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**POETRY**
Dave Snyder, “Bamboo Poem”  
Judge: Heather McHugh

**FICTION**
Andrew Mortazavi, “Stop Six, Ft. Worth”  
Judge: Ethan Canin

**NONFICTION**
Nancy Geyer, “Where the Children Are”  
Judge: Abigail Thomas

*Congratulations as well to our runners-up, whose work appears after that of the winners:*  
**POETRY:** Mary Austin Speaker, Stephen Gibson  
**FICTION:** Jacob M. Appel  
**NONFICTION:** Alexis Nelson

Our thanks to everyone who entered.

We also announce a tie for our Tim McGinnis Award of 2008 for the most unusually pleasing and unexpected work of the year. Jim Barnes (“Five Villanelles,” Spring 2008) and Ron Carlson (“Victory at Sea,” in this issue) will split the $1,000 award.