
PAUL DUMONT-FRENETTE AWARD



The Paul Dumont-Frenette Award is QCNA's top individual writing award. It is awarded to the individual who has shown the best overall performance in the year as determined by judges in reviewing all entries. This year's winner is:

LUCY SCHOLEY

The Low Down to Hull & Back News

"A newspaper should have no friends." And neither does Lucy Scholey. All right, wait up, that last statement isn't exactly true.

Lucy, since finishing J School and moving away from home to take on her first reporter job in a tiny, far away village in Quebec, has actually done quite a fine job of making friends. She came to the Low Down and the Gatineau Hills without knowing a soul, without knowing about what makes the community tick. But she's a fearless kind of gal who throws herself right in and gets the pulse of a place.

So Lucy has made lots of friends because, despite the famous Joseph Pulitzer quote, reporters in small towns have to get up close and personal with the locals. It makes for the best kind of writing – the kind of writing that sounds like it comes from an insider. Lucy's an outsider who's worked hard to become an insider.

But Lucy also works hard to bring Pulitzer's

words of warning to her writing. And it's a difficult balance to strike. Unlike big city reporters who can remain anonymous after a controversial story comes out in print – the small town reporter has to greet the people we challenge, even piss off, in the grocery store every other day.

To her great credit, Lucy has done her share of pissing people off. The right kind of people: mayors, developers, and access to information clerks – just the kind of people Joseph Pulitzer had in mind. And some of them even still smile at her when they see her again in the grocery store.

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OUTSTANDING PHOTOJOURNALISM AWARD

The Outstanding Photojournalism Award is presented to the individual who has shown the best overall performance in photojournalism in the year as determined by judges in reviewing all entries.

This year's winner of the Outstanding Photojournalism Award is:

BETHANN G. MERKLE

Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph

