



# The Green Blade

AN ANNUAL PUBLICATION FEATURING WORKS FROM THE RURAL AMERICA WRITERS' CENTER



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## Complete Submission Guidelines

**Submission Period:** January 1st through February 15th.

Submissions received after February 15 will not be considered for the print issue, but may be considered for our new online supplement (Visit our website website at [www.raac-mn.com](http://www.raac-mn.com) for more information.)

**Reading Period:** February 15 through April 15.

**Notification of Publication:** Notice of publication will be sent by May 30.

Authors and Artists will receive notice regardless of the decision for publication.

**Qualifications:** In order to submit to the Green Blade, writers and artists must:

- 1) Be a member of Rural America Arts Center (you can join for free at [www.raac-mn.com](http://www.raac-mn.com)); and
- 2) Must in some way have a connection to the Rural America Arts Center, Rural America Writers Center, Greenwood Prairie Art Gallery, Words & Afterwords Bookstore or Jon Hassler Theater. The connection could be as a featured author or attendee of Third Wednesday Reading Series, Up for Discussion or another writing event sponsored by RAWC, or as an attendee of a Jon Hassler Theater performance or of a Greenwood Prairie Gallery Show.

### Submission Categories:

- **Poetry:** Authors may submit up to five (5) poems, not to exceed ten total pages.
- **Fiction:** Fiction manuscripts are recommended not exceed 2,500 words. Excerpts of longer works are acceptable if they stand on their own. Works longer than 2,500 words will be considered in part or in whole.
- **Plays:** Drama pieces are limited to 2,500 words. Excerpts of longer works are acceptable if they stand on their own.
- **Creative Non-Fiction\*:** Creative Non-Fiction should not exceed 2,500 words. Excerpts will be considered.  
\*We will consider: personal essays, memoir, travel writing, food writing, biography, literary journalism and narratives
- **\*NEW 2014\* Book Reviews:** Book reviews will be considered only if they have a connection to the Rural America Writers Center. Reviews may be considered if they feature books by Readers and Participants of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays Reading Series, writers living in Southeastern Minnesota, of books about, set in, relevant to, or otherwise directly connected to life in Southeastern Minnesota.

- **\*NEW 2014\*** **Author Interviews:** Author Interviews will only be considered if they are strongly connected to the Rural America Writers Center either through the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays Reading Series, or other special events.
- **\*REVISED 2014** **Visual Art:** Visual artists may submit up to 5 pieces of artwork in color and/or black and white. Artwork in 2014 will be included on the cover as well as the interior. Cover artwork will be in full color and interior artwork may be either color and or black and white. The Green Blade will consider any art form which can be represented in digitized form including but not limited to; photography, paintings, drawings, sketches, graphic designs or any other digital art forms.

**Submission Process:** All submissions must be submitted electronically through our online submission process or sent directly to Nicole Borg at [nicborg@hotmail.com](mailto:nicborg@hotmail.com). Please include the words “Green Blade” in the subject line of your submission. We do NOT except submissions by mail.

**Submission Limitations and Technical Requirements:** Please note the following submission limitations and technical requirements. Submission not meeting these requirements may not be considered for publication.

- All Submissions must be either;
  - 1) Original, previously unpublished work, or
  - 2) The submitted material must clearly be designated as previously published work and if work has been previously published (either electronically or in print), author must disclose previous publication information and author must provide proof of rights and/or permission to reprint the work.
- Writers should make every effort to limit their annual submission to ten (10) double spaced pages in any combination of categories. Submissions greater than ten (10) pages may be considered in part or in whole.
- Writers may submit a cover page with a short bio and short list of previous publications. The cover letter will not be counted as part of the submission pages.
- All written submissions should be sent as attachments in Microsoft Word or Open Office (You can download Open Office for FREE at [www.openoffice.org](http://www.openoffice.org) )
- Artist must submit digital artwork at a minimum of 600dpi in one of the following formats; JPEG, TIFF or PNG. Artwork not meeting these specifications cannot be printed in the magazine.

**Publication Rights:** Writers and artists whose work is accepted for publication give consent to the Rural America Arts Center (RAAC) and the Rural America Writers Center (RAWC) to electronically publish their work on the RAAC website at [www.raac-mn.com](http://www.raac-mn.com) . Furthermore, the Green Blade does NOT take First North American Serial Rights or retain any ownership of the pieces published in the Green Blade or featured on the RAAC website.

**Payment:** Payment is in one (1) issue of the magazine in which the author’s work appears.

Questions regarding the Green Blade Submission Guidelines can be submitted either via our website at [www.raac-mn.com](http://www.raac-mn.com) or sent directly to Nicole Borg at [nicborg@hotmail.com](mailto:nicborg@hotmail.com) .