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Stone Soup magazine, the Santa Cruz-based literary journal of work by young writers and artists, is itself way past childhood. The bi-monthly publication celebrates its 30th anniversary this summer with its original mission intact and thriving: to provide a place for young writers to publish their short fiction, poetry and non-fiction.

Editors Gerry Mandel (left) and William Rubel sift through 200 to 300 submissions every issue from children all over the world in a quest for both literary promise and excellence. Stone Soup, which has been dubbed "The New Yorker of the 8 to 13 set" has advertised in the New Yorker for years.

The publication has a circulation of 15,000 in the United States and Canada. Since the magazine's founding in 1973, Mandel said that circulation has shifted from about 80 percent schools and libraries to about 50/50 between schools and libraries, and families.

For more information on Stone Soup, check out www.stone-soup.com.