

2009 River of Words Poetry

Category I-National Finalists

Bill Adams, *Teaches*, grade 5, Columbia Co 4-H, Martinez, Teacher: Shirley Williamson

Category IV-National Finalists

Megan Mabry, *Genesis*, grade 11, Roswell High School, Roswell, Teacher: Joel McElvaney

Emilie Menzel, *Koi Pond*, grade 11, Parkview High School, Lilburn, Teacher: Mary Lynn Huie

Courtney Reed, *Ars Poetica*, grade 12, Parkview High School, Lilburn, Teacher: Mary Lynn Huie

Hope Rogers, *Of Purple*, grade 12, Parkview High School, Lilburn, Teacher: Mary Lynn Huie

Category I- State Winners

Tarannum Lakdawala, *The Sight of the Okefenokee*, grade 2, Casa Montessori School, Marietta, Teacher: Cyndia Hunnicutt

Karsten McMichael, *The Mighty River*, grade 2, Mansfield Elementary, Mansfield, Teacher: Christy Lyons

Lydia Y. Nam, *Little Tiny Rain Drop*, grade 2, Fernbank Elementary, Atlanta, Teacher: Alicia Jacobs

Tyler Stott, *What Water Means*, grade 2, Due West Elementary, Marietta, Teacher: Lisa Slauson, Stacey Harvey

Rebecca Valle, *The Graceful River*, grade 2, Casa Montessori School, Marietta, Teacher: Cyndia Hunnicutt

Category II

Sarah Ali, *The Magic of Creation*, grade 6, Bennett's Mill Middle School, Fayetteville, Teacher: Jennifer Ritter

Dale Chapman, *First Light*, grade 6, Bennett's Mill Middle School, Fayetteville, Teacher: Jennifer Ritter

Rachel Kim, *Timeless*, grade 6, Autrey Middle School, Alpharetta, Teacher: Rebekah Gibson, Claire Turner

Olivia Taylor, *A Friend*, grade 6, McDonough

Macy Watkins, *Conserve and Preserve*, grade 6, GA Military College Prep School, Milledgeville, Teacher: Maj. Patty Anderson

Category III

August Anderson, *The Water Tells A Story*, grade 8, Bennett's Mill Middle School, Fayetteville, Teacher: Jennifer Ritter

Alana Broe, *Trapped*, grade 9, Wesleyan School, Norcross, Teacher: Alison Holby

Emma Courson, *The Creek*, Cleveland

Nathan Etheridge, *Chattahoochee*, grade 8, The Atlanta Academy, Roswell, Teacher: Josie Slater

Hunter Hughes, *Watersheds in Evans, Georgia*, grade 9, Greenbrier High School, Evans, Teacher: Vickie Dorn

Category IV

Morgan Cannon, *God's Creations*, grade 10, Greenbrier High School, Evans, Teacher: Vickie Dorn

Bianca Franz, *Watersheds*, grade 10, Greenbrier High School, Evans, Teacher: Vickie Dorn

Ashley Kelly, *Water Dreams*, grade 12, Woodstock High School, Woodstock, Teacher: Christine Lauer

Chi Chi Okonkwo, *At the Bottom of the Hill*, grade 11, Roswell High School, Roswell, Teacher: Joel McElvaney

Lauren Purcell, *Backyard Creek*, grade 12, Roswell High School, Roswell, Teacher: Joel McElvaney