



# Stewart's Shops

## **SaratogaArtsFest (SAF) Short Story Contest**

***Celebrating the Saratoga Springs Centennial – 1915-2015***

### **GUIDELINES & OTHER INFORMATION**

- 1. Contest open to high school students grades 9-12.**
- 2. Maximum Word Count – 1,000 Words.**
- 2. First Prize Finalist will receive a \$350 Stipend.**
- 3. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> prize Finalist will receive a \$75 Stipend.**
- 4 There will also be Gift Certificates for Honorable Mention Finalists**
- 5. Finalists will be notified by June 1.**
- 6. Winners will be announced at a reception on Sunday, June 14.**

### **SUGGESTIONS FROM THE JUDGES:**

- Go Back in time to 1920, 1930 or 1940
- Write a short story about an experience a Saratoga Springs student may have had in that time period
- Think about topics you could write about:
  - a. Receiving good news or bad news;
  - b. Meeting a stranger from another state or country;
  - c. A unusual situation during summer vacation;
  - d. Or any other scenario that you may come up with.
  - e. Think Creatively!

**A winners' reception will be held during the Centennial Celebration on Sunday, June 14 at 12:30pm at Saratoga Arts, 320 Broadway, Saratoga Springs.**

### **Our Judges:**

Jennifer Armstrong: Award-Winning Author of more than 100 books for pre-school children through young adult. Ms. Armstrong is also a frequent speaker at schools, conferences and children's literature events.

Sarah Dervan: Youth Services Librarian at the Saratoga Springs Public Library who supervises programming in the Children's Room and the Teen Room at the library. Ms. Dervan also works closely with the district schools presenting book talks.

Steve Sheinkin: Award-Winning author of several fascinating books on American History. Mr. Sheinkin's recent book *Bomb: The Race to Build-And Steal-The World's Most Dangerous Weapon* was a winner of the Sibert Award, as well as the YALSA Award for excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults.

**For further information:** Call 518-339-0636.