Entries accepted from April 1st to June 30th, 2014

1st Place Prize-$750 for each category
2nd Place Prize-$400 for each category
Honorable Mention Certificates

Entries must include the words “Déjà vu” AND depict the theme
(Interpret as broadly as you like)

Entry Fee - $15 per entry
You may enter in more than one category and with as many entries as you like.
Go to www.slonightwriters.org for payment and contest information.

SHORT STORY/MEMOIR 1,000 max word limit - must be double spaced and, where applicable, will be judged on: 1) Beginning / Ending, 2) Character, 3) Dialogue, 4) Narrative Voice & Point of View, 5) Description of Setting, 6) Emotional Impact, 7) Plot / Story Arc, 8) Use of Language

POETRY 40 line max limit - may be creatively spaced and formatted and, where applicable, will be judged on: 1) Power/Emotional Impact, 2) Message, 3) Form and Flow, 4) Use of Language

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For a complete set of Rules and Format Guidelines see below or visit our website at: www.slonightwriters.org

Contest Entrants qualify for the special Early Bird rate at the 30th Annual Cuesta College Central Coast Writers Conference, September 19-20, 2014 in San Luis Obispo, CA, featuring keynote speaker, Anne Perry. Attendance at the CCWC is optional. First place winners will be given free entries into the conference ($140 value each). For details, visit: www.communityprograms.net

Questions? Contact us: nightwriterscontest@gmail.com
2014 Contest Rules

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** All writers are welcome except NightWriters board members, Contest Committee members, screeners and judges. Entries must be the original unpublished works of the authors.

2. **FEES and PAYMENTS:** Entry Fee is $15 per contest entry. For payment:

   | Go to the ‘Writing Contest Entry Fees’ button in the left margin at www.slonightwriters.org. Follow the instructions for using either PayPal or your Credit Card. |
   | OR use your own PayPal account and enter the address: slonightwriters@yahoo.com in the box labeled “To their email address.” |
   | OR Send your payment through the mail to:  SLO NightWriters Contest  PO Box 6241  Los Osos, CA 93412  Make checks payable to: SLO NightWriters. Include your submission title(s) and author name on the memo line of the check. |

3. **DISCOUNTS:** If you wish to join SLO NightWriters at this time, include $25 (your discounted membership fee) along with your first $15 entry fee (a total of $40).

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4. **THEME:** Entries must include the words “Déjà vu” AND depict the theme (Interpret as broadly as you like).

5. **WORD LIMITS:** Excluding titles, Short Story/Memoir – up to 1,000 words. Poetry – up to 40 lines.

6. **FORMATTING:** Each entry must use the following formatting:
   - Courier or Times New Roman or Arial type font.
   - A minimum of 1-inch margins.
   - Short Stories/Memoirs must be double-spaced, and include page numbers.
   - Poems may be creatively spaced and formatted, and include page numbers if needed.
   - At the top of each entry, list: **title**, **entry category**, and **word/line count** only. **NO IDENTIFYING INFORMATION** is to be placed on the entry itself.

7. **COVER PAGE:** Judging is blind, so each contest entry must be emailed with a SEPARATE attachment cover page that includes:
   - Author(s) name, First and Last
   - Title of submission **AND** Entry Category
   - Exact Word Count, or Line Count for poetry
   - Author(s) Mailing Address, Phone Number and Email Address
   - How I heard about this contest

8. **SUBMISSION:** Electronic submissions only (Contact us for exceptions.) Use .doc, .rft, or Adobe pdf. **NO DocX files please.** Place **entry title and author(s) last name** in the Subject Line of the email. You may enter multiple categories and with multiple entries. **Email entry and cover page as attachments to:** [Nightwriterscontest@gmail.com](mailto:Nightwriterscontest@gmail.com)

9. **WINNERS:** Judges’ decisions are final. Winners will be notified after Aug 1, 2014. For each category 1st place prize is $750, 2nd place prize is $400. Honorable Mentions will also be granted. Winners may be asked to read entries at the Oct 14th, 2014 SLO NightWriters Meeting. If co-authors, they must split prize money between themselves. Winners may be acknowledged at this year’s Cuesta College Central Coast Writers Conference.

10. **PUBLICATION:** All rights belong to the authors. SLO NightWriters may request permission to announce and publish the winning entries on its website and other media.