



President's Message

From all the phone calls and notes we've received, we feel our Spring Workshop was a great success. We had close to one hundred people in attendance. We were excited to offer this free workshop, as has been the tradition in years past. Renon Hulet inspired us to overcome our fears and pursue our writers' dreams. John Gillette did a great job helping us to see ourselves as professional writers so we will make better decisions toward launching our writing careers. Sherri Lewis was fantastic in her delivery about how to effectively use sensory details, and there is no one better than Dean Hughes for brainstorming and organizing each new story line. Thank you to all those who were able to attend. For those of you unable to attend, stay tuned. Our Roundup is going to be unbelievable! Make sure to read through the enclosed conference schedule. A registration form has also been included to give you first shot at signing up for any of our individual critique sessions and becoming part of our early bird registration.

We hope the League of Utah Writers is working for you to help you further your writing desires. Currently, we are discussing the possibility of adding two regional advisors to our state board. These advisors would cover those areas not already covered within the close proximity of the President and State board members. This would insure that more of your needs will be met, specifically better communication and the overseeing of outlying area Spring Workshops.

We continue to be excited about the many things we've been able to offer this year: The free Spring Workshop, Roundup anthology, individual critique session at Roundup, one of the lowest conference admission fees anywhere, and continued financial stability and chapter growth.

I am constantly impressed with the presence that the League of Utah Writers is in our communities. Daily, I receive phone calls requesting information and order forms from people wanting to join. We're here to serve you and want to help you pursue the path you feel so driven to follow.

May all of your writing experiences be joyful ones.

Bettyanne Gillette

News You Can Use

- LUW contest: We hope everyone is busy making final edits in preparation for submitting your piece(s) of work to our contest. Entries must be postmarked by June 15. Thank you, Mary Barnes, for your hard work. If anyone knows any nonmembers who would like to receive a copy of our contest guidelines, please have them send

their name, address, and \$1.00 (for postage) to Bettyanne Gillette, 2710 East Water Vista Way, Sandy, UT 84093.

- Utah Arts Council contest deadline: June '98. Call UAC for details.
- Fall Round-up will be September 11th and 12th at the Provo Marriott (formerly Park) Hotel.
- Thank you, Carole Cole, for all you're doing to organize this year's fantastic fall Round-up!
- Round-up Anthology: Mary Barnes reports good things are happening regarding our Anthology. We're excited about offering this publication to those interested in purchasing a copy. More information will follow.
- Publication award information: All works appearing in local, regional, national and international markets are welcomed and eligible for submission in the Publication Award category.
- Welcome Lauren Ball, as president of the Salt Lake Chapter. His chapter is very glad to have him serve as their president and say he is doing a great job!

Chapter Chatter

Bountiful Chapter

Our chapter has 43 members now, and good attendance at every meeting.

Carole Cole has accepted the position of president-elect for our chapter, as well as for the state.

Recent member accomplishments are: Carole Cole has just become affiliated with the international group, TMIM (Turning Memories into Memoirs) and will be teaching workshops and seminars throughout the state of Utah on writing personal and family histories. She also was awarded first place in the newspaper column category in the council of Genealogy Columnists Excellence in Writing category.

Dora Flack's article, "Members Across Country Rally Around Midwest Storm Victims" was published in the *Church News* in February, and her article about the Startup Candy Company was published in the *Deseret News* in March.

Marcia Ford won a first-place award for her short story entered in the Utah American Mothers' Literature Contest.

Nonie Gilbert had three poems published in *The Davis County Clipper* between the months of November and January. And her poem "The Making of Basset Hounds" was a winner in a February For The Love Of Animals Poetry Contest.

Trisa Martin had an article "Homegrown Values" published in the March issue of *Wasatch Parent*.

Our chapter meets at the Bountiful/Davis Art Center the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Our schedule for the next couple of months will be:

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

June 16 - Summer Party

Color Country Nightwriters (Cedar City)

Two members of our chapter recently published:

John Ault, psychology professor at SUU, was published in *Teaching for Success*, which goes out to an audience of 21,000 professors across the country. His article was entitled, "Role of Self Perception and Teaching."

Julia Corry published an article in the *1997-1998 Cedar City Magazine* entitled "Cedar City's Grand Tradition of Scouting." Her focus was on the history of the Boy Scouts in Cedar City.

Our group hosts monthly writing workshops. We just finished a three-part series on fiction, and are looking forward to workshops in poetry, children's stories, interviews and family histories, essays, non-fiction and science fiction.

Oquirrh Chapter

New blood, new talent, new interests, new projects, new members. That's the best way to describe the Oquirrh Writers who continue to grow in membership. New members since January include: Nu Dang, Stephanie Rask, Martha Rice, Sinamar Tabin, Diane Waters, and Dan Weinrich. We welcome them and look forward to learning more about their individual writing interests.

Several members are still working together on a group novel, which is coming along quite nicely. The writers meet whenever they can on Saturday mornings to turn in assignments and brainstorm story plots. We are anxiously looking forward to the completed novel.

Some of the other projects Oquirrh Writers are working on include monthly assignments, which will once again be compiled into a book for those who want to purchase a copy. We are also sponsoring their 2nd Annual Contest. 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 like we did last year. Entry forms and guidelines are available for anyone interested. Call Dorothy Crofts at (801)964-0861 for a copy.

Dorothy Crofts received two honorable mentions from *ByLine* Magazine contests: one for a Christmas poem entitled "See Christmas" and her second for her children's picture book "So What..." She had the opportunity to narrate her Easter poetry during sacrament meeting in the St. George 22nd Ward. Dorothy also displayed several of her books and taught a lesson on "Keeping a Personal Journal and Preparing Your Family History" at the Jordan North 5th Ward Relief Society Homemaking Night.

Michelle Anderson, published Utah author, is willing to write book reviews, and help get book signings or readings advertised in local newspapers. Those who are interested can call Anderson Communication at 966-0463. Leave a message for FREE marketing help.

South Jordan Chapter

Our 1998 schedule of events is:

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

July 2 – “Book It” Bring your favorite “how to” writing book. Plan on verbally sharing the book’s highlights (about 5 minutes) with our chapter. Or bring 20 copies of a one-page written summary of the book’s highlights.

August 6 – “Freeing Your Creativity: Guidelines for Writers” by Shane Bell at 7:00 p.m. at the South Jordan Library.

September 3 – No first Thursday meeting. Plan to attend the League of Utah Writers’ Fall Conference.

September 11-12 -- The League of Utah Writers’ Fall Conference, at the Provo Marriott (formerly Park Hotel, in Provo, Utah.

Utah Valley Chapter

Wendy McBride has had an article accepted for publication by *Straight*, a religious magazine for teenagers.

Wordcraft Chapter

The Wordcraft Chapter is “morphing” every month, changing theme and focus to fit the needs of its members. In February we heard from members of our chapter: Carolyn Campbell, Mary Barnes, and Bettyanne Gillette addressed query and cover letters, and E-mail. In March we heard “The Gift of Poetry” by Connie Voisine from the University of Utah. Tony and Catherine Weller, owners of Sam Weller’s Books were our April speakers. They commented on the buyer and publisher points of view.

In May two speakers will discuss self-publishing. For June we’ll welcome Sterling Van Wagoner, a producer for screenplays.

Join us at the Holladay Library the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. There is a critique session at 6:00 p.m.

Publishing praises over the last few months go to Carol Quist, Thede Bassett, Carolyn Campbell, Carole Western, and Sharee Hughes. Contest kudos go to Michael Robinson, Pam Moody, Claudene Gordon, Theda Bassett.

To guarantee eligibility for this year’s writing competition, avoid doing any of the following: (Taken from the judges ineligibility checklist) 1) Manuscript is not typed. 2) Manuscript is not double-spaced. (Poetry may be single-spaced.) 3) Manuscript appears on both sides of paper. 4) Copy quality is unacceptable. 5) Author’s name appears on manuscript. 6) Missing or inadequate entry fee. 7) Missing or inadequate entry form. 8) Our records do not indicate that you qualify for “Members Only” category. 9) Ineligible publication date. 10) Manuscript missed deadline postmark. 11) Manuscript exceeds maximum word or line length for this category. 12) Manuscript does not qualify under the definition of this category.

Questions about contest? Contact Mary Barnes - (801) 957-1982

MEET THE STARS FOR OUR 1998 ROUNDUP

Carolyn Campbell, LUW's own shining star and author of hundreds of articles published nationally.

Katharine Coles, Her second collection of poems, *A History of the Garden*, was released in April 1997 by the University of Nevada Press, which also published her novel, *The Measurable World* in 1995. Among her grants and awards are an *NEA Individual Writers Fellowship for Poetry*, an *NEA New Forms Project for Fiction*, a *PEN Discovery Award*, and *Salt Lake City's Mayor Award for the Arts*.

Dean Hughes, of national as well as local prominence and prolific author of more than 70 books, numerous stories and poems for all ages—children, young adults, and adults. His most recent release is the second of his *Children of the Promise* series, *Since You Went Away*.

Coke Newell, author of four books as well as hundreds of articles and video scripts. His 1996 book, *Cow Chips Aren't for Dippin'—a Guide to Life in the New Wild West* reminded him that writing can be fun and his most recent book, *The Eden Map: The Ancient Path to Ultimate Parenting*, that it can be inspiring.

Clair Rees, full-time non-fiction author who for many years has sold more than 100 articles each year to magazines such as *Field & Stream*, *Outdoor Life*, and *Popular Science*. He is also author of *Profitable Part-Time Full-Time Freelancing*.

Anita Stansfield, who has been writing since high school, is an imaginative and prolific writer of romance novels for the LDS market. Her two most recent titles are *A Promise of Forever* and *To Love Again*.

Carole Western, president and founder of *Montgomery -West Literary Agency*, personally specializes in finding and working with writers who show above average potential. She is a published international writer as well.

Our Woman's Magazine Editor and National Literary Agent are still being negotiated with. We will pass along information as soon as final confirmation is reached.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM
1998 LUM ROUNDUP

		NEBULA BECOMING A WRITER TRACK A	NOVA FICTION TRACK B	SUPERNOVA NON-FICTION TRACK C
Time	Detail			
9-9:45 am	Subject Presenter(s) Room	GENERAL SESSION - KEYNOTE ADDRESS Woman's Magazine Editor Arches		
10-10:45 am	Subject Presenter Room	Process of Writing Dean Hughes Juniper	Topic of choice Coke Newell Elm	BIOGRAPHICAL ARTICLES Carolyn Campbell Maple
11-11:45 am	Subject Presenter Room	Screenwriting Carole Western Juniper	Beginnings, Middles and Ends Anita Stansfield Elm	Research and Background Stephanni Hicken Maple
NOON - 12:45	Subject Room	Luncheon Arches		
12:45- 1:20 pm	Subject Room	General Membership Session Speaker (National Agent) Arches		
1:30-2:15 pm	Subject Presenter Room	Booksigning Bookstore and Exhibitors Vendor/Registration Area		
2:30-3:15 pm	Subject Presenter Room	Humor and Essays Clair Rees Juniper	Topic of Choice National Agent Elm	Topic of Choice Women's Mag. Editor Maple
3:30-4:15 pm	Subject Presenter Room	Research and Background Stephanni Hicken Juniper	Topic of Choice Coke Newell Elm	The Outdoors Market Claire Rees Maple
4:30-5:15 pm	Subject Presenter Room	Editing Your Work Carole Cole Juniper	Bldg. Believable Characters Anita Stansfield Elm	INTERVIEWING SKILLS Carolyn Campbell Maple
5:30-6:30 pm	Room	STATE BOARD MEETING Juniper		
7:00 pm	Subject Room Musical No. Presenters	BANQUET & AWARDS TO PROSE WINNERS Arches To Be Announced		