

## **GUYANA ANNUAL 2010**

### Press Release

The twelfth consecutive issue of THE GUYANA ANNUAL magazine was launched on Labour Day, Saturday May 1, 2010, at the Theatre Guild, Kingston, Georgetown, and according to the Editor, Petamber Persaud, the production was 'a hard birth' but also a labour of love.

THE GUYANA ANNUAL, formerly the Chronicle Christmas Annual, was resuscitated in 1998 by Dr. Tulsi Dyal Singh. The Chronicle Christmas Annual launched in December 1915 'in the midst of the turbulence of the First World War, the magazine would continue, albeit in fits and starts, for at least another 75 years, with the last issue before this current number [1998] published in 1992'.

Resuscitated in 1998, it had undergone a number of modifications to meet the need of both the producer and consumer of good literature. The main modification was the renaming process instituted in order to give the magazine a perennial appeal.

The other modifications were the establishment of two recent prizes namely, The Martin Carter Essay Prize and The Egbert Martin Poetry Prize, specially designed to encourage writing by children under eleven years. Other categories of competitions include providing reading material for children via the Henry Josiah Writing Story of Children and the Rajkumari Singh Writing Poetry for Children.

This 2010 issue of the magazine features interesting articles including 'Adventure in reading' by Godfrey Chin, 'Ganga time' by Roy Brummell, 'Guyana's Coinage' by David Granger, 'Photographing Guyana' by Bobby Fernandes, 'My First Test Cricket Match' by Shan Razack, 'Domestic Violence and Suicide Prevention' by Vince Ramcharran. Other articles deal with our food culture, music of the Amerindians, protecting your pc from current fluctuations, Guyanese in the Diaspora, 100 years of scouting in Guyana, stories from Linden, women artist, book reviews.

### **Winners of this year's competitions include:**

#### *Open Story*

First	Patrick George - The Choice
Second	Mala Ramharak - Rustic Innocence
Third (shared)	Mala Ramharak - Entrapment Stymied
Third (shared)	Shonette Austin
Honourable mention	Imam Baksh - Feeling

#### *Open Poetry*

First	Patrick George - The Champion Liar
Second	Patrick George - A Matter of Pigmentation
Third	Tivia Collins - Beyond Clouds & Skies
Fourth (shared)	Patrick George, Tivia Collins, Mohamed Yasin & Omarnauth Bissoon
Honourable mention	Pearl Lewis, Omarnauth Bissoon, Monica Thomas & Kenneth Daniels

#### *Youth Story*

First (shared)	Devi P. Sarju - Life was Stolen away
First (shared)	Satesh Singh - Tara's Life
Second	Ian Mekdeci - Mabura Hill
Third	Keisha Jeffrey - Stranger Husband
Honourable mention	Aruna Ramratan, Alana Gonsalves, Melisa Ramdeen and Michelle Ford

*Youth Poetry*

First Murtland Haley – Troubling me  
Second Murtland Haley – The Cold Days  
Third (shared) Murtland Haley – Caleon  
Third (shared) Kapil Lakra – Nobody Heard  
Honourable mention Shonette Austin & Alana Gonsalves

*Henry Josiah writing story for children*

First Sheila King – Chatty Parrot’s Message  
Second Iman Baksh – The Bring-back Machine  
Third Mohamed Yasin – The Golden Apples  
Honourable mention - nil

*Rajkumari Singh writing poetry for children*

First Pearl Lewis – Gilbert the Guinea Bird  
Second Roger Hinds – Times Change  
Third nil  
Honourable mention Imam Baksh

*Martin Carter Essay Prize*

First Stanley Ming – Crab Hunting  
Second Zehira Yesreal – Untitled  
Third Lerone Peters – Welcome to Guyana  
Honourable mention Beale Hasbrouck

*Egbert Martin Poetry Prize*

First Stanley Ming – 63 Beach  
Second (shared) Dillon Sugrim – The forest  
Second (shared) Ashlyn Roos – Splashmins  
Third nil  
Honourable mention Kayla Beharry, Gabriella Safeek, Maysa Hasbrouck, Anisa Nasir,  
Rayshar Alli & Baele Hasbrouck

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