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2012 White Buffalo Literary Challenge: **To enter the Dream Catcher and tell us about it.** Click the buffalo to get started



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**WINNERS OF 2012 CENTRAL COAST WRITERS SPRING WRITING CONTEST
"CALIFORNIA GOLD"**

[Click here](#) to read the list of winners and the 1st Place winning entries.
For further details you may visit the website of CCW at www.centralcoastwriters.org

Contest Winner:

**NEAL WHITMAN
2012 WHITE BUFFALO**

NATIVE AMERICAN POET LAUREATE

Neal Whitman, Ed.D. of Pacific Grove, California, is winner of the 2012 White Buffalo Native American Poet Laureate Award for his poem "Seven Ways to Prepare for Lengthening Days" He was raised in Boston, retired in 2008 in Salt Lake City where he was a professor in the University of Utah School of Medicine, and moved to the Monterey Peninsula in Central California.

Neal and his wife Elaine collaborate on the Japanese art form, haiga, which combines her photography with his haiku. A Jew by tradition, Unitarian Universalist by choice, and part Native American in spirit, Dr. Whitman is author of the self-published 2012 book of essays *Where Am I? And What Am I Doing In A Handbasket?* which he does not sell to anyone, but gives freely to friends.

Neal and Elaine appear as a team on the Monterey Peninsula; he reads poetry while she accompanies him on a Native American flute. He serves as a docent at Tor House, home of poet Robinson Jeffers in Carmel, California. His poetic Native American name is Badger Bob White. Neal "Badger Bob White" Whitman is the third successive White Buffalo Poet Laureate who holds a doctorate. He succeeds geneticist Dr. Charles A. Stone, 2011 White Buffalo Poet Laureate from Texas, to become the fourth winner of the annual White Buffalo Native American Poet Laureate Contest. Others are Barbara Youngblood Carr, 2009, also of Texas, and Dr. Carl B. Reed, 2010, a chiropractor from Oklahoma. All are Honorary Chiefs of the White Buffalo Tribe nominated by co-sponsors/honorary chiefs:



Barbara Callahan Quin (Little Crow Walking Eagle), Missouri; Yvonne Londres (Dances with Poetry), Texas; Wanda Sue Parrott (Prairie Flower), California.

The 2012 contest drew 55 entries from 24 poets. The two White Buffalo Calf Awards were won by Cindy Bechtold, Utah, and Dr. Charles A. Stone. Several online honorable mentions were also given. Total 2012 entry-fee income was \$222. The Native American Poet Laureate Award was \$75 and the Calf Awards were \$35 each. The new White Buffalo Native American Poet Laureate's poem and a list of all 2012 winners appear on page 2.

For information about The White Buffalo Tribe, history of the annual contest and its Gifts of Great Spirit anthologies, plus the annual literary challenge that helps provide contents for the beautiful books, visit. <http://www.greatspiritpublishing.yolasite.com/white-buffalo.php>

Thanks, poets, for making the 3rd Annual White Buffalo Native American Poet Laureate Contest another memorable event.

In the spirit of the Great Spirit: Aho!

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