

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Story Writing Contest Returns to Stormcloud Brewing Company

FRANKFORT, MI (November 15, 2017) - This December, Stormcloud Brewing Company is going to the dogs. More accurately, the talking dogs. The Frankfort microbrewery is celebrating the annual release of Gerald's Talking Dog, a beer brewed with Michigan sweet and tart cherries, with a creative story writing contest and public reading in their pub.

Wordsmiths are invited to tell the tale of Gerald's Talking Dog, a fictional character who loves cherries. Story submissions are due by Monday, December 4. After being read by a panel of judges, the top three stories will be presented at a public reading in Stormcloud's pub on Saturday, December 16 at 7:30pm.

Winning authors are encouraged to take part in the public reading but do not need to be present to win. The top three stories will also receive publication in The Betsie Current. This year's judges are Jeff Smith, Editor of Traverse, Northern Michigan's Magazine and MyNorth.com, Lynda Twardowski Wheatley, creative copywriter and author, Karen Stein, Creative Director of Here:Say Storytelling, and Jordan Bates, co-owner and editor of The Betsie Current.

Story Contest Prizes

1st Place Prizes: 2018 Cloudspotter Membership, \$100 Stormcloud Gift Card, Stormcloud

Growler, and 5 pounds of dried cherries from Graceland Fruit.

2nd Place Prizes: \$50 Stormcloud Gift Card and Stormcloud Growler. 3rd Place Prizes: \$25 Stormcloud Gift Card and Stormcloud Crowler.

Details and submission information are available online at Stormcloudbrewing.com/geralds.

About Stormcloud Brewing Company

Stormcloud Brewing Company opened in June 2013 just two blocks from Lake Michigan in the coastal city of Frankfort, located in northwest lower Michigan. A small brewery specializing in Belgian-style brewing, Stormcloud offers 16 taps in addition to a full menu of flatbread pizzas, small plate appetizers, soups and salads, sandwiches, and specialty popcorn. In August 2016, Stormcloud was named the <u>Best New Brewery in Michigan</u> by MLive Media Group. Visit Stormcloud online at <u>Stormcloudbrewing.com</u>.

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