

FORMER JOURNALIST WINS THE 2005 FRANK COLLYMORE LITERARY COMPETITION

Former newspaper journalist, Linda Deane has won the 2005 Frank Collymore Literary Competition.

The winner, from a list of close to forty Barbadian writers in this annual competition sponsored by the Central Bank of Barbados, Deane received BDS\$10,000 for her work, **Cutting Road Blues: a narrative**. Deane's entry also received the Prime Minister's prize. Started at the suggestion of Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Owen Arthur, this award recognizes the piece of work that best captures a sense of Barbados and Barbadians.

Robert Sandiford, a previous prizewinner, won the second prize for his work, **The Next Time**. Sandiford was awarded BDS\$5,000.

Nailah Folami Imoja and Glenville Lovell were adjudged joint third prizewinners and each received BDS\$2,500 for their entries **Colourblind** and **Ruins of a Great House**, respectively.

The judges were also particularly impressed with three other entries. Thom Cross, a previous first prizewinner with the play **The Final Truth**, entered a novel called **The Swimmer**; Lurline Elzing submitted a first novel **Sonny Boy**, and Anthony Hinkson sent in **Bumba Tuk**, a collection of poetry. Each received an honourable mention.

The winners were presented with their prizes at an awards ceremony in the Grande Salle, Tom Adams Financial Centre on Saturday, January 21, 2006.

The Central Bank of Barbados established the Frank Collymore Literary Endowment in 1998 to assist in the promotion of the literary arts in Barbados.

Writers are encouraged to prepare for the 2006 competition. Unpublished entries should be submitted to the Chairman, Frank Collymore Literary Endowment Committee no later than August 31, 2006. Queries may be directed to the Chairman, Andy Taitt at ataitt@sunbeach.net or Novaline Brewster at nfbrewster@centralbank.org.bb.

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