Art Winners Named At Conference

Winners in the art categories of the Deep South Writers and Artists Conference being held on the USL campus this weekend were announced today.

Artists winning in the field of realism were W. M. Arnold of Baton Rouge, first place; Marie S. Johnson, Eunice, second place; and Mrs. Elouise V. Gary of Breaux Bridge, third place.

In Abstract Painting, first place was awarded to Mrs. Roy F. Merrill of Baton Rouge and the second place prize was given to her son, Ronnie Merrill. Third place was taken by Mrs. Elouise Gary.

Don Wright took the first place prize in graphics and Julie Martin of Opelousas took second. Wright is from Hammond.

In the Sculpture category, Celia Barrett of Lafayette took first, and second-place honors and third place winner was R. W. Tyrrell of Lafayette.

Don Wright took first in a category honoring the working man. The prize was awarded by the AFL-CIO. There were no second or third place prizes, but honorable mention was given to Geneva Kolb Baker of Baton Rouge for her entry.

Literary award winners will be announced at an Awards Luncheon today which will conclude the three-day conference. Dr. Frances Fletcher of Ruston, English professor at Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, is director of the conference and Mrs. Mecca McCoy of Baton Rouge was art director.

The meetings and workshops were kicked off Friday with registration. Conference headquarters is at Agnes Edwards House. The conference is sponsored by Louisiana branches of the National League of American Pen Women in conjunction with the University of Southwestern Louisiana.

Edna Campbell will preside at the morning sessions today, which get underway at 8:30.

Program speakers today include Mary Alice Fontenot of Opelousas, author of the Clovis Crawfish books; Dr. Paul T. Nolan, USL professor of English; Mrs. Lena Y. deGrummond, professor at the University of Southern Mississippi; Dr. Amos E. Simpson and Dr. Vin Cassidy, USL history professors; Ken Armstrong, a photographer with the Baton Rouge State Times; and Clarence E. Faulk Jr. of Ruston, manager and owner of KRUS. Dr. Mary Diehm, USL professor of English, will preside at the awards luncheon.