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Peace Poetry Awards Winners Announced

Santa Barbara, CA (November 29, 2004) – The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation is pleased to announce the winners of the 2004 Barbara Mandigo Kelly Peace Poetry Awards. In 1995, the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation established an annual series of awards to encourage poets to explore and illuminate the positive visions of peace and the human spirit. The poetry awards are offered in three categories: Adult, Youth 13 to 19, and Children 12 and under.

This year, first place in the Adult category was awarded to Colleen Dwyer-Lulf, of Fort Benton, Montana for her poem “Sloping Walls.” Honorable Mentions were given to Richard Swanson of Madison Wisconsin for his poem entitled, “Wishes for the Next Year” and Elizabeth Murawski of Alexandria, Virginia for her poem entitled, “Small Fires – Nagasaki.”

First place in the Youth 13-19 category was awarded to Lois Beckett, age 17, of Rochester, New York for her poem entitled, “Dark Side of the Moon.” Honorable Mentions were given to Rosemary Bateman, age 16, of Bradford, New Hampshire for her poem entitled, “White Feathers Falling;” and to Dana Forsthoefel, age 17, of Tallahassee, Florida for her poem entitled “Manji.”

In the Children 12 and Under category, first place was awarded to Helen Wang, age 11, of Santa Barbara, California for her poem entitled, “If the World Was Silent.” Honorable Mention was given to Fiona Ferguson, age 8, of Portland, Oregon for her poem entitled, “A Cool Pine Forrest.”

The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation is a non-profit, non-partisan international organization with consultative status to the United Nations. For more than 20 years, the Foundation has been committed to advancing initiatives to eliminate the nuclear weapons threat to all life, to fostering the global rule of law, and to building an enduring legacy of peace through education and advocacy.

For more information, including the winning and honorable mention poems in their entirety, previous years' winners, and the 2005 Barbara Mandigo Kelly Peace Poetry Awards guidelines, please visit the Foundation's website at <http://www.wagingpeace.org/menu/programs/awards-&-contests/bmk-contest/index.htm> or contact the Foundation's offices at (805) 965-3443.