



The Lariat

Roundup 1992

LEAGUE OF UTAH WRITERS

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DO IT - Write! 1992 Roundup

President's Message

Norbert Bensch

The speakers are set. The hotel is getting ready. Contest judges are returning manuscripts and naming winners. Volunteers from several chapters are going to work to make the 1992 roundup a smashing success. All that's missing is you.

In this special *Lariat* issue you'll be reading details about our planned speakers and activities. The event is the highlight of our year and we need everyone to participate.

The League has made a substantial investment to obtain excellent speakers who are also capable teachers. Our plan is to emphasize instruction and writing in all working sessions. We have also gone to great lengths to make the roundup affordable. An all-event early registration for members will cost only \$50. We hope that this amount, which includes three meals, will encourage writers to broaden their horizons to attend everything.

So give your golf clubs, hiking shoes, tennis racket, fishing pole, vacuum cleaner and telephone a weekend off. Join with us at the Lion Hotel, 999 South Main, Salt Lake City. Invite your friends who say "I wish I could write like that!" to join us. At Roundup '92 we'll learn to **DO IT - WRITE!**

Macmillan Editor Heads An Impressive List For Salt Lake City Roundup '92

Marilyn Dimond

The annual Roundup, Sept. 11-13, will feature a line-up of speakers to appeal to writers of every interest and specialty.

BARBARA LALICKI

Barbara Lalicki, New York City, will be the keynote speaker and will participate in all activities at the Roundup. Recently named to a prestigious position as Vice President, Macmillan, Inc., she is also Editorial Director of Bradbury Press, an imprint within the Macmillan Children's Group.

In addition to her tenure at Macmillan, Barbara has held editorial positions with Lothrop, Lee and Shepard Books; Four Winds Press; and Coward, McCann. She edited two Newbery Honor Books: *Commodore Perry in the Land of the Shogun* by Rhoda Blumberg and *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen. Her stable of writers includes local notables Gloria Skurzynski and Alane Ferguson, both of whom will be guests at the Roundup.

In her workshop sessions, Barbara will provide tips on how to tackle the formidable barriers and break into print—a topic of interest to all writers and aspiring writers.

BEPPIE HARRISON

Beppie Harrison, Birmingham, Michigan, is a non-fiction writer



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whose first American book, *Giving Time a Chance* (with Ronna Romney), was a study of long-lasting marriages, particularly those of individuals in the public eye. The book was a Literary Guild alternate selection and a chapter was published in *Readers Digest*. Beppie has turned her attention to topics of special interest to women. Her publication credits include

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Chapter Chatter

BLUE QUILL CHAPTER

June Krambule had an article with five photos published in the July/August issue of *Travelin'*, a photo on the inside cover of *Country Extra* and judged a contest for Penwomen.

Clarence Socwell was named fourth vice-president of the National Federation of State Poetry Societies after serving two years as treasurer. He won a second, third and two honorable mentions from the USPS contest and a first, two thirds and two honorable mentions from NFSPS, where he also judged a contest. He won seven photography awards from the Ogden Color Camera Club, conducted a workshop at Weber State University and had a reading of his book at the Weber County Library.

Jean Tonti had an article published in the February issue of the *Ensign*.

Helen Cook published two poems in the summer edition of *Panorama*. She also won firsts places for love poetry, and short story and third for serious poetry in the Penwomen's contest; first place president's award, two honorables and a special mention from USPS; and a first and fourth honorable mention in the NFSPS contest.

Amy Stowell published a news article in the *Standard Examiner*.

LaVon B. Carroll won a second prize from Penwomen for a love poem and received two honorable mentions from *Byline*. She was a guest speaker at the Penwomen state convention; gave a lecture to the Ladies Literary Society, a poetry workshop at the Weber County Library and spoke to a college class at Weber State University.

As a result of guest appearances at the Indiana State Poetry Society 50th Anniversary Celebration, **Wanda Blaisdell** and **Maxine Jennings** have given a number of poetry workshops and programs for various groups including the League at the spring workshop, the Utah State Poetry Society, Ogden Book Club and a number of LDS wards. Maxine published a poem in *Capper's Weekly* and won a \$50 prize from the National League of Penwomen. Wanda won second place, light verse chapbook, for USPS and received several honorable mentions.

Karen S. Tilelli won first place in the Wasatch Mountain Fiction Writers First 20 Pages of Your Novel contest.

Judy Johns won two first place awards with USPS, as well as three honorable mentions and five special recognition awards.

Polly Harrington won a second honorable mention in Penwomen's personal essay contest and was recently installed as district president of the Utah Federation of Women's Clubs.

Esther Phelps Parks wrote and delivered a program on Utah artist Mabel Frazer to the Ogden Fine Arts Guild. She was recently installed as the State Arts and Literary Chairman for the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

OQUIRRH WRITERS

Karen Haslam's story, "Come Dance with Me," won second place nationally in the American Mothers' Literature Competition and will be published later this year in their journal.

Dorothy Crofts received the Community Leadership of the Year Award for her efforts to give local writers, artists and musicians an opportunity to showcase their talents. Her contributions included founding, editing and publishing *The Art of Motherhood*, a collection of poems, stories, tributes and music about mothers. Many of the authors read their writings and performed their works at a Literary Concert held at the West Valley City Center in May. Dorothy read her own poem entitled "Motherhood is an Art" during a TV appearance on the Mark Van Wagoner Show. She also designed and published a book of poetry from *The Art of Motherhood* which sold 1100 copies now in revision for next year. Dorothy has written many articles for the *Green Sheet*, including one on the West Valley City Symphony and on the musical production of "The Twelve Dancing Princesses," sponsored by the West Valley City Arts Council.

Beverly Holley published a letter in the *Horizon* in April.

Pat Cutting attended the Zion Canyon Women's Writing Workshop, organized by Bambi Steiner of Springdale and contributed a personal essay, "Canyon Dimensions: Diachronic and Synchronic," to the group's collection of writings. She also writes the Oquirrh Writers' Chapter Chatter.

PRICE CHAPTER

Debra Copfer has written six stories for *Western Adventures*. She sold a story, "A Valentine for Grandpa," which will be published in the February *Friend*.

Margaret Christensen wrote and presented three fifty-year tributes for friends.

Amy Swasey is putting together a book of original children's stories which will be donated to elementary schools as part of her church service project.

Lori Nichols wrote her Sterling Scholar book, which included a personal history. She wrote and delivered a high school graduation speech and several school campaigns. As co-fund raiser for the Peace Gardens to be built in Price this year, she initiated a concert by local bands.

WASATCH WRITERS

JoAnn Weaver sold a poem to *Behavioral Genetics*.

Vera Bakker's children's stories "Midnight Visitor" and "Bread for Children" were published in April.

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Momentum: American Women in Politics Now (with Donna Romney), *The Shock of Motherhood*, and *Needles in a Basket*. (Continued on page 3)

Her latest work, *On Not Being Good Enough: A Woman's Look at Perfection* will be published by Deseret Book in the spring.

How to conduct successful interviews will be the topic of Beppie's workshop sessions, and she will also be the speaker at the Awards Banquet.

CANDIDAI SESHACHARI

Dr. Candidai Seshachari, biographer and "teacher extraordinaire," has recently been named Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, Weber State University.

A native of India, Dr. Seshachari researched and wrote one of the most in-depth and insightful biographies of Mahatma Gandhi. He is producing a similar work on the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. Seshachari is an expert on delving into both the public persona and private selves of his subjects.

As expected, Dr. Seshachari's workshop will focus on biographical and family history writing.

RENÓN HULET

Renón Hulet, renowned local writer, will conduct workshops on writing for and marketing to magazines and newspapers. Editor of *Salt Lake City Magazine* in 1990-91, Renón has also been published in local and national magazines such as *Woman's World*, *Family* and *Utah Holiday*. She has had articles in many local newspapers and is currently a travel writer for *USA Today*.

Renón won first place in the 1987 Utah Arts Council competition with her biography *Gaminé*, a work she set aside to write her well-known *Don't You Dare Give Up*, the biography of Diane Ellingson, University of Utah gymnast and Olympic hopeful. Renón and Diane are currently in demand on the lecture circuit with book reviews and discussions of *Don't You Dare Give Up*.

ELAINE CHRISTENSEN

Elaine Christensen will be guest poet for the Roundup, speaking at the Poets' Breakfast and conducting workshop sessions on Saturday. Elaine's work has been published in *Sandcutters*, *Panorama*, *Ensign* and *Dialogue* and she has received both local and national recognition for her poetry. Her collection, *At the Edges*, was published by Publishers Press. In 1990 she won the Pearle M. Olsen Publication Prize and was named Poet of the Year by the Utah State Poetry Society.

Elaine teaches poetry workshops, judges poetry and literary contests—both local and national—and has been a professional reader for numerous organizations including the League of Utah Writers.

Elaine's workshop sessions for the Roundup will focus writing on a second, deeper level in your poetry and on finding your writing voice.

GLORIA SKURZYNSKI and ALANE FERGUSON

Gloria Skurzynski and her daughter Alane Ferguson, guest speakers for the 1990 Roundup, have agreed to a

return engagement. Since both write for children's and young adult markets, they will team-teach on the topic *Bridging the Generation Gap in Your Writing*.

Gloria writes both fiction and non-fiction (more of the former) and is working on her twenty-sixth book. She has received numerous awards including the Utah Children's Book Award, 1984; Golden Kite Award, Society of Children's Book Writers, 1983; and Golden Spur, Western Writers of America, 1984. Most recently she was honored by the American Institute of Physics for her book *Almost the Real Thing*. She received their 1992 Children's Science Writing Award.

Alane is not only following in her mother's footsteps, but is forging a star-studded path of her own. Her book, *That New Cat*, was reviewed in the *New York Times* and was the American Library Association's Pick of the List in 1982. Her first mystery, *Show Me the Evidence*, received the Edgar Allan Poe Award. In 1992 this book earned her a prestigious award from the Children's Book Choice Organization for Belgium. Her other works include *Cricket and the Crackerbox Kid*, *The Practical Joke War*, *Overkill* and *Stardust*.

Registration Fees Reduced!

Event	Members	Others
Friday Reception	\$10	\$15
Saturday Sessions	\$30	\$40
Awards Banquet	\$15	\$20
Poetry Breakfast	\$10	\$15
All-Events Discount:		
Received by 9/5	\$50	\$70
After 9/5	\$55	\$75

Send completed registration information to Carolyn Campbell, 1476 East 7335 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84121

HOTEL RESERVATION NOTE

Rooms at the Clarion are your individual responsibility. Toll Free Direct (800)933-9678 Local 359-8600. Ask for special League rates \$52 Executive King or Queen Double. Call early they're going fast! Other large hotels nearby are Olympus, 161 W. 600 South, 521-7373 and Little America, 500 South Main, 596-5966

Lariat Deadline: Nov. 6

Send materials to Brenda Bensch, 1508 W. Elmhill Cir., Murray, UT 84123. If your writing achievements are not represented here, contact your chapter secretary.



Elaine Christensen



Gloria Skurzynski

Speakers' Bureau Reminder

All chapters are entitled to receive League subsidies for two speakers this year. Speaker fees cannot be carried forward to next year, so contact Janet Carroll, 753-6669, for help.

Chapter Chatter

Geraldine Felt received an honorable mention in the *Byline* Essay Contest and an honorable mention and two recognitions in the USPS Poetry Festival. She read her own poetry at two poetry programs and acted as Festival Chairperson for the USPS 1992 Festival. She won second place in the humor category of the League's spring/summer mini-contest. A poem by Geraldine was read on KSL's "Sound of Music" Father's Day Program.

Jackie Howa was the speaker for the Box Elder Stake Young Men/Women's Standards Night in March.

John Fritschle has had a few technical articles published in the computer software monthly *Cross Talk*.

Arlene Hamblin took second place in the 1992 *Ensign* Hymn Contest.

Do It - Write! Roundup Schedule

Friday, September 11, 1992

Do It - With Friends!

- 3:00 p.m. Hotel registration
- 6:00 p.m. Roundup registration
- 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Happy Hour
- 7:30 p.m. Dinner
- 8:30 p.m. Moderated Question and Answer Period

Saturday, September 12, 1992

Do It - Write!

- 8:00 a.m. Registration begins
Early-bird coffee, juice, danish
- 9:00 a.m. General Session
Keynote speaker Barbara Lalicki
- 10:00 a.m. Session #1
Barbara Lalicki
Beppie Harrison
Candidai Seshachari
- 11:15 Break
- 11:30 a.m. Session #2
Renon Hulet
G. Skurzynski & A. Ferguson
Elaine Christensen
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch Break

Saturday, September 12, 1992

- 2:00 p.m. Session #3
Barbara Lalicki
Beppie Harrison
Candidai Seshachari
- 3:15 p.m. Break
- 3:30 p.m. Session #4
Renon Hulet
G. Skurzynski & A. Ferguson
Elaine Christensen
- 4:30 - 5:30 Book Signing

Do It - Well!

- 6:30 Happy Hour (cash bar)
- 7:30 Awards Banquet
Speaker: Beppie Ann Harrison
Awards: Vera Bakker
- Late Nite Read Around TBA

Sunday, September 13, 1992

Do It - With Style!

- 8:30 a.m. Registration
- 9:00 a.m. Poetry Lovers Breakfast
- 9:45 a.m. Guest Speaker: Elaine Christensen
- 10:15 a.m. Awards Presentation

League Treasurer May Miss Roundup - No Foul Play Suspected

League Treasurer, Carolyn Campbell, has informed us that she may be forced to miss this year's Roundup. No, she has not absconded with any funds. Carolyn's absence will be due to her writing talents.

As the *Lariat* goes to press she is negotiating with a national morning news program for an appearance which may be scheduled on roundup weekend.

This appearance, along with her two recent sales to *Family Circle Magazine*, one of which will be published in September, may make Carolyn a bit of a celebrity.

Congratulations on her fame, but what a pity she won't be with us. She must be doing something - write.

REGISTRATION WORKSHEET

Complete and send to Roundup Registration, c/o Carolyn Campbell, 1476 East 7335 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84121

ROUNDUP EVENTS	Member	Others	Planned Activity
Event #1 Fri. 6:00 pm Do It - With Friends! Registration Reception Dinner	\$10	\$15	All guest speakers Moderated Q & A
Event #2 Sat. 8:00 am Do It - Write! Registration 8:00 am General Session 9:00 am Individual Classes 10:00 am - 4:30 pm	\$30	\$40	Keynote: Barbara Lalicki Classes: All guests
Event #3 Sat. 6:30 pm Do It - Well! Awards Banquet 7:30 pm All writers and friends welcome	\$15	\$20	Speaker: Beppie Harrison Awards Presentation
Event #4 Sun. 9:00 am Do It - With Style! Poetry Breakfast	\$10	\$15	Speaker: Elaine Christensen Awards Presentation Reading of Winning Entries
All-Event Discount #5 Mail by Sept. 5th Register at door	\$50 \$55	\$70 \$75	

Please register the following people for the League of Utah Writers 1992 Roundup:

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NOTE: Hotel Reservations are the responsibility of individual participants. Total Enclosed _____
 Clarion Hotel Toll Free Direct (800)933-9678. No refunds after 9/8/92.



Barbara Lalicki, Vice President of Macmillan, Inc. and Editorial Director of Bradbury Press will keynote Do It - Write, Roundup '92.



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