with publications in several academic journals, Roberta has turned her attention to fiction within the past year, and is currently working on a novel. She is published in *Anthology Twenty-Seven* by Florida State Poets Association, Inc. A memoir item is currently the featured piece for Tallahassee Writers Association on the National Gallery of Writing. Roberta recently won the prize for fiction in the 2009 OLLI writing contest. "Writing is not a choice; it is who I am." She won **First Prize with her piece entitled, "The Do-It Yourself Project."**



First Prize – Creative Nonfiction

Jenny Huston Crowley is a native of Gwinnett County, Georgia, Jenny has lived in Tallahassee since 1974. She is a graduate of Emory University with degrees in English and Nursing. After retiring from a 30 year career with the Tallahassee Neurological Clinic in 2007, Jenny enjoys traveling with her husband Mike, spending time with their families and with their two American Brittanys, Rudy and Rose. Attending OLLI classes is also a favorite pastime. Jenny joined OLLI in the Spring of 2009. She is a member of the OLLI Writers' Group, Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, the FSU Extra Point Club and is the consumer member of the Safety Committee for the Tallahassee Memorial Center for Pain Management. Jenny has had her memoir piece "Be Flexible" published in *Cap Scan*, the Newsletter of the Capital Medical Society. "Unpredictable," a memoir essay she wrote, appears on the OLLI website. She won **First Prize for her memoir story, "Summer Smile."**



First Prize - Poetry

Pauline M. Masterton, Ph.D., was for many years an educator and later a Senior Policy Analyst with the Florida Department of Education. After retirement, she wrote a monthly Community Column for the Tallahassee Democrat, and spent several years as an editor and feature writer for a national magazine for pool players. She also published award-winning poetry, fiction, and non-fiction nationally and locally, and for a time led workshops on poetry and creative writing for The Tallahassee Writers Association. These days, she enjoys traveling, reading, and keeping up with current events and developments in her extended family of kin, friends, including an active relationship with the Unitarian Universalist community. She won **First Prize for her poem, "Class of '48."**

