

# 2014 MCC Creative Writing Contest

## Poetry Category

**Second Place:** “*With Pen in Hand,*” by Lizzieigh Enos

With pen in hand,

I commit the impossible...

Forged in ink,

Images are created with words

Lined up in neat little rows

In an elegant script.

I reveal to myself and the world

My innermost essence

And unending worlds of imagination,

Each word unmasking a reservoir

Of thoughts and emotions.

With ever carefully crafted line

I remind myself

And others

That even in the darkest, loneliest hours,

We are not alone.

I can entertain,  
Support, argue, cry laugh,  
Tell my deepest secrets,  
Reveal my innermost thoughts and truths  
Without ever speaking a word.

I can create life,  
Destroy life,  
Save a life  
All with paper, pen, and words.

With pen in hand,  
The impossible becomes possible...

## JUDGE'S COMMENTS

I very much like "Lined up in neat little rows/ In an elegant script." The writer is absolutely right about the functions of writing and how we can connect with others and ourselves through the process.

*Jim Fatka served as judge for the 2014 contest. Mr. Fatka is a recently retired MCC English instructor who taught numerous writing and literature courses, including creative writing.*