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Count Down to Fall Takes Gold

Florida Publishers Association Awards Simpsonville Illustrator

Mount Pleasant, S.C. (October 21, 2010) – On Saturday, October 9, 2010, the Florida Publishers Association (FPA) presented its 2010 President’s Book Awards. “**Count Down to Fall**,” illustrated by local artist, Sherry Neidigh, won Gold in the Children’s Picture Book category.

Winners were selected from 61 entries by the competition’s 28 judges (25 librarians from across Florida and 3 members of nationally recognized book design firms). One gold and up to two silver medals were awarded in each category.

“**Count Down to Fall**”, written by Fran Hawk teaches children about the different plant species that change with the season. Sherry’s colorful illustrations of plants and animals bring to life leaf species and habitats, allowing children to identify them. “**Count Down to Fall**” is also the recipient of a 2010 Gold Mom’s Choice Award for Nature and Weather.

Sherry is a graduate of the Ringling School of Art and Design and has been a freelance artist for many years. In addition to illustrating “**Count Down to Fall**” and “**The Best Nest**” for Sylvan Dell, Sherry’s work can also be found in “Who Needs that Nose?”, “Black and White”, and “If I Had a Tail”. She resides in upstate South Carolina.

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