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### Winners announced for Laurier's Centennial Drabble Contest

WATERLOO – The winners of Wilfrid Laurier University's "100 Words" Centennial Drabble Contest have been announced. The winning authors will receive their awards at the contest's celebration event, taking place Thursday, Sept. 29 at 7:30 p.m.

The overall winning entry is:

- *Piece*, by Emily Bednarz

The winning category entries are:

- For the "inspiration" category: *Laurifer*, by Eileen Morouney
- For the "leadership" category: *Leap of Faith* by Brian Gabriel Smith
- For the "purpose" category: *Peach Tree* by Nicholas Dinka

Laurier launched the drabble contest to celebrate the university's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Participants were asked to write a fiction story exactly 100 words long that explored one of the following topics: "inspiration," "leadership" or "purpose." More than 200 entries from staff, faculty, students and community members were received.

Associate English Professor Tamas Dobozy, Director: WLU Press Brian Henderson and Associate English Professor Tanis MacDonald judged the contest.

"We were pleased to discover the variety of approaches that writers took to the challenge of composing a drabble; the stringency of that hundred-word limit forced the writers to sharpen their diction and focus their intent," said MacDonald. "The entries explored a range of topics in each of the assigned categories, and the winners all showed their ability to adhere to form while demonstrating innovative or strikingly original use of language."

Including the winning drabbles, 48 entries will be published in an official keepsake book. Copies of the drabble book will be available for purchase at the celebration event for \$10 each.

Event details:

Date: Thursday, September 29, 2011.

Time: 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Place: Hawk's Nest, Fred Nichols Campus Centre, Laurier's Waterloo campus.

Light refreshments will be served.

The Laurier community is invited to attend the celebration event. Please RSVP to [celebrate2011@wlu.ca](mailto:celebrate2011@wlu.ca).

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