

President's Message

The Motorcyclist

By: Jared Quan

Several people on the board, including myself have been asked “when do you find time to write”, “how is there time to work on all the projects that you take on”, “are you burned out yet?” or my favorite “can I borrow your time turner, because it is pretty obvious that you have one”. The questions made me think of an interesting experience I recently had a couple of weeks ago.

Recently I moved my family to Eagle Mountain. I felt fortunate to have a gorgeous view of the lake and set right up against the mountains. What I wasn't excited about was my long drive into work and home again, as I work just off I-15 and 3300 South.

Three weeks into new home ownership I was on my long drive home when I noticed that the motorcyclist right in front of me was swerving quite a bit. That is

when I observed that he only had one hand on his handlebar, and his head was tilted down. With his occasional look up, I assumed that he was texting while driving the motorcycle. As we approached a stop light he looked up and he confirmed my conclusion when he put his other hand on the grip of the handlebar and a cell phone was present in his hand.

The just before the light turned green he caught something that was falling off his bike that was sitting in his lap. He adjusted it and a moment later when his hands returned to the handlebar I was shocked to find that the cell phone in his hand was now accompanied by a grocery bag on his wrist. Then the light turned green and we continued our way. He continued to swerve and occasionally text. Just when I thought that there was no way that this could get any crazier, the motorcyclist made a turn and when I glanced over I could clearly see that there was also a

live chicken in his lap. It was obvious that this guy had taken on way too much and was creating a hazard for himself and others at this point.

I realized that that is how some people imagine the board, chapter presidents, or myself.

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Jared Quan
President, LUW

They see us and they think that we have taken on too much and any moment now we will lose control and crash. That is because we all learn early on that life takes a lot of attention just to keep on top of things. The thing is for many of us, that is not how things actually are.

We are that car that you don't think anything about, that has the groceries in the trunk, a

caged chicken in the back seat, and a cell phone on the dash in a holder. We have strong support structure, delegation, and trust. That it doesn't make it easy, but it takes a ton of the stress and pressure off. When it comes to writing or volunteering or both there is time, but it takes putting the right resources into place, relying on friends and family, and trusting that if you do your part that the people around you

will do theirs. Sometimes it means getting creative, sometimes it means finding additional people around you to work with. If you need any help or ideas, we are always here to help because want you to be as successful as you can be.

Thank you,
Jared Quan

Community Outreach Project

The LUW is pleased to continue its community outreach efforts throughout the coming year.

Book drive:

Please continue to gather books for donation. We are partnering with an organization called Empowered Playground that collects books to send to Africa. We will collect books during the Fall Conference as well as Spring into Books.

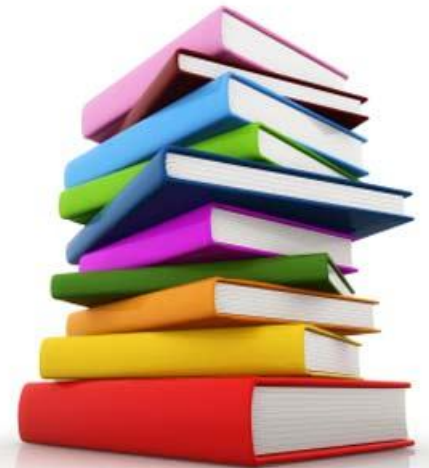
One thousand books make a functioning school library in the schools that are built in remote the areas of Ghana—places without electricity. The children work all day in the farm fields and now, thanks to Empower Playgrounds, the playground equipment generates electricity to charge lanterns so children have the evenings to study and read. But they need books! Please bring your new or gently used children's books to Spring into Books. (Sat. May 20th, 2-6 PM) Books for grades Kindergarten to 6th; please, no adult books or reference books.

See empoweredplaygrounds.org for more information

Let's show them that LUW is committed to creating readers around the world!

Karla Jay

Community Outreach Chair





Quill Winner Spotlights

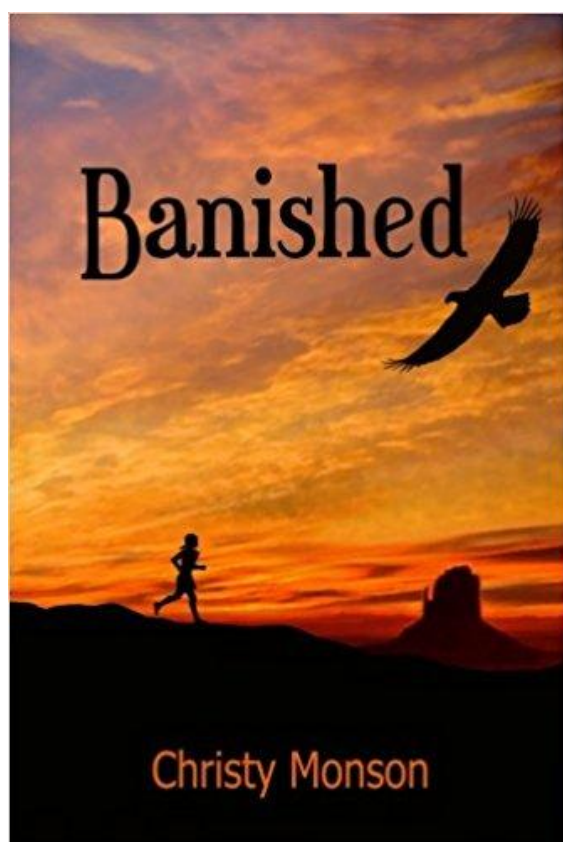
Gold Quill Winner
Young Adult Fiction
Jolayne Call
Wolf With a Name

Blurb:

When Malin leaves the city to recover from a life threatening illness, a world of magic opens for him. He discovers he can connect with the minds of animals, see what they see, feel what they feel. Then he encounters a young wolf and discovers he can communicate telepathically as clearly as he can verbally. But when a malicious and cruel hunter arrives on the scene, Malin learns his gift has two sides, and he must master both or die.

Bio:

Raised in southern Alberta, along with a myriad of Sillito siblings, the author has loved reading for forever, but especially since the fourth grade. As an invalid confined to bed for nine months, books became her world. The day began with them and ended with them. With reading came writing: stories first, originally told to younger brothers and sisters, then poetry written with a sister in a west bedroom. And to be sure there was teaching, twelve younger brothers and sisters to help through school, then classrooms of her own students, both high school and beyond, to say nothing of her own children and grandchildren. And as you might expect, mind journeys through books led to real ones, through different countries and cultures. "Stories happen to people in specific places and circumstances," she says, "like changing paths because a puma is sleeping on the one you're on." She has a great love of the arts, both as participant and audience. She has participated in choirs, musicals, plays, and written scripts for programs for special occasions. She currently lives with her husband in Utah.



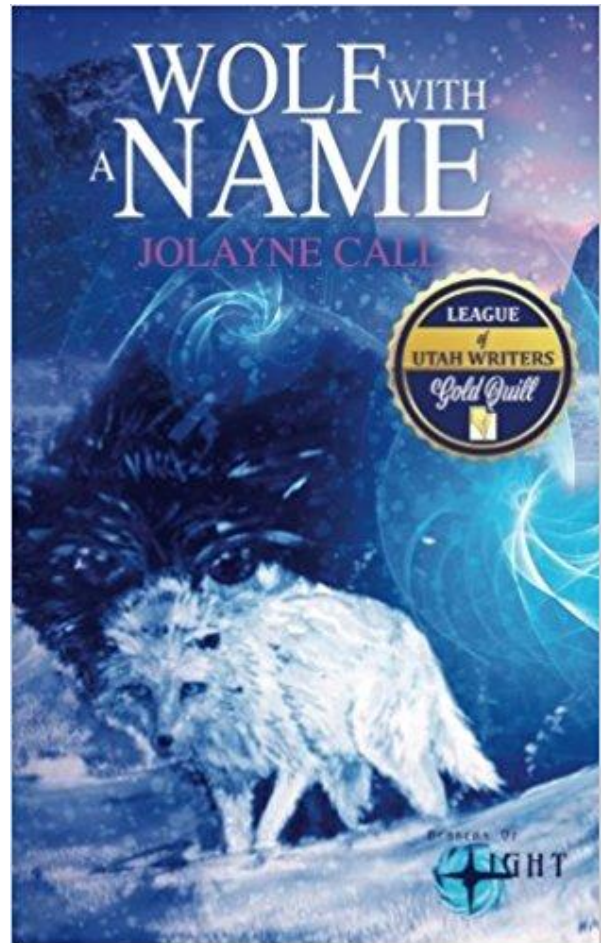
**Silver Quill Winner
Children's Fiction
Christy Monson
*Banished***

Blurb:

About the book: Dre has waited twelve summers to become a man in his clan, but during the ceremony the chief banishes him. Will he die in the desert? Dre sees a golden eagle following him and discovers the great bird is his recently deceased father returned to him as a spirit guide. More trouble awaits from a neighboring clan, and Dre scrambles to survive in the world.

Bio:

Christy Monson has a B.S. degree in Child Development and Psychology from Utah State University, and an M.S. in Counseling Psychology and Marriage & Family Therapy from University of Nevada at Las Vegas. She established a successful counseling practice in Las Vegas, Nevada. Christy's books include: *Texting Through Time: A Trek With Brigham Young* *Texting Through Time: John Taylor and the Mystery Puzzle* *Love, Hugs, and Hope: When Scary Things Happen* *Becoming Free: A Woman's Guide To Internal Strength* *Tales from Two-Bit Street* and *Beyond Family Talk: How to Organize Family Meetings to Solve Problems and Strengthen Family Relationships*. She has also published short stories in several anthologies.



Fall Conference 2017



Salt Lake Community College – Redwood Campus Student Center
4600 South Redwood Road, SLC UT 84123

October 6-7th, 2017

The Fall Conference is the crown jewel of League events with two full days of presentation and workshops from industry professionals, culminating with the annual awards ceremony and banquet. This year's programming will include tracks on Writing Craft, Editing, Publishing, Marketing, Poetry, Non-Fiction and (new this year) "Ask the Expert" where writers can get specialized information to enhance research and reader satisfaction with the smallest details.

For the first time ever, Friday is **Free** to all attendees – members and non-members alike.

This year's special guests are Kevin J Anderson
and J.H. Moncrieff
with
special guest agents
Michelle Johnson of Inklings Literary and
Angie Hodapp of Nelson Literary Agency.

Register now for early-bird pricing until August 31st:

[Register HERE](#)

Member prices for the full conference start at \$100

Prices for students (18 and younger) start at \$60

Watch for additional add-on features available to purchase in September including pitches with agents and publishers, manuscript evaluations, and an Exclusive Class with Kevin J Anderson.

Details forthcoming on the registration site and announced via email to all members.

BOOK YOUR HOTEL NOW!

The Staybridge Suites Salt Lake - West Valley City and adjacent Holiday Inn Express & Suites Salt Lake-West Valley are proud to host the League of Utah Writers. They will provide a complimentary light dinner on Thursday evening for all hotel guests attending the LUW conference.



These hotels are conveniently located near the Salt Lake Community College-Redwood Campus at 3038 Decker Lake Dr, West Valley City and will provide **shuttle service** to and from the conference for guests.

Special LUW Conference rates of **\$99-\$129** are available through the below links until **September 18**.

Any changes or cancellations made after September 18 will be subject to a one night cancellation fee.

The adjacent **Holiday Inn Express and Suites Salt Lake-West Valley City** also boasts an indoor water park with three pools and a 183-foot water slide. This water park is available to guests of both hotels. So bring your families along to enjoy a mini vacation while you attend the conference!



The Staybridge Suites has full kitchens and comfortable seating areas in every suite, perfect for visiting with your fellow writers.

This hotel has all the amenities you will need, including 24-hour business and fitness centers, complimentary laundry facilities, complimentary daily breakfast, complimentary airport shuttle, and complimentary Wi-Fi.

Book a Suite at Staybridge Suites -

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(Sorry about the long links, they were not cooperating! You may have to copy and paste.)

Speakers Bureau

Many of you have been wondering about the Speakers Bureau since we switched our website a while back. The manner in which the Bureau was (not) used wasn't functioning well for our group anymore. We've been revamping the program to something that should be helpful for everyone, and something no other professional writing organization offers (to our knowledge).

The Speakers Bureau will become a training program for presenters. This will allow more opportunities and directions for those who are interested in building their presentation credits on their resumes. It will also provide more focused feedback on how successful the presentations are. The chapters will benefit as well. There are more advantages and opportunities than can be discussed here, so look for the program to go live on the website the first part of September. If you have more questions, or face-to-face interaction works better for you, we will be having an information session at the Fall Conference.

Chapter Chatter

If you have an upcoming or recent release, please let your chapter President know so that they can forward the info for the newsletter. We all want to hear about it!

See the LUW website for more information on chapter meetings.

Blue Quill

Jenny Rabe will be publishing *Playground Treasures* in August 2017. It is a middle grade novel.

Jenny Rabe is also a contributing member for a romance anthology, which will be published in fall of 2017.

Heritage Writers Guild

Heritage Writers Guild remains active and productive, although we did take a break for the month of July. Both critique groups (afternoon and evening) continue to meet as people share their latest efforts: everything from teen fantasy, to Steam Punk, to historical fiction, to suspense, to memoir.

In May, members of the Heritage Writers Guild met at the St. George Library to hear Shallee McArthur teach how to take a brilliant new idea and turn it into an engaging story. She also shared techniques of how to write an effective query letter, followed by a short Q & A after. Shallee McArthur has a degree in English from BYU and lives in southern Utah with her husband and three children. Shallee McArthur is the author of *The Unhappening of Genesis Lee*. She originally wanted to be a scientist, until Shallee discovered she liked her science best in fictional form.

Debi Barmonde, Ivins resident and business owner of Inner Compass Life, was invited back for a second time to speak to the Heritage Writers Guild at the June HWG meeting. Debi discussed the “Nine Elements of Feng Shui for Primary Personalities,” to empower authors to use authentic voices as authors create believable characters. Also she challenged us to create the ideal environment for each person’s unique process. Debi has a degree in psychology, runs her own business and loves order, structure, statistics, research and

systems.

Marilyn Richardson has uploaded a new book to kindle: *The Mystical Tale of the Red Jade*, a MG novel about two girls, one lives in China in the year 1292, the other in Montana, in 2012. (She used to think it was young adult, but admits to being unable to write such edgy stuff as is now expected in that genre.) She thanks Michelle Clements for helping her with the cover – the first one she posted was impossible to read, so a new one is now up – click on the image to see it better.

Herriman

The Herriman chapter had a great time at Fort Herriman Town Days, thanks to the League parent organization helping to arrange for a table. We added quite a few locals to our mailing list, with the goal of boosting our membership and attendance at our monthly meetings. We manned the table with a combination of chapter leadership and board member visitors (Thanks, Jared!). Quite a few people didn't know about the League, so it was a good opportunity to spread the word that we're here to support both writers and literacy efforts. One contact we made was with the Herriman Arts Council, so we will meet with them in August to talk about opportunities for joint projects.

Infinite Monkeys

The Infinite Monkeys chapter spent the last few months playing musical locations due to construction at the Draper library, all the while managing to remain on schedule. Our numbers continue to grow and our members are doing amazing things. Here’s a list of what we’ve been up to:

Chapter Chatter, cont.

Jenni Wood recently won a DragonComet award and her short story, "Daughter of the Western Winds", will be published in the August edition of Phantaxis magazine.

Winner of "Monkey of the Quarter" (an unofficial award for the most things to celebrate) is **Masha Sukovic** with the following accomplishments:

- Upcoming Publications:
The House of Hope. Poem. I Come From The World Literary Journal (Inaugural Issue).
Summer 2017.

Praise the Day. Poem. I Come From The World Literary Journal (Inaugural Issue).
Summer 2017.

Stigmatized Disclosures. Short Story (Literary Fiction genre). Permafrost Magazine Literary Journal.
Summer 2017.

- Recent awards:
"The Taste of Names and Other Things." Novel excerpt. June 2017. Shortlist Winner Nominee of the Adelaide Literary Award for Best Short Story for 2017

"The Taste of Names and Other Things." Novel excerpt. May 2017. Finalist for the 2017 Writers' League of Texas Manuscript Contest

"The Taste of Names and Other Things." Novel excerpt. April 2017. Finalist for the 2017 International Literary Awards Reynolds Price Award in Fiction

"Bash Chelik." Short story. April 2017. Finalist for the 2017 International

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- Upcoming events:
4th annual Alfred Lambourne Prize for art inspired by Great Salt Lake Literary Arts Performance (poetry) Sorenson Unity Center (1383 SOUTH 900 WEST, SLC, UT 84104)
Friday, September 8, from 6:00-9:00 pm.

Jay Barnson's short story, "Dead Last", appeared in the inaugural issue of StoryHack magazine. His short story, "Queen of Shadows", appeared in Issue #5 of Cirsova Magazine. And his short story, "A Drop of Kruger, a Bottle of Dunning", won an honorable mention in the 2017 DragonComet awards and appeared in Volume #4 of Sibyl's Scriptorium.

Jenna Bowman's short story, "An Issue of Blood", won Third Place in the 2017 DragonComet awards and appeared in Volume #4 of Sibyl's Scriptorium.

Paul Genesse's novella "Of the Fire", was just released in Mech Rising: Age of Steel.

Scott Tarbet's latest novel, "Dragon Moon", released from Xchylar Publishing on July 21st and was celebrated with a launch party at Marissa's Books & Gifts in Murray.

Chapter Chatter, cont.

Callie Stoker appeared as a guest on the award-winning podcast “Writing Excuses” with a discussion on the many kinds of editing and why all writers need editors.

Johnny Worthen’s latest novel, “What Immortal Hand”, will be released in September:

What begins as a routine investigation of a hijacked truck turns into a desperate and personal quest for memories, faith, and meaning. The answers to these, for Michael Oswald, like the strangled cries of a thousand murdered travelers, is found in the dark heart of an ancient cult of killers. Michael is called of God; just not THAT god.

The Infinite Monkeys meet twice a month – the second Wednesday is our monthly chapter meeting with a presentation followed by critique, the fourth Wednesday is our monthly write-in where we drink all the caffeine and write all the words. Details can be found on our website luwgenremonkeys.wordpress.com

Just Write Chapter

This is a fun chapter, even though we mostly communicate online. Ann Gordon is president (ann@gordoncomputer.com) and Mechelle Morrison is vice-president. Just Write has members in Utah and other states.

We have an active review/critique group and hold critique sessions twice a month. Ann creates a monthly newsletter for chapter members. Congratulations are in order for these members:

* Donovan Obray: This spring two of Donovan’s poems placed in Utah State Poetry Society’s Annual Poetry Competition. His poem, "Deep Snow Drowns Mountains," placed in the haiku category, and his poem "Lucielle" placed in the shape category.

* Bradeigh Godfrey’s story “Jumping To” was published in *Litro*, an online literary journal. Her story “Rehab in the time of Zombies” was published in *The Examined Life*, a print journal published by the U of Iowa College of Medicine and Humanities. Her short story, “The Thicket,” will be published in the next issue of Sunstone magazine.

Several members have completed their novel-length manuscripts and are fine-tuning them now.

Millcreek

The Millcreek chapter is pleased to announce that Masha Sukovic recently had two poems, House of Hope and Praise the Day, published in the literary journal I Come from the World.

<https://icomefromtheworld.org/the-house-of-hope-praise-the-day/>

Oquirrh Writers

The Oquirrh Writers Chapter has been relishing their summer with a margarita in one hand and a juicy book in the other! May's meeting we learned about using our characters as inspiration to deepen worldbuilding. In June, we learned about marketing from the ever engaging and talented Kathryn E Jones. July was party month and we shared snacks and critiques in a very casual meeting.

Spring into Books went well with lots of local writing friends meeting together to socialize and meet with the community. A huge thank you to the West Jordan Arts Council, the Salt Lake County Library System, those on the committee and our wonderful volunteers. We couldn't have done it without you!

For those who would like to stop by, chapter meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month in the West Jordan City Hall's

Chapter Chatter, cont.

Community Room at 7pm. The first half of each meeting is a presentation and the second is for critiques of writing projects.

Red Butte Bards

Red Butte Bards (The Leagues Poetry Chapter) meet the first Tuesday of each month at Red Butte Garden from 6-7:30 PM. We are always looking for new poets to join our group!

Salt Lake Scribes

Our big news is that after the groups years of dredging through the literary world with Jef Huntsman at the helm, we now have an incredible new president, Cindy Haun. Cindy has served as the vice-president. The scribes look forward to her leading us to wonderful new heights.

Our 15 minute presentations during each Scribe meeting has been a boost to our knowledge and a reminder of what we should be doing. We are still focused on critiques which always help, as they give us an understanding of the readers view of our work.

In other news, Cindy Haun's short story, Coral King, is getting published in an anthology the first of next year.

Wordcraft

Our member, Joyce Wilson, submitted a short story in *Speak for Yourself* competition, won second place, was placed on their website and invited to feature her story in Provo on July 6th. Around the same time she promoted her two books. On July 21, 2017 she had a crafts booth at the Butlerville Days celebration to further promote her books.

Our member, David Barnes, has a chapter featured in *What to do when you get to 80*.

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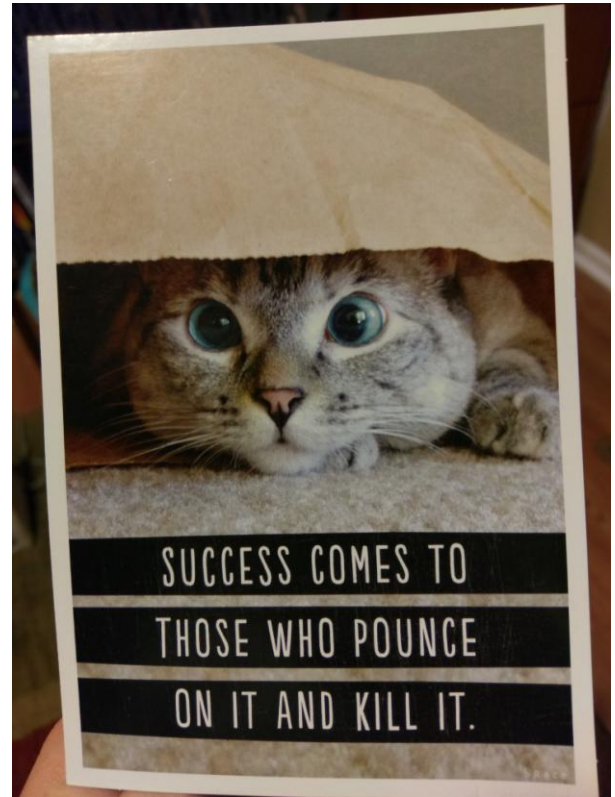
What did you do today to pounce?

What will you do tomorrow?

What could you be doing right now?

Think about it, then do it!

Jo
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L UW Facebook Group

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/LeagueofUtahWriters/>

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