Mayborn National History Writing Contest  
Mayborn Literary Nonfiction Conference  
July 19-21, 2013

Criteria for Submission and Judging
The historical narrative must be a minimum of five pages, and cannot exceed 20 pages, double-spaced or about 5,000 words. Please use Times New Roman style, 12-point type. As a general guideline, 1,200 words is the average length of most submissions to our narrative writing contest. We’re looking for a narrative account of an historical event and the key character or characters involved in that event, living or past, who left a deep and lasting legacy in his or her community, state, nation or world.

Your historical narrative submissions:
• Can cover a local, state, national or international event
• Must be well-researched and include a bibliography of at least five or more reliable sources from interviews, books, magazines or online research
• Must be original work, written in a compelling narrative style, that enlarges and illuminates our understanding of the event or character you’re writing about
• Must be well-organized, with a beginning, middle and end, demonstrating a thorough command of the event or subject matter
• Must use correct syntax, grammar, spelling and punctuation

Your submission will be disqualified if:
• It is not original work or considered an “historical narrative”
• It falls short of or exceeds our length criteria
• It does not include a minimum of five sources
• It is submitted after the deadline