

# From the SCFMS Bulletin Aids Chairman

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This is the announcement of the 2013 SCMFS Author and Editor contest (for bulletins and newsletters published in 2012). The contest overview, instructions, and score sheets have all been posted on the web. Below are links to these files. The score sheets are in PDF and can be filled in and saved, but you will need Adobe Reader 9 or later, a free program that can be downloaded from the web. Please see the Contest Overview for a link where you can download the program.

The absolute deadline for me to receive entries is Feb.16, 2013. Please try to mail your entries early enough so that you are not forced to use an overnight mail service. If you get absolutely must use an overnight carrier to get your entries in on time, please let me know by phone and/or email so that I am expecting the delivery and can be in place to receive them.

I really encourage every club to enter this year. Winning a trophy or certificate is nice, but I hope you use the contest as a means of improving your newsletter and articles. The score sheet lists certain things that the judges look for. Additionally, the graded score sheets will be returned to you at the next SCMFS Convention. You can look at the comments from the judges - still another way to improve your end products. The trophies and certificates are nice, but the education you can get from the score sheets and contest is really the most important aspect.

I would encourage you to read the [2013 Editor and Author Contest Overview](#) and the 2013 Contest Instructions (this document). If possible, please download the score sheets from the web. If you do not have web access I will send you a hard copy of the instructions and entry forms, but you will need to contact me to have them sent. Here are the links to the files. They are all on the Pleasant Oaks G&MC website, please go to <http://pogmc.org> and select the BEAC tab. I have asked the SCFMS webmaster to either add the files to the SCFMS pages, or to just link to the [www.pogmc.org](http://www.pogmc.org) pages. Here are links to all of the files

- [2013 Editor and Author Contest Overview](#)
- [2013 Contest Instructions](#)
- [2013 Bulletin Score Sheet in PDF](#)
- [2013 Advanced Article Score Sheet in PDF](#)
- [2013 Adult Article Score Sheet in PDF](#)
- [2013 Junior Article Score Sheet in PDF](#)
- [2013 Adult Poetry Score Sheet in PDF](#)
- [2013 Junior Poetry Score Sheet in PDF](#)
- [2013 Feature Score Sheet in PDF](#)
- [2013 Special Publications Score Sheet in PDF](#)

Note: With Adobe 9 or later the score sheets can be filled in and saved.

I hope all of you will set aside couple of hours to enter the newsletter and articles/poems/etc. from you club and members. Please note that all entries must be submitted in the form that they were distributed to the club members. If you distribute your newsletter exclusively by email or as a web file, a printed copy must be submitted. Three copies of each item entered must be submitted, and a score sheet needs to be attached to each copy.

If you need additional help or have questions, there is contact information in the 2013 Editor and Author Contest Overview and the 2013 Contest Instruction. You can also look at the AFMS instruction on the AFMS web page, see <http://www.amfed.org/>. You can reach me by email at <mailto:rayduplechain@hotmail.com>. I can also be reached by phone at 225-978-0031 (cell).

Contest entries should be mailed so that they reach me by Feb.16, 2013. Entries should be sent to:

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Thank you for your time and efforts.