

# Canadian Farm Writers' Federation

2026

Writers and Broadcasters

Awards Banquet



Saturday, September 19, 2026

London, Ontario



## Adjudication Process

Each category entry was independently reviewed, evaluated and scored by one to three judges where possible. Judges' scores are averaged to determine gold, silver and bronze winners in each category. In the case of a tie or an extreme variation in scores between judges, the awards chair may be required to independently scrutinize and score the relevant entries.

## Awards Committee

Barb Keith

Olivia Taylor

## Founding Patron

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## Prizes

|        |       |
|--------|-------|
| Gold   | \$125 |
| Silver | \$100 |
| Bronze | \$75  |

## Judges

*Gordon Collie • Jane Craigie • Tracey Feist • Susan Fitzgerald • Den Gardner • Lee Hart • Tom Henry • Myrna Stark Leader • Tamara Leigh • Jennifer MacDonald • Crystal Mackay • Lorne McClinton • Donna McElligott • Colleen Munro • Caitlynn Reesor • Sarah Rennie • Owen Roberts • Elaine Shein • Rachel Telford • Elbert van Donkersgoed • Andy Walker • Heather Watson • Ben Wilson • Sarah Wray • Kevin Yarr*

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# 2026 CFWF Awards

## Opinion Writing

*The Frank Jacobs Award*

**Gold:** Anna Helmer

**Silver:** Jay Whetter

**Bronze:** Karen Briere

## Electronic Media - Video

*The Jack McPherson Award*

**Gold:** David Hultin

**Silver:** Jason Stroeve

**Bronze:** Chase Chambers

## Electronic Media - Audio

*The Tom Leach Award*

**Gold:** Hugh Maynard, Sarah Rennie & Callan Forrester

**Silver:** Jordan Marr

**Bronze:** Trevor Bacque

## Communication – Short

*The Alice Switzer Award*

**Gold:** Trevor Bacque

**Silver:** Rebecca Hannam

**Bronze:** Andrea Gruber

## Communication - Long

*The Henry Heald Award*

**Gold:** Duncan Morrison

**Silver:** Maggie Van Camp

**Bronze:** Rebecca Hannam & Jeanine Moyer

## Communicator of the Year

Hugh Maynard, Sarah

Rennie & Callan Forrester

## Technical Feature

*The Peter Lewington Award*

**Gold:** Jane Robinson

**Silver:** Trevor Bacque

**Bronze:** Jay Whetter

## Current Affairs Feature

*The Dick Beamish Award*

**Gold:** Mary Feldskov

**Silver:** Karen Davidson

**Bronze:** Melanie Epp

## People Feature

*The Jack Cram Award*

**Gold:** Trevor Bacque

**Silver:** Sarah Weigum

**Bronze:** Jeanine Moyer

## Feature of the Year

Mary Feldskov

# 2026 CFWF Awards

## Technical Reporting

*The O.R. Evans Award*

**Gold:** Geoff Geddes

**Silver:** Karen Davidson

**Bronze:** Jay Whetter

## Current Affairs Reporting

*The Q.H. Martinson Award*

**Gold:** Riley Donovan

**Silver:** Melanie Epp

**Bronze:** Trevor Bacque

## Business/Economics Reporting

*The C.B. Fairbairn Award*

**Gold:** Trevor Bacque

**Silver:** Tom Walker

**Bronze:** Kelvin Heppner

## Reporter of the Year

Trevor Bacque

## People Photograph

*The Don Baron Award*

**Gold:** Ronda Payne

**Silver:** Myrna Stark Leader

**Bronze:** Paul Novosad

## Production Photograph

*The John Phillips Award*

**Gold:** Toban Dyck

**Silver:** Glenn Lowson

**Bronze:** Anne Howden Thompson

## Landscape Photograph

**Gold:** Sharon Grose

**Silver:** Lauren Miller

**Bronze:** Karen Briere

## Photo of the Year

Toban Dyck

## Farm Writer of the Year

Don Norman

## New Writer of the Year

*The David Schmidt Award*

Jordan Marr

## Story of the Year

Trevor Bacque

## Lifetime Achievement Award

Lorne McClinton