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HAMILTON ARTS COUNCIL ANNOUNCES FINALISTS
FOR HAMILTON LITERARY AWARDS

The Hamilton Arts Council is pleased to announce the finalists for the 21st Annual Hamilton Literary Awards. Awards this year will be given in the categories of Fiction, Non-fiction and Poetry as well as the newest category, The Kerry Schooley Award. This award is given to the book that best captures the spirit of Hamilton and the surrounding areas and is named after the late Kerry Schooley who gave tirelessly to the literary community in this city.

Judges for the Fiction category were Domenico Capilongo, Lisa de Nikolits, and Royston Tester. In the Non-fiction category the judges were John Kooistra, Ken Leland, and Michael Mirolla. In the Poetry category the judges were Kimmy Beach, Ian Le Tourneau, and Betsy Struthers. For this year's Kerry Schooley Award, the judges were acclaimed local author Sally Cooper, Hamilton Spectator columnist Jeff Mahoney, and The Hamilton Store owner Donna Reid. The judges were impressed by the variety of the books submitted to the awards, and our shortlisted titles include a host of exciting poetry books alongside thrillers, memoirs, young adult and experimental fiction, as well as literary novels.

The finalists for the **Hamilton Arts Council Literary Award for Non-fiction** are:

This House Is Condemned, by David Haskins

Blood, by Lawrence Hill

Death's Shadow, by Jon Wells

The finalists for the **Hamilton Arts Council Literary Award for Fiction** are:

The Miracles of Ordinary Men, by Amanda Leduc

Nightswimming, by Janet Turpin Myers

The Manager, by Caroline Stellings

The finalists for the **Hamilton Arts Council Literary Award for Poetry** are:

Slack Action, by Jeffrey Donaldson

A Bee Garden, by Marilyn Gear Pilling

Brilliant Falls, by John Terpstra

The finalists for **The Kerry Schooley Award** are:

Slack Action, by Jeffrey Donaldson

This House Is Condemned, by David Haskins

A Nervous City, by Chris Pannell

Up in Smoke, by Ross Pennie

The winners of the 21st Annual Hamilton Arts Council Literary Awards will be announced on **January 05th, 2015** in the *Norman and Louise Haac Studio Theatre* at **Theatre Aquarius**. Doors open at 7:00 PM and the ceremony begins at 7:30 PM.

Admission is **PAY-WHAT-YOU-CAN** and all are welcome.



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About the Hamilton Arts Council

Since its founding, the Hamilton Arts Council has worked to strengthen the role of the culture in Hamilton by making the arts accessible and relevant to the entire community. They continue to this day to advocate, mediate and communicate for the role of the arts in Hamilton's social and economic development. For more information about the awards, and submission guidelines, please visit the Hamilton Arts Council website www.hamiltonartscouncil.ca

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