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The deadline for entries is



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CAROL COMES TO LIFE

Jennifer Zetic saw a line from a Christmas carol at Musselman's Lake on New Year's Day. Not a partridge in a pear tree, but seven swans a swimming in the Ninth Line lake.

Attention young writers: short story contest accepting entries

Deadline is Feb. 15, 2016

BY CHRIS TRABER ctraber@yrmg.com

Young adults 22 and younger are invited to write their best prose for the sixth annual short story contest hosted by the Canadian Federation of University Women.

The competition, co-ordinated by the federation's Aurora/Newmarket chapter, is open to aspiring scribes in York Region and Bradford West Gwillimbury, writing contest committee chairperson Adele Matsalla said.

While creative writing can be a solitary and challenging task, the contest rules are simple.

Submissions must be accompanied with a \$5 entry fee and can be no longer than 750 words, so ensure you do a word count.

Feb. 15, 2016.

Cash prizes for first, second and third places are \$400, \$300 and \$200 respectively. Winners will be announced in April and the top story will be reprinted in the Newmarket Era and Aurora Banner newspapers.

This year, award-winning Canadian author and playwright Jennifer Dance will be the celebrity judge.

The Stouffville resident has a passion for justice and equality as well as a great love for the North American wilderness and the animals who call it home. She is the

author of Paint, Red Wolf and Hawk. Her profile can be read at jenniferdance.ca.

The Aurora/Newmarket chapter's goal is to promote literacy and encourage young writers and is part of a national organization.

The local club, comprised of about 250 women, is both a service and a social club. As one of its mandates is education, the club provides awards of \$9,000 annually to students in York Region.

To download an entry form and rules, visit cfuwauroranewmarket.com and click on Writing Contest.

