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Local Author wins a Crystal Kite Award

Mount Pleasant, SC (May 22, 2017) -- Stony Brook author Cindy Sommer, and her debut picture book *Saving Kate's Flowers*, has been recognized with a Society of Children's Books Authors and Illustrators 2017 Crystal Kite Award for New York.

Each year, 15 books are honored from U.S. and international regions from more than 1,000 nominated books. Members of SCBWI vote to honor the outstanding work of their peers in the genre of children's books. SCBWI is the only professional organization specifically for those individuals writing and illustrating for children and young adults in the fields of children's literature, magazines, film, television, and multimedia. A complete list of winners can be found [here](#).

Cindy has always been passionate about writing, but it was her daughter's desire to save the flowers from winter's fate that inspired her first picture book. She tucked the idea away, and years later set out to make the story come to life. The whimsical illustrations by Laurie Allen Klein feel familiar with a nod to Beatrix Potter and her rabbit family that lived in the human world.

In the story, young Kate is concerned that the flowers will disappear as the cool fall weather arrives. Mom helps Kate learn about the different types of flowers and they set off to pot the annuals, but when a phone call pulls mom away. The repotted garden quickly takes over the entire house. Dad's allergies cause a problem and once again the flowers are shuffled outdoors but now Kate has a plan to share them with all the neighbors.

Sommer will be reading and signing her award-winning book this spring on June 6th at the Syosset Public Library from 7:00 to 9:00 pm and on June 19th at the Harborsfield Public Library from 10:30 to 11:30 am.

Saving Kate's Flowers is available in hardcover (9781628558708, \$17.95), paperback (9781628558715, \$9.95) and ebook (9781628558739, \$6.95) with a Spanish language edition, *Salvando las flores de Camelia* is available in paperback (9781628558722, \$9.95) and ebook (9781628558746, \$6.95) through local and national booksellers.

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