

"Light-houses, my boy! Beacons of the future! Capsules with hundreds of bright little seeds in each, out of which will spring the wiser, better England of the future."

# THE BEACON SOCIETY

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## From the Desk of the Head-Light

Spring is springing (at least in the northern hemisphere) and a sense of renewal is in the air (as well as pollen, but we're not going there). In addition to all our continuing programs, The Beacon Society is pleased to announce that our Library Display Project is live, with more details in the Programming section.

As we build on the strong foundations provided by our staunch supporters, The Beacon Society continues its mission to bring the Canon to young people. The newest issue of *Sherlock's Spotlight*, a downloadable free gazette for kids, has many activities for younger readers, as does the Junior Sherlockian Society. Want to read interesting essays by new voices? The winners of the R. Joel Senter, Sr. Memorial Essay Contest have their essays collected into a downloadable pdf, available here [[www.beaconsociety.com/uploads/3/7/3/8/37380505/2022\\_senter\\_essay\\_award\\_winners\\_essays.pdf](http://www.beaconsociety.com/uploads/3/7/3/8/37380505/2022_senter_essay_award_winners_essays.pdf)].

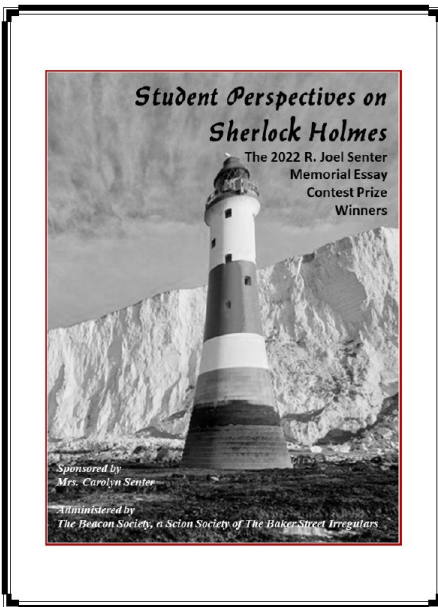


In addition to students, our mission includes supporting educators, both individuals and institutions, through our Jan Stauber Grant program, and recognizing those who have excelled through the Susan Z. Diamond Beacon Award.

# AWARDS

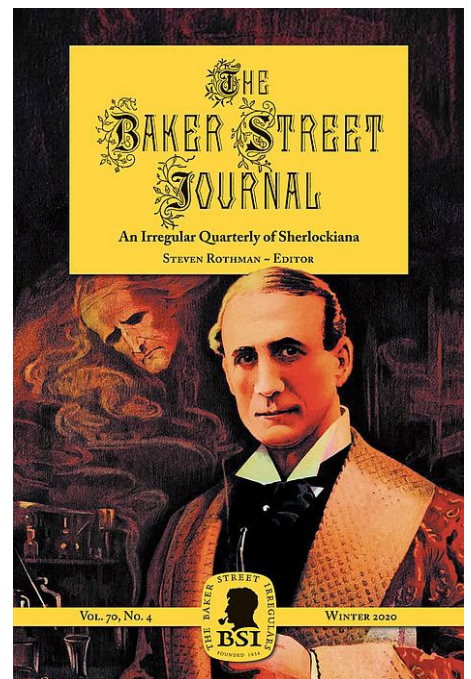
Thanks go out to all the students who entered the R. Joel Senter, Sr. Memorial Essay Contest, with special congratulations to the winners! The Essay Contest helps students from fourth through twelfth grade become familiar with canonical stories as well as learn to craft a short, persuasive essay.

You can find a list of all the winners and read the winning essays here [[www.beaconsociety.com/joel-senter-essay-contest.html](http://www.beaconsociety.com/joel-senter-essay-contest.html)]. Thanks also go to the members of the Awards Committee for the care they take judging all the entries.



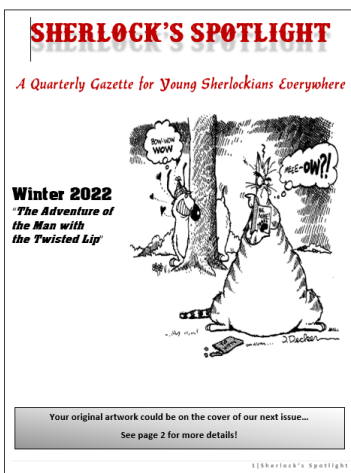
Would you like to recognize an individual or organization who has excelled at bringing the Canon to young people? Consider nominating them for the 2022 Susan Z. Diamond Beacon Award. The winner will receive \$221, a handsome framed certificate, and a year's subscription to two stellar publications: *The Baker Street Journal* and *The Serpentine Muse*.

You can find more information on how to nominate here [<https://www.beaconsociety.com/the-beacon-award.html>]. The deadline is November 15<sup>th</sup>, but we encourage you to nominate early and nominate often.



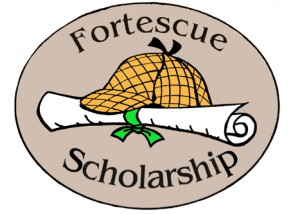
# Communication

Our Communications Committee is always on the go, and is involved in many Beacon Society projects and programs, including coordinating social media outreach and information distribution, as well as publishing our e-gazette, *Sherlock's Spotlight*.



Sherlockians who would like to test their canonical knowledge can do so through The Fortescue Scholarship Honours Program. Successfully complete this series of exams and receive your Baccalaureatus Scientia in Sherlockiana, Artium Magister in Sherlockiana, and Doctorate in Sherlockiana awards. Those who have already passed their initial exams can take a re-certification exam. More

information is available here [<https://www.beaconsociety.com/fortescue-scholarship-exams.html>].



Are you moving to a new location, or planning on visiting another state or country? Do you feel the need to 'talk Sherlock' with other people but don't know how to find them? Check out our Sherlockian Societies page here [[www.beaconsociety.com/sherlockian-societies.html](http://www.beaconsociety.com/sherlockian-societies.html)].

An interactive map shows societies around the world and provides contact information, as well as information about many of these societies.

Want to form your own society? We provide tips and suggestions, as well.



## Fundraising

Our Fundraising Committee continues to do an exemplary job, and The Beacon Society is proud that we have so many supporters, both individuals and organizations. All donations are appreciated, regardless of the size or frequency!



The Fundraising Committee are also looking into the Amazon Smile program, which donates a portion of your purchase to your designated charity. Watch this space for updates!

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## Grants

Our Jan Stauber Grants program provides grants (up to \$800) to help fund a Sherlock-Holmes-related educational project.

Educators and organizations who want to bring Holmes to young people



are eligible—our Grants Committee works hard to ensure that these projects are funded.

Applications and requirements are available here  
[[www.beaconsociety.com/the-jan-stauber-grant.html](http://www.beaconsociety.com/the-jan-stauber-grant.html)].



# Junior Sherlockian Society



The Junior Sherlockian Society encourages young people to explore the world of Sherlock Holmes, experience the canonical stories, extend their understanding and appreciation of Sherlock Holmes, and be recognized for their efforts by becoming a Junior Sherlockian.

## Programming

We are thrilled to announce the launch of our new Library Display Project! The Beacon Society provides the essentials for creating a Sherlock-Holmes-themed display in a public or school library display case.



Local scions or societies may request a free display box (one per scion or society) and then personalize their display with their own items, books, tee-shirts, memorabilia, etc. You can find out more about this project here [[www.beaconsociety.com/library-display-project.html](http://www.beaconsociety.com/library-display-project.html)]





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*Supporting and recognizing exemplary educational experiences  
that introduce young people to the Sherlock Holmes stories*



*A Spin Society of the  
Baker Street Irregulars*

Although spring weather is changeable, we can always enjoy the Canon on both warm, sunny days and cool, rainy ones. The Beacon Society will continue our work to bring Sherlock Holmes to young people, thanks to our members' hard work and generosity.

If you'd like to comment on an existing program or suggest a new project, please email me at [headlight\\_beaconsociety@yahoo.com](mailto:headlight_beaconsociety@yahoo.com). And we always welcome folks who would like to volunteer!

Keeping green the memory of the Master,

*Carla Kaessinger Coupe*

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