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Prairie Creative Writing Award

The College of DuPage Prairie Creative Writing Award takes place annually in the spring semester. This year, the genre of focus is poetry. The contest is open to students and community members in District 502 and sponsored by the Liberal Arts Division and *The Prairie Light Review*. Poets submit their original poems to a panel of COD writing faculty, who select three winners. The 2012 finalists participated in a group workshop with visiting poet Amy Newman in March. The winning poems are published in this issue of *The Prairie Light Review*. For more information about future contests, like the 2013 Prairie Fiction Award, please e-mail litaward@cod.edu, visit [CreativeWriting@COD](https://www.facebook.com/CreativeWriting@COD) on Facebook or cod.edu/litaward, or phone (630) 942-2311.

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