SIR is pleased to announce that Terrance Flynn of Redlands, CA, has won the 2014 Thomas A. Wilhelmus Nonfiction Award. Flynn’s prize-winning essay, “Having Something,” will appear in the fall 2014 issue.

“I like the descriptive accuracy and clarity of this piece as well as the ‘attitude’ it conveys. The author/narrator/persona is the kind of skeptical, intelligent, and quick-witted person we can well admire—refreshing in a situation (a heart transplant hospital) where other writers would be either too grisly or too ‘heartfelt.’ Writers shouldn’t have to add drama or style in order to be persuasive, just speak with what appears to be their normal, honest (and in this case unsparing) voice.”

—Thomas A. Wilhelmus

Contest Finalists

Jacqueline Kolosov  
Lisa Lenzo  
Gary L. McDowell  
Lisa Nikolidakis  
JL Schneider  
Kathryn Wells  
Kathryn Wilder

“Blue Planet, Bright Planet” & “Pilgrimage to St. Ives”
“Words and Wild Grapes”
“In the Search for Something Else to Say” & “Rhythm is Originally the Rhythm of the Feet”
“Family Tradition”
“The Tontine Driveway”
“Succere Vitae”
“Sundance”

Thanks to everyone who entered!