The Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies at UBC, Okanagan College, CBC Radio One Kelowna and the Central Okanagan Foundation Present:

The 14th Annual Okanagan Short Story Contest

1st Prize: $500
2nd Prize: $200
3rd Prize: $100

Prizes are awarded for the best new short stories in the Okanagan. Entries will be judged by the UBC Okanagan Creative Writing program and an external judge, Karen Connelly.

RULES:

1. This contest is open to all residents of the southern interior served by CBC Radio One Kelowna, east of Hope, west of the Alberta border, north of the US border and south of Williams Lake.

2. Entries must be original, unpublished works of fiction, submitted on plain 8 1/2 X 11 white paper, double-spaced and typed.

3. Short stories should range from 1000 to 4000 words. The judges reserve the right to disqualify stories that are too long.

4. Entries must be accompanied by a $15 entry fee, **a money order or cheque PAYABLE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**.

5. No name, address, phone number or any identifying mark should appear on the pages of the manuscript. Attach a separate page with the author's name, address, phone number and the name of the story. Authors whose stories make it to the short list stage should be prepared to submit to the administrators of the contest an electronic version of the story and biographical information.

6. Entries must be postmarked on or before **Friday December 16th, 2011** or must be received at the Creative Studies Office of the University of British Columbia Okanagan by that date.

7. There are no age limits or no limits on the number of entries, but each entry must be accompanied by a $15 entry fee.

8. Entries will be judged solely on artistic merit. Decisions of the judges are final.

9. Because of time restrictions and quantity of entries, no manuscripts will be returned. No phone calls or other communication will be entered into regarding the contest. The administrators of the contest do not take responsibility for lost manuscripts. Please keep a copy.

10. The winners will be announced on Thursday February 2nd, 2012, at a public event at the Okanagan Regional Library in Kelowna where the winning writers are invited to read from their work.

11. Mail entries to:

Okanagan Short Story Contest
c/o Irma Ronkkonen, FIN 162
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The University of British Columbia Okanagan
3333 University Way
Kelowna BC V1V 1V7

For more information and a list of these rules, go to the website at www.okstorycontest.org.