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TAINTED TEA HOSTS CONTEST AND LAUNCHES SECOND ISSUE

SECANE, PA—"Since we started the magazine last March, we've wanted to run contests," says Kris Fossett, editor and publisher of *Tainted Tea*. "We're not just a magazine, but a resource for horror lovers," she continues.

Tainted Tea, an electronic literary magazine that publishes macabre fiction, poetry, and art, is holding a flash fiction and bookmark contest to coincide with the release of their second issue.

Flash fiction prizes include a free copy of the vampire-Nazi novel *Underland* by Mick Farren and publication in *Tainted Tea's* Spring 2010 issue. Bookmark prizes are the tea cup featured on the cover of the Spring 2010 cover. Each winner will receive a free PDF of the Spring 2010 issue of the ezine as well.

All entries are to be submitted to taintedtea.editors@gmail.com by April 1, 2010.

"Judging will be based on subject matter, composition, and overall design of the bookmark," says editor Shane R. Toogood. "The stories should be no more than 1,000 words and follow the guidelines found on our Web site."

"We want to unite the horror community by showcasing work from newcomers and also share the work of established institutions," says Fossett.

In *Tainted Tea's* second issue, the editors teamed up with EC Comics Vice President Corey Mifsud to feature an exclusive look at the future of the company that created the horror classic *Tales from the Crypt*.

"It was great to team up with such a prestigious company that was the foundation of my horror writing," says Toogood. "Being scared is therapeutic and [EC Comics publisher] William Gaines knew that people wanted blood and thunder in their comics."

Tainted Tea was founded by Goddard College student Shane R. Toogood and recent Temple University alumna Kris Fossett. For more information on the zine, or to submit to the contest, visit their Web site at www.taintedtea.com.

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