SIR is pleased to announce that Mark Wagenaar of Denton, TX, has won the 2014 Mary C. Mohr Poetry Award. Wagenaar’s prize-winning poem, “Nocturne with Horses (Another Exile),” will appear in the spring 2015 issue.

“This poem, from the first line, startled me with its beauty and seriousness of purpose, its reach and vision. It speaks with an awareness of the rise and fall of whole civilizations, yet from this moment, right now; appalled at the injustice of our age, it speaks with mercy and rage, and so much compassion. I read it again and then again and again. And then again. In a time when so many poems are games or mere solipsism this poem is necessary.”

—Marie Howe, 2014 judge

Contest Finalists

Ruth Awad
Gillian Cummings
Rebecca Foust
Rebecca Morgan Frank
Jill Osier
Alan Michael Parker
Corey Van Landingham
Tobias Wray

“A August”
“A Respite from the Ice of Self-rendering”
“The Fox”
“Rubbernecker”
“A Gathering”
“Let’s Go: Arkansas” & “On Not Burning a Matisse”
“The Goodly Creatures of Shady Cove” & “Transcontinental Telephone Line”
“False Spring”

Thanks to everyone who entered!