



League of Utah Writers

62nd Year

No. 1 March 1998

Wendy McBride, Editor, L.U. W. Lariat Newsletter

President's Message

As we continue moving through this year, we (the L.U.W. State Board) get more and more excited about the opportunities the 1998 League of Utah Writers has to offer:

- We're excited about offering the L.U.W. **free** Spring Workshop! (See below)
- We're excited about offering all 1998 L.U.W. chapter presidents and state board members a \$25 reduction to Round-up as a thank-you for their great efforts.
- We're excited about offering one of the **lowest** (if not the lowest) registration fee for a two-day writer's conference anywhere in the nation.
- We're excited about the national and local talent we're bringing in for Round-Up.
- We're excited about the restructuring of our contest with the **first** First-place Poetry and Prose Round-Up Anthology.
- We're excited about all the great things taking place in our chapters!

Let us know what we can do to help your experience in The League of Utah Writers continue to be a satisfactory one. (My number is 942-4209.) Thank you for your dedicated contribution to this great organization.

Write right and write often!

--- Bettyanne Gillette

News You Can Use

- The Utah State Poetry Society will present a free poetry workshop on March 14 at 10:30 a.m., the Salt Lake City Main Library's third floor lecture hall, 209 East 500 South. USPS Poets of the Years 1996 and 1997 will speak. For more information call Bill Ruesch at (801) 966-5507.
- League of Utah Writers' Workshop on "Launching and Maintaining Your Writing Career" will be held Saturday, March 28th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Salt Lake City Main Library (209 E. 500 S.). The workshop is free. Learn how to organize your manuscripts, about contracts and rights, and increasing your success with Renon Hulet, John Gillette, Sherry Lewis, and Dean Hughes.
- The Utah State Poetry Society is sponsoring a "Celebrating Ancient Egypt Contest". Prizes include fees, lodging, or meals for the National Poetry Convention in June (see below). The contest deadline is March 31, 1998. For rules, send a SASE to Maxine Jennings, 3985 Orchard Avenue, Ogden, UT 84403.
- The National Federation of State Poetry Societies' annual poetry contest deadline is March 15, 1998. For a copy of the rules, send a SASE to Linda Banks, 2912 Falls Church, Mesquite, TX 75149. The NFSPS will announce the winners at their annual *Alexander's Digital Printing*, a local, docu-tech equipped company that prints 100 to 2,000 or 3,000 (short print-run), self-published books is interested in speaking with all authors interested in self-publishing. Contact Carl McGavin at 886-1102 or 1-800-574-8666 for more information.

conference in Ogden on June 18-22, 1998, at the Egyptian/David Eccles Convention Center. Also at the Convention will be National poets, workshops, readings, and huge contests. For more information, contact Clarence Socwell (convention chairman), 2737 N. 650 E., Ogden, Utah 84414.

- Utah Arts Council contest deadline: June '98. Call UAC for details.
- Jordan River Publishing is looking for authors for their "Value Dolls" series. Send 500 word sample to Patti Adams, Jordan River Publishing, P.O. Box 17311, Holladay, UT 84117. Their phone number is 277-2083.
- Heritage Writer's Chapter President Connie Wilcox's correct address is 564 South Fiesta Dr., Ivins, UT 84738.
- State Treasurer Maureen Gale's correct phone number is 571-9261.
- State President Bettyanne Gillette's new address is 2710 East Water Vista Way, Sandy UT 84093. Her phone number is still 942-4209.
- Congratulations to Lauren Ball! She is the new President of the Salt Lake Chapter!
- Thank you, Barbara Jacksha, for your service as President of the Salt Lake Chapter. Your chapter really appreciates the hard work you did and so do we!
- Check out our web site! [Http://www.itsnet.com/~kblack/writers.html](http://www.itsnet.com/~kblack/writers.html) The web site has all of our LUW announcements, coming events, contests, links to writing-related sites, and even more chapter chatter!
- Fall Round-Up will be September 11th and 12th at the Provo Park Hotel.

Chapter Chatter

Bountiful Chapter

We meet at the Bountiful/Davis Art Center on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. On January 20th Anita Davis spoke on "How I Got My Newspaper Column and How I Make It Work." In February Margie Robinson discussed "The Use of Humor in Writing."

Our schedule for the next few months will be:

March 17 – Duane Crowther sharing his new book and expertise as author and editor

April 21 – Laura Best on "Even You Can Be a Travel Writer"

May 19 – Susan McCloud will share her new book and writing secrets

Chapter accomplishments this month include:

Duane Crowther has made a revision to his book A Definitive Study of Life After Death. The thirty-first printing of his book will be released in November.

Anita Davis writes a column entitled "Book Beat," which appears weekly in The Davis County Clipper. She was given recognition in the fall edition of a Davis School District publication, Focus, for her article on one of the school programs.

Karla Erickson had a Christmas story published in The Friend. Also, her song "Behold Your Little Ones," will be used on Seane Ika's Tongan Choir presentation.

Dora Flack revised and published the Bountiful Cemetery Historical Walking Tour booklet and produced the tour for the Sesquicentennial. Also, she has had two articles published in the Davis County Clipper.

Bonnie Gudmundson had two poems published in the Poetry Panorama of the Utah State Poetry Society, as well as two in The Davis County Clipper. Also, she and her husband, Ariel, published the 2nd edition of the Family History Journal of John S. Stucki.

Sheila Huntington, Trisa Martin, and Steve Stumph taught creative writing classes at Millcreek Jr. High.

Kolette Montague had two poems published in the Poetry Panorama of the Utah State Poetry Society.

Maxine Shreve represented the League of Utah Writers, the Utah State Poetry Society and the Literary Arts in Davis County at the Dedication and Grand Opening of the new Bountiful/Davis Art Center. She is currently serving as president of the Rhyme and Reason Chapter of the Utah State Poetry Society and had one poem published in the Poetry Panorama of the Utah State Poetry Society.

Oquirrh Chapter

We are writing a group novel! We planned our novel during a summer workshop, and will be working on the novel throughout the year.

We will also be doing a Christmas book which will be available for Christmas 1999. Please let us know if you would like a copy.

We will be sponsoring our 2nd Annual Writing Contest again this year. Everyone is invited to enter the contest. Entry fee will be \$1 per page, with no limit on the number of entries in five different categories. We will be compiling all entries into a beautiful book as we did last year.

Other chapter accomplishments include:

Thomas Christensen is a semi-finalist in the Library of Congress National Poetry Contest with his poem "Who's Perfect." The poem will be printed in their annual anthology.

David and Donna Day Asay have completed their picture book and sent it to Houghton-Mifflin Publishers. David did the writing; Donna, the illustrations.

Boyd Richardsen has completed his fifth novel, entitled Moroni's Camp, which is now at the publisher. It will be available in bookstores soon.

Dorothy Crofts had a poem entitled "Cookie Love" accepted by a cookbook publisher in Lenexa, Kansas. Dorothy has also written a scriptural reading accompanied by a video presentation. Anyone interested in having her come to your organization (such as Relief Society) to perform her reading, may call her to schedule a date.

Sylvan and Dorothy Crofts have invented a board game entitled "Road Rage". Anyone interested in buying a collectors edition may place orders now. The game costs \$49.95 and will be available mid-summer.

Price Chapter

Nadine Marx completed a story and poem which has been entered in the fourth annual contest of Legacy Magazine. Margaret Christenson had several of her poems

published in the Fourth Ward book. Emma Lou Stevensen also had two of her poems published in the Fourth Ward book. Cindy Chipman is nearly finished writing her mystery novel. Betty Jo Hartley completed poems for each of her three children. Cecelia Bryner's poem "Sunflowers and Dandelions in My Heart" was published in the D.U.P. magazine. Sue Olsen has formulated and is directing 4-H programs in four schools in the county. Way to go, Sue! John R. Jensen is our newest member. His poems have appeared in several anthologies for the National Library of Poetry. He has also been published in our local paper, "The Sun Advocate" and the newspaper, "Backbone" in Payson, Arizona. He is a lifetime member of the International Society of Poets. In 1995 and 1996, he was nominated for Poet of the Year by this organization with poems in their anthologies, "Best Poems of 1995, 1996, and 1998".

Sevier Valley Writers' Group

Revo M. Young has a second printing of her book Ten Penny Nails in hardcover. She is currently getting a sequel to Ten Penny Nails published.

Paul Turner's book Sunnyside Memories is now available in bookstores. His book was self-published by Sunrise Publishing in Orem, Utah.

Jim Garman, persisting after a great number of rejections, has finally had the poem "Rejected Poet" published by Rural Heritage Magazine. Additionally, some of his contest entries have reached finalist status, with two honorable mentions, and one in the top 25%. He also received a certificate of merit from the Nashville Newsletter for his poem "Blacktop Cowboy".

We welcome new members Kevin Turner and Gail Butler to our group.

South Jordan Chapter

1998 Schedule of events:

March 5: No first Thursday meeting. Plan to attend the League of Utah Writers' Spring Workshop.

March 28: LUW Spring Workshop (see News You Can Use)

April 2: "Developing Dialogue" by Ann Chamberlain at 7:00 p.m., South Jordan Library.

May 7: "Steps to Publication: An Editor's Viewpoint" by JoAnn Jolley at 7:00 p.m., South Jordan Library.

June 4: "Editing Your Own Work" by Kristen Black at 7:00 p.m., South Jordan Library.

Woodcraft Chapter

Our chapter meets at the Holladay Library the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

In January Rachel Nunes was a real "firestarter", motivating us to write and publish this new year. Rachel is the author of Ariana: Making of a Queen, and Ariana: Most Precious.

We doubled our attendance in February. Announcements in the newspapers seem to be helping. Those interested in our chapter may call Claudene, 272-7301.