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The Many Friends of NCLR

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Several fine poets not previously published in *NCLR* were selected as finalists during the 2017 James Applewhite Poetry Prize competition, including Christina Clark, who had three poems accepted for publication: the winner and an honorable mention poem published here and a third one we published in *NCLR Online* 2018. Two other new poets in these pages received honorable mention from final judge James Applewhite: Kathleen Jones and Sally Stewart Mohney. One of my favorite things to do each year is match the finalists in all of our competitions to the names in our submissions management system and then to read about the writers whose names are not already familiar to me. While I enjoy reconnecting with poets whose work has already appeared in our pages, naturally I also look forward to adding new writers to my ever-growing list of writer friends. One of those new friends is Susan O'Dell Underwood, whose essay published in this section was a finalist in the 2017 Alex Albright Creative Nonfiction Prize competition.

Winners in our competitions receive a monetary prize as well as publication. We would like to provide honoraria for all of the finalists selected for publication. If you are looking for a way to give back to the literary arts of North Carolina, perhaps you would like to endow one of our competitions. To find out more about doing so, please don't hesitate to contact me or the ECU Advancement office. ■

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