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IWPA Mate E. Palmer Communication Contest Winners Announced

Chicago, IL – The Illinois Woman's Press Association (IWPA), an affiliate of the National Federation of Press Women (NFPW), honored 31 members for 137 winning entries in the 2011 Mate E. Palmer Communications Contest at its May 21 Awards Luncheon and 70th Anniversary of the contest, hosted at the Union League Club in Chicago.

IWPA received a total of 180 entries that were submitted for state judging. The most competitive categories this year were Feature Story, Special Articles and Writing for the Web. There were 42 1st place entries sent on to NFPW for national judging. Results will be announced for the professional contest at the National Conference being held September 8 – 10 in Council Bluffs, Iowa and Omaha, Nebraska. This year's competition recognized excellence in communications and covered a wide range of categories in print and electronic media, books, photography, advertising and public relations. (A complete list of winners is attached.)

Every year IWPA presents the Communicator of Achievement award to a member who has exhibited outstanding communication skills. IWPA proudly announced Susan Brauer as the 2011 Communicator of Achievement winner and was presented with a beautiful trophy by Val Ensalaco, the 2010 Communicator of Achievement winner. Susan will represent Illinois as its nominee for the National Communicator of Achievement Award from the National Federation of Press Women.

Susan has served IWPA in many capacities, including Treasurer and chair of the IWPA Tent at the Printers Row Lit Fest. She is the Dean of Academic Affairs at DeVry University in Chicago. She is also a self-published author, president of the publishing company Dreamers Tapestry, and an inspirational speaker on topics ranging from career success in high tech, breaking the abuse cycle, and achieving personal goals.

Mary Wagner is this year's Silver Feather award winner. Mary has captured the imagination of her readers through her writings as a book author, essayist, and photographer. This year she won four 1st places awards, three 2nd place awards, three 3rd place awards and one Honorable Mention. Her awards covered writings from more.com, the Marquette University Law School Blog, the Growing Bolder Website, and her blog, *Running with Stilettos: Living a balanced life in dangerous shoes*.

IWPA is the Illinois affiliate of NFPW, an organization that offers networking and professional development, and is dedicated to professional excellence and the highest ethical standards in the communications field, and to the rights and responsibilities of the First Amendment. Its members work in print and electronic journalism, public relations, advertising, freelance writing, graphic design, new media, marketing, photography, book publishing, education and more. For more information about IWPA call the Illinois Woman's Press Association Hotline at 312.458.9151 or visit the IWPA website at <http://www.iwpa.org>.

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The 2011 Mate E. Palmer Communications Contest Winners

Last Name	First Name	State Award	Name of Category	Title of Entry
Achenbach	Kathryn	1st	Specialty Articles, Fashion	Backstage Pass to Glamour
Achenbach	Kathryn		Specialty Articles, Fashion	College Smarts
Ahrens	Tracy	1st	Feature story, Daily Newspaper	Bluebird Lady helps species feel at home
Ahrens	Tracy	2nd	Columns, Humorous	Wait for the tail
Ahrens	Tracy		Columns, Humorous	Flying Pickles
Clark	David	3rd	Feature Story, Publication/magazine/supplement	Rocket Man
Clark	David	1st	Specialty Articles, History	A Man and His Castle
Clark	David		Specialty Articles, History	It Winds from Chicago to L.A.
Clark	David	1st	Specialty Articles, Travel	Postcards from the ledge
Clark	David		Specialty Articles, Travel	Illinois & Michigan Canal
Clark	David	2nd	Specialty Articles, History	Architects of Chicago's 66: Post Modernists
Clark	David		Specialty Articles, History	Architects of Chicago's 66: Van Osdel and Cobb
Clark	David	1st	Photography in a printed publication other than newspaper, feature photo	For article entitled, "Postcards from the edge pp 9 and 12.
Clark	David	2nd	Photography in a printed publication other than newspaper, feature photo	Photograph of I&M Canal Lock 16 for article entitled, "Illinois and Michigan Canal"
Clark	David	3rd	Photography in a printed publication other than newspaper, feature photo	For article entitled, "Postcards from the edge, p 8.
Clark	David	HM	Writing for the web and online newsletters, web content for hobby or special interest sites	Photograph of westbound Route 66 at night in Chicago
Cook	Marlene	3rd	Personality Profile, more than 500 words	Grace faces "Good Morning America"
Cook	Marlene	1st	Specialty Articles, Religion	Our cadets serve with joy and laughter
Cook	Marlene	2nd	Specialty Articles, Travel	Getting your kicks on Route 66
Cook	Marlene	1st	Newsletter, four-color print	First Focus
Cruz	Cindy	1st	Feature Story, non-daily newspaper	Centennial Program Allows Residents to Step Back In Time



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Cruz	Cindy	1st	Special Articles, Education	District 205 offers students an international experience
Cruz	Cindy		Specialty Articles, Education	District 205 proposes Freshman Center
Cruz	Cindy	2nd	Specialty Articles, Physical health, fitness, mental health, self-help	Saint Margaret Mercy expands surgical options, Alzheimers from another perspective
Cruz	Cindy	HM	Publications regularly edited by entrant, non-daily newspaper	The Shopper
Frazier	Jan	1st	Young Adult Books, fiction	Transatlantic Voyage: JC Van Winkler's Adventure Series
Green	Cecilia	1st	Newspaper, trade paper, magazine - print or electronic campaign or series built around one subject, newsletter or website, institutional or image	Downtown Bartlett Business Group 2010 Event Ads
Green	Cecilia	1st	Single sheet poster, poster campaign, billboard, banner - billboard	Bartlett Heritage Days Billboard
Green	Cecilia	1st	Radio Single Commercial build around one subject	Halloween Fun Fest
Hanney	Suzanne	2nd	News Reporting, Publication/magazine/supplement for general or specialized circulation, including internal publications	From foreclosures to affordable housing
Hanney	Suzanne	3rd	News Reporting, Publication/magazine/supplement for general or specialized circulation, including internal publications	Ceasefire is back thanks to activists
Hanney	Suzanne	3rd	News Reporting, Publication/magazine/supplement for general or specialized circulation, including internal publications	Sweet Home Chicago TIF pushed to a vote
Hanney	Suzanne	1st	Feature Story, Publication/magazine/supplement	Empowerment through employment
Hanney	Suzanne	1st	Specialty Articles, Government or Politics	Mayor candidate forum
Hanney	Suzanne		Specialty Articles, Government or Politics	2011 Illinois Budget Crisis
Hanney	Suzanne	1st	Specialty Articles, Social Issues	Riding with the Salvation Army
Hanney	Suzanne	HM	Specialty Articles, Social Issues	Volunteers of America take on Chicago veterans' issues
Hanney	Suzanne		Specialty Articles, Social Issues	Continuing the vision: Marshall Field V is leadoff man for Chicago Community Trust's centennial



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Hanney	Suzanne	1st	Publications regularly edited by entrant, publication, magazine, supplement for general circulation	Streetwise June 16 - 22
Hanney	Suzanne		Publications regularly edited by entrant, publication, magazine, supplement for general circulation	Streetwise May 5 - 11
Hanney	Suzanne	HM	Publications regularly edited by entrant, publication, magazine, supplement for general circulation	Streetwise October 20 - 26
Hanney	Suzanne		Publications regularly edited by entrant, publication, magazine, supplement for general circulation	Streetwise December 22 - 28
Hanney	Suzanne	1st	Photographer-writer	INSP Australia: Global voice against poverty, Streetwise and other papers put a face on homelessness
Haycock	Terry	1st	Publications regularly edited by entrant, newsletters	PenPoints Summer 2010
Haycock	Terry		Publications regularly edited by entrant, newsletters	PenPoints Fall 2010
Hilboldt	Mary Faith	1st	News Reporting, Publication./magazine/supplement for general or specialized circulation, including internal publications	How are you getting home
Hilboldt	Mary Faith	HM	Feature Story, Publication/magazine/supplement	Why do we do it?
Hilboldt	Mary Faith	2nd	Special Articles, Arts and Entertainment	Aiming for Sainthood: hearing child explores life with deaf parents
Hine	Laura	1st	Specialty Articles, Physical health, fitness, mental health, self-help	Left Behind: Surviving the suicide of a loved one
Hine	Laura		Specialty Articles, Physical health, fitness, mental health, self-help	From boredom to bliss
Hine	Laura	2nd	Specialty Articles, Food	How difficult can it be?
Hine	Laura		Specialty Articles, Food	Seasoning with style



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Hine	Laura	2nd	Publications regularly edited by entrant, publication, magazine, supplement for general circulation	Make it Better Magazine November 2010
Hine	Laura		Publications regularly edited by entrant, publication, magazine, supplement for general circulation	Make it Better Magazine October 2010
Killeen	Marjie	1st	Columns, Informational	Sex in the suburbs: the pleasures of poledancing
Killeen	Marjie		Columns, Informational	Sex in the suburbs: women who leave men for other women
King, Rice, Stoekley, Doty	Megan, Dassistie, Caitlyn, Bethany	2nd	Podcasts, news	Visitability Podcast
King, Rice, Stoekley, Doty	Megan, Dassistie, Caitlyn, Bethany	1st	Social Media Campaign, web campaign written for not-for-profit	Twitter Account for Advocates for Access
King, Rice, Stoekley, Doty	Megan, Dassistie, Caitlyn, Bethany		Social Media Campaign, web campaign written for not-for-profit	Facebook Account for Advocates for Advocates
King, Rice, Stoekley, Doty	Megan, Dassistie, Caitlyn, Bethany	1st	Brochure, four-color print	Seeds of Change brochure
King, Rice, Stoekley, Doty	Megan, Dassistie, Caitlyn, Bethany	2nd	Information for the Media, feature release	Visitability and Creating Access for All
King, Rice, Stoekley, Doty	Megan, Dassistie, Caitlyn, Bethany	2nd	Information for the Media, feature release	Seeds of Change media kit
King, Rice, Stoekley, Doty	Megan, Dassistie, Caitlyn, Bethany	1st	Public Relations, campaign for a non-profit institution	Seeds of change
Logan	Liz	2nd	Personality Profile, 500 words or fewer	Successful Women: Lorraine Morton
Logan	Liz	2nd	Personality Profile, more than 500 words	A literary lift: Evanston's Karen Thompson Brings Books – and Confidence - to Underprivileged Chicago Youth Beauty Salon
Logan	Liz	1st	Special Articles, Arts and Entertainment	deep welz
Logan	Liz		Special Articles, Arts and Entertainment	
Logan	Liz	1st	Specialty Articles, Hobby or Craft	Stitched with love
Logan	Liz		Specialty Articles, Hobby or Craft	A plentiful crop
Logan	Liz	2nd	Specialty Articles, Education	Mind the gap
Logan	Liz		Specialty Articles, Education	Charting a New Course
Logan	Liz	2nd	Specialty Articles, Social Issues	Making it click



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Logan	Liz	1st	Section edited by entrant, publication, magazine, or supplement	Make a Difference (September)
Logan	Liz		Section edited by entrant, publication, magazine, or supplement	Make a Difference (December)
Logan	Liz	1st	Writing for the web and online	Author Fern Schumer Chapman on Her New book and writing about her mom
Logan	Liz	2nd	Writing for the web feature article written specifically for the web	6 Deal sites to sign up for now
Lopez Fritscher	Betsy	1st	News reporting, daily newspaper	One agriculture teacher to cover two high schools
Lopez Fritscher	Betsy	1st	News reporting, daily newspaper	Preserving farmland: green acres is what they want it to be
McGrath	Bonnie	1st	Columns, General	How things have changed in the south loop; Noting the legal notices
McGrath	Bonnie	1st	Columns, Personal Opinion	Just like a handy woman
McGrath	Bonnie		Columns, Personal Opinion	Storms hurt our good trees
McGrath	Bonnie	3rd	Columns, Humorous	South loop wild-ernes
McGrath	Bonnie		Columns, Humorous	An eye for the ages
Nelson	Lisa	1st	Blogs, web content written for non-profit	Dan's Ashes
Nelson	Lisa	1st	Blogs, web content written for non-profit	They never tell me I'm their hero
Noyes	Susan	1st	Personality Profile, 500 words or fewer	Men and Women of Heart: Chris Kennedy
Noyes	Susan	2nd	Columns, Personal Opinion	A vote for community, social, entrepreneurship, style and trust
Noyes	Susan		Columns, Personal Opinion	Smiles, tears and sometimes dirt
Noyes	Susan	3rd	Writing for the web, feature article written specifically for the web	A fundraiser's tale
Peters	Susan	2nd	Non-fiction book, biography and autobiography	Sweet Liberia: Lessons from the Coalpot
Rypcinski	Lydia	HM	News reporting, daily newspaper	Champs on target: let the good times roll
Rypcinski	Lydia		News reporting, daily newspaper	Contest has helped turn pins to gold
Rypcinski	Lydia	1st	Personality Profile, more than 500 words	Positively negative
Sarwate	Rebecca	1st	Writing for the web, Column or commentary specifically for the Web	Education no longer key to economic kingdom
Sarwate	Rebecca	2nd	Blogs, web content special interest site	so this is what fat looks like?



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Sarwate	Rebecca	2nd	Blogs, web content special interest site	A generation X bedtime story
Sellers-Labuy	Lynn	2nd	News reporting, daily newspaper	Twisted Weather
Sellers-Labuy	Lynn		New reporting, daily newspaper	Red Wreath fire prevention campaign a success
Sellers-Labuy	Lynn	2nd	Specialty Articles, Arts and Entertainment	BNHS students get a 'Night in the Spotlight'; Overtime needed toward 2010 Miss Boone County Fair Title
Sellers-Labuy	Lynn	2nd	Specialty Articles, Sports	North wins second time around over Bucs
Sellers-Labuy	Lynn		Specialty Articles, Sports	Belvidere LaCrosse team plays inaugural home games
Sellers-Labuy	Lynn	1st	Photography in a daily newspaper, sports photo	Belvidere's Nick Wisley (top) and \Belvidere North's Joe Acosta
Sellers-Labuy	Lynn	2nd	Photography in a daily newspaper, news photo	Caledonia moves ahead after destructive tornado
Sellers-Labuy	Lynn	2nd	Photographer-writer	BHS adds four members to Buc Hall of Fame
Sims	Elise	3rd	Publications regularly edited by entrant, publication, magazine, supplement for general circulation	Vim and Vigor Magazine Spring 2010
Sims	Elise		Publications regularly edited by entrant, publication, magazine, supplement for general circulation	Vim and Vigor Magazine Winter 2010
Sims	Elise	1st	News or feature releases - multiple releases	Lab upgrade enhances patient safety quality of care at hospitals of CHS
Taylor	Stephanie	2nd	Feature Story, Publication/magazine/supplement	One in four might lose AIDS meds
Wagner	Mary	1st	Photography on the web, single photo	Ripples out of water (included in photo essay "Chicago by Boat"
Wagner	Mary	2nd	Photography on the web, single photo	Mysteries in glass (included in photo essay "Chicago Cultural Center"
Wagner	Mary	2nd	Photo on the web, photo gallery	Chicago Cultural Center
Wagner	Mary	3rd	Photography on the web, single photo	Clouds on land (included in photo essay "Chicago by Boat"
Wagner	Mary	3rd	Photo on the web, photo gallery	Place de la musique
Wagner	Mary	1st	Writing for the web, web content written for corporate or for-profit organization sites	The accidental author, Full Circle
Wagner	Mary	HM	Writing for the Web and online newsletters, web content written for corporate or for-profit organization sites	My first Viennese Ball



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Wagner	Mary		Writing for the web feature article written specifically for the web	The Sisterhood of the chop saw
Wagner	Mary	1st	Blogs, web content special interest site	The catbird returns
Wagner	Mary		Blogs, web content special interest site	Calling H.D Thoreau
Wagner	Mary	2nd	Blogs, web content written for educational website	The real deal
Wagner	Mary		Blogs, web content written for educational website	Advice on appeals from Howard Eisenberg
Wagner	Mary	3rd	Blogs, web content special interest site	Read the instructions
Wagner	Mary		Blogs, web content special interest site	Milwaukee Irish Center in peril
Wilson	Connie	1st	Photo on the web, photo gallery	The Tall Ships in Chicago at Navy Pier
Wilson	Connie	2nd	Writing for the Web and online newsletters, Feature article written specifically for the web	Obama in Iowa for Health Care Initiative; Tea Partiers rally outside Iowa City Fieldhouse
Wilson	Connie	2nd	Writing for the web, Column or commentary specifically for the Web	Opinion: Phil Hare is better choice than Bobby Schilling in Illinois' 17th District race
Wilson	Connie	3rd	Writing for the Web and online newsletters, Feature article written specifically for the web	What did General Stanley McCrystal really say in the "Rolling Stone" article that got him fired?
Wilson	Connie	3rd	Website development for special interest sites	Connie Wilson
Wilson	Connie	HM	Blogs, web content written for special interest sites.	Weekly Wilson: #1 Chicago film festival: Encounters of the famous kind
Wilson	Connie		Blogs, web content written for special interest sites.	Wall Street: Money never sleeps
Wilson	Connie	2nd	Videos for website, web content written for special interest sites	Hellfire & damnation
Wilson	Connie	3rd	Non-fiction book, General	It Came from the 70s: From the Godfather to Apocalypse Now
Wilson	Connie	HM	Short Story (Collection)	Hellfire and Damnation
Wolf-Astrauskas	Marianne	3rd	Writing for the web, Column or commentary specifically for the Web	Imagine the possibilities



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Wolf- Astrauskas	Marianne	1st	Internal Communications	Illinois Women's Press Association 125th Birthday Celebration luncheon brochure
Wolf- Astrauskas	Marianne	2nd	Brochure, four-color print	Illinois Women's Press Association Spring Awards Luncheon