George Garrett Award for Outstanding Community Service in Literature

Criteria
The award will be given to a living individual who has demonstrated exceptional generosity to writers by excellent work in one or more of the following activities:

• Teaching creative writing and literature;
• Serving as a mentor, supporter, or guide to writers;
• Publishing or editing literature, especially works by emerging or neglected talents;
• Building new resources that benefit writers (reading series, presses, awards, endowments, fellowships, stipends, programs, community centers, foundations, etc.);
• Administering to programs or institutions that benefit writers or that expand audiences for contemporary authors; and
• Working generally to make North America a more supportive place for contemporary literature and its makers.

To receive the award, the recipient must be willing to travel to the AWP annual conference.

Eligibility Requirements
Any living individual who meets the above criteria may be nominated for the award except for the following: members of the current AWP board or staff; family members of the AWP board or staff; and former AWP board members or staff who served AWP within the last four years.

A former board member or staff member of AWP may be nominated for the award only after at least four years have lapsed between the deadline for nominations and his or her last official day of service to AWP. Previous recipients of the award may not be nominated or considered. Self-nominations will not be considered.

Letters of Nomination
Nomination letters should feature the following:

• An explanation of how your nominee fulfills the criteria cataloged above.
• Specificity. Please note where the nominee did good works, length of service, names of writers helped, or detailed descriptions of what your nominee did or built in support of writers.
• Brevity. Your letter of nomination should be no longer than two pages, single-spaced.
• Attribution. Your name, return address, and signature must appear on your letter.
• Hard copies of letters only may be submitted; emailed submissions will not be considered.
Letters of nomination are accepted each year between August 1 and September 15 and should be mailed to:

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