



official quarterly newsletter of

The League of Utah Writers

Round-Up to be Held
September 22-23, 1995
Provo Park Hotel

The Lariat

We are pleased to announce information concerning this year's Round-Up. Pre-registration information and cost break-downs will be arriving soon to each member of the League. It is important that you pre-register since attendance space is limited. The round-up will be held at the Provo Park Hotel, 101 West 100 North, Provo, UT. Room reservations can be made by calling: (801) 377-4700 or (800)777-7144.

The keynote speakers are:

Gerald N. Lund, author of 12 books, including the best selling series, The Work and the Glory. This series was awarded the "IBBY" Award for 1994 (LDS Independent Booksellers Book of the Year.) Volumes two and four were chosen as Best Novels of 1991 and 1993 by The Association of Mormon Letters. Volume four received the Frankie and John K. Orton Award for LDS Literature in 1994. Lund is listed in Who's Who in the West, International Author's and Writer's Who's Who, The Writer's Directory, and American Authors.

Richard Paul Evans, author of The Christmas Box listed number two on the New York Times Bestseller List January 1, 1995. This 87-page paperback received a 4.2 million advance from Simon and Schuster, the largest first novel advance in history, for the North American hardcover rights and the hard and softcover rights to another edition. Evans has had articles in *USA Today*, *The New York Times*, *People Magazine*, *Good Housekeeping*, *Entertainment Weekly*, and *The London Times* as well as appearing on the *Today Show* with Katie Couric.

Other speakers include:

Lori List, a New York agent who represents Richard Paul Evans.

Glenn Larson, producer of such shows as

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"Quincy" and "Battlestar Galactica" as availability permits.

Ruth Bonapase from New York, Senior Articles Editor for *First Magazine*.

Charles F. Abbott, local Provo attorney and Daily Herald newspaper columnist who sold 150,000 copies of his first book at \$10.00 each by mail-order from his home.

Dr. Tim Slover, director of the Playwriting Program and Chair of the Writing Committee for BYU Department of Theater and Film.

Dr. Steve Walker, poet.

Tonya Wood, best-selling romance writer.

Robert Kirby, author, editor, and newspaper columnist currently working with The Daily Herald. Kirby has published two novels, Dark Angel and Brigham's Bees.

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To all members of the league,

What a great board the league has been blessed with this year! Despite my extended absences, last minute meetings, and phone tag, the board members and chapter presidents have come through with some incredible ideas and plans. Thanks, also, to last year's board who have been invaluable as resources to each of us.

I can hardly wait to attend Round-Up. I know we will experience an educational feast. The annual events provide us with time and opportunity to network and enjoy each other's company. Mark your calendars now to attend.

As a board, we have been concerned about the decline in membership and workshop attendance which has been prevalent over the past few years, and we have discussed some possible solutions to these concerns. We realize that cost often prohibits our members from participating, and we have made every effort to keep cost to a bare minimum for members. (Spring workshop was an absolute bargain at under \$5.00!!!) If your local chapter has any suggestions or concerns, we would appreciate hearing them and will try to come up with solutions or alternatives at the next board meeting. Please drop me a line to share your ideas.

Copies of the League guidelines were sent to all chapter presidents. Please refer to these guidelines for possible initial answers to questions. If the answer isn't there, then don't hesitate to ask.

I appreciate the opportunity to work with you this year and it is my hope to see LUW remain a close-knit family of highly successful writers. Thank You to those who expressed their sorrow at the passing of my mother in May. Best wishes to you all as you pursue your dreams.

Lu Ann Staheli

Spring Workshop Was A Great Success!

Spring Workshop this year was held for the first time in Delta, Utah. Over 350 people came from throughout the state to enjoy a day of inspiring workshops, first-rate keynote speakers, terrific poetry readings, and a monumental bookfair. The workshop was opened up to children 3rd grade and up with classes for kids and teens in the morning. Adults attended a variety of superlative workshops throughout the day on topics such as: poetry, journals and personal histories, publishing and editing, feature articles, characterization, plots and fiction writing, query letters, technical writing, hymn writing, finding time to write, historical fiction, teaching children to write, and cowboy poetry. Three consecutive classes were even available to take you through the entire writing process for article/essay writing. Keynote Speakers for the day included Dean Hughes for the children's session, Michael Rutter for the teens' session, and Blaine Yorgason for the adults' session. Workshop presenters for the adult classes included: Jennifer Ballard, Stan Harward, Stephanni Hicken, Elinor Hyde, JoAnn Jolley, Joyce Marder, Susan Evans McCloud, Bill Ruesch, Michael Rutter, Nadine Sellers, Dennis Smith, LuAnn Staheli, Anita Stansfield, Bob Urry, and Beverly Zimmerman. Workshop presenters for the teens were Marcia Anstead, Peggy Burdett, Danielle Beazer Dubrasky, and LuAnn Staheli. Presenters for the children were Jennifer Ballard, Larry Beaudin, Margery Beaudin, Jan Burger, Beth Chynoweth, Sherri Gurley, Dean Hughes, Kolette Montague, and Gloria Nance. In addition, author Nadine Sellers was available to sit down and critique writing and poetry. The Bookfair was made available by Media Play of Orem and V&S Variety of Delta and was organized by Pat Truitt of Delta. The day was capped off by a musical poetry presentation by Nadine Sellers. Next year, the workshop will be chaired by Stephanni Hicken (soon to be) of Cedar City and will be held in Cedar City. We hope you will put it on your calendar and make it a valuable educational experience.

Something to Think About

The key to writing success is finding your niche.

Lurlene Mc Daniel helped create her genre, inspirational fiction about teenagers in life-threatening situations. Her characters have faced everything from cystic fibrosis to organ transplants, leukemia to AIDS. "I don't recommend anyone writing this unless they've gone through something. Suffering is transferable. I've never had cancer, but I've gone through a divorce, plus dealt with my son's experience. Don't imitate. It's got to be from your gut."

Set up a schedule. Lurlene Mc Daniel works from 9 to 5, Monday through Friday. Stephen King works 363 days a year, taking off only his birthday and the 4th of July. Whatever strategy works is the best one. That's how the writing will get done.

"How many pages a day do you write," Dr. Wallace asked. "Four," I replied. Twenty years later, that quota still sticks in my mind. I may finish only three pages on a given day, or end up with ten, but four is what Dr. Wallace expects of me. It's also what I expect of myself." - Julia Willis

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Hello League Members! I am attempting to square away my list of board members for the 1995-96 year and am in need of a few more helpers. Below is the list of positions and persons who have accepted. Please note the empty spots, consider carefully your time schedule and talents, and call me if you would like to serve on this year's board. Don't miss this great opportunity! (801) 864-3153

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	2-3 volunteers	

CHAPTER CHATTER

Blue Quill

LaVon Carroll received Special Honorable Mention and Honorable Mention for two poems in the March issue of Byline. She judged poetry for Weber State University writing lab and was the guest speaker for the February chapter meeting.

Polly (Mary) Harrington co-authored an essay "Congregationalism in Utah" with her husband, Dr. Gordon Harrington. The essay is part of Utah History Encyclopedia recently published in honor of the Utah Centennial by University of Utah Press.

Jay Hudson recently wrote a short story for Rough Draft entitled "Swede."

Judy Johns had a Christmas story published by The Ogden Standard Examiner. She won First Place in the chapter's 1994 essay writing contest.

Ed Miller is now writing his third novel and reports that novels one and two are ready to find a home.

Esther Phelps Parks wrote and presented an original lecture on the history of Utah art and artists at City Hall in Logan. She also presented a slide lecture on the Grand Canyon to North Ogden group. At Weber State University, she presented an illustrated talk on Pablo Picasso.

Jim Schultz recently had articles published in the magazines "Gun Dog" and "Wing & Shot." He has sold one additional article that has not yet been published.

Clarence P. Socwell received 59 prizes for poetry during 1994 from various states' organizations throughout the country, including 9 publications prizes in anthologies associated with those organizations. He serves as the third vice-president of the National Federation of State Poetry Societies.

Bountiful

Karla Erickson presented the program for the May meeting on "The Passion of Writing." Her fourth book in the A. J. series, A.J.'s Mystery, is out in book stores.

Marcia Ford won First Place in Utah American Mother's Short Story contest.

Brian Gubler and James Jones recently began marketing their video "The History of the Towns of Bingham Canyon." Their research, writing, editing, and filming of this highly successful project is an outstanding addition to Utah's history. Both shared their work at the January meeting.

Jim Jones received a 1995 award from the Utah library association "Libraries Change Lives" essay contest.

Kolette Montague spoke at a chapter meeting on the topic "Bridging the Gap Between Poetry and Prose." She presented a children's workshop titled "Wishes, Lies, and Dreams" at the Spring workshop in Delta.

Maxine Shreve, Associate Producer of the weekly "Sound of Music" program on KSL Radio, had "The Poet Tree" published in the Utah State Poetry Society March newsletter. She also published an article titled "The Day the Music Died." She wrote the script for the final program of "The Sound of Music" for March 12, 1995.

Box Elder

Marva Jeanne Pedersen had produced her musical adaptation of "The Sleeping Beauty" at the Terrace Plaza Playhouse Children's Theater in Ogden; a melodrama called "The Lighthearted Road to Goodrich" at Box Elder Junior High as part of the 125th anniversary celebration of the driving of the Golden Spike; and two Christmas programs, "Will We Know Him?" at Willard Second Ward and "Christmas Light" Willard First Ward. She won first place in the New Jersey State Poetry Society contest with "To A Patriot Hero" second place with the poem "Substance" and Honorable Mention with a short story titled "More Than One Way To Win" in Brigham City Peach Days literary contest; First Honorable Mention for the poem "Autumn's Conquest" in a Jessee Poet contest where two other poems received citations. This poem was later published in the 1994 Utah English Journal. Other publications include: short story "Polliwogs and Princes" accepted by Primary Treasure; poem "A Porch for Living" read on KSL "Sound of Music" and published along with "First Love," "Young Again," and "Rags to Riches" in issues of Poetry Panorama. "Young Again" was also published in Rough Draft. "More Than a Suitcase" and "Just Plain Crazy" were published in Latter-day Women and Marva judged a poetry contest for the Weber Writing Center last December.

Craft House

Theda Bassett had two poems read by Rex Campbell on January 22nd's "Sound of Music" on KSL. She won two first place awards in Writers at Work, PA, plus fourteen Honorable Mentions. She placed first in the California State Poetry Society; third in the Poetry Society of Massachusetts; and third in the Poetry Society of New Hampshire.

Carolyn Campbell had articles published in the December Ladies Home Journal; January 26th Private Eye Weekly, and the February Ensign.

Helen Glissmeyer had two articles in The Eagle Newspaper for February.

Hannelore Janke read one of her poems at the "Poetry Potluck" of the Maud Mae Babcock Reading Arts Society.

Carol Quist had a poem place in the October issue of Byline. She wrote columns in the January and February issues of Golden Age Sports.

Joyce Skidmore had a article in a Japanese newspaper.

David Walden wrote two chapters about the 50th Corporate profits for a Utah Centennial book on the history of Utah business and industry.

Delta

Nadine Sellers has been selling audiotapes and poetry chapbooks of her recent projects. Her newest chapbook, "By Sun and White Iron Moon" was presented in live interpretation at the Spring Workshop.

Heritage Writers

Evelyn Hughes has received numerous poetry awards and does oil painting. She has just published Thomas Sunderland Hawkins:

Biography of a Mormon Pioneer. This 300 page book tells of the first polygamist trial.

Irene W. Pollock has an article in Reminisce Extra Magazine in February 1995.

Price

Cecelia Bryner wrote the history of the Price Third Ward, Carbon Stake from 1988 to 1994. She has also completed her personal history and that of her husband for their stake. She has written several tributes for different occasions, including a poem as a recent funeral tribute.

Margaret Christensen reports a very pleasant summer. She wrote three poems, "The Golden" for their 50th wedding anniversary, "Address and Telephone Number" as a tribute to her husband Dale for that occasion, and "Sonnet for Lori and Paul" for the summer wedding.

Bianca Cowan is a junior member. She won second place in the youth category in the 1994 LUW contest and Second Honorable Mention in Youth Poetry. She is a Carbon High School Sterling Scholar, Yearbook editor, and had her poem published in the August '94 issue of "Sassy" Magazine.

Foster Lott, along with Scott McKnight, has completed writing four songs which have been submitted for review. He does instructional writing for technical procedures for the school district. Foster has written children's books of fantasy parables that teach honesty and character for grades 3, 5, and 8.

Nadine Marx has been published recently in Globe and Cycle (a newspaper for retired state employees). She won Editor's Choice in the book Days of Future Past published by the National Library of Poetry. Her poem, "Anticipation," was published in the Delta Kappa Gamma International Society's winter quarter publication. Her work has been published twice in the Salt Lake Tribune's Lifestyle section. A retired school teacher, she wrote the three first grade language arts units for use in books for Carbon County Schools.

Arva Smith is a Deseret News Correspondent.

Emma Lou Stevenson has been writing poetry, personal history, song lyrics, and is working on a set of music books for ages 4 -5.

Salt Lake

Alice Morrey Bailey received 105 awards in 1994--1 for sculpture, four prose, and 100 poetry. She won 27 First Prize, 12 Second Prize, 11 Third Prize awards with total cash awards of 60. The awards came from: the League of Utah Writer, National Federation of State Poetry Societies, National League of American Pen Women, Jesse Poet, Beaches Art Guild, and State poetry Societies for South Dakota, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Georgia, Massachusettes, Arkansas, New Hampshire, Kentucky, Florida, Mississippi, West Virginia, Arizona, Tennessee, and Utah. Her largest prize for \$250 came from the Lake Oswego, Oregon, First Church of Christ for a religious poem, "The Sacrifice" about Isaac and Abraham. Pastor Davis based his sermon on it and read it October 16, 1994 which he taped and sent to Alice. She

had eight poems read on KSL "Sound of Music." She published a full length prose book, Emmywad and Joe (Two Cadavers), a diary kept through two quarters of Gross Anatomy 1941/42, University of Utah College of Medicine. She published poems in Mississippi Madness Flood of Emotion anthology, Pasque Petals, Touchstone, Sandcutters, CQ and NFSPS Prize Poems 1994. She has had several sculptures displayed recently as well.

Sevier Valley

Grace Diane Jessen gave a reading of her poetry for the Honors English class at Richfield High School. The chapter presented a program honoring her many accomplishments. Many of her poems were read by members, friends, and the author herself. She recently had an article published in the Richfield Reaper.

LouElla Lee gave the history of the Kimberly Mining Camp to the South Sevier Middle School. Her poem about Kimberly will be featured on the cover of the book the students are making. She has been serving as judge for the literature competition at Monroe, Utah Elementary School.

Jean Nay read her story "The Gift" to the Relief Society of her ward.

The Sevier Valley Chapter has self-published the third volume of our book entitled "Our Sevier Sample," and the second volume of "Our Holiday Sampler." More books are in progress.

Utah Valley

Sauna Baungartner has written a poem entitled "Sunset" which was published in the National Library of Poetry's book called East of Sunrise.

Leo Perry's article "Lawyer Sherman Christensen" was published in the Utah County Journal. Leo, who is one of the sports writers for the Orem Geneva Times where he covers Orem High School basketball, wrestling, and football, is also doing some historical pieces for the Daily Herald.

Lu Ann Staheli has edited two novels for Covenant Communications which will be released in August. They are: Macady by Jennie Hansen and On Wings of Love by Brenton Yorgason. She has just finished working on the crew of a feature film titled "Shivers" which will be released later this year. Lu Ann has also received nominations for the Utah Language Arts Teacher of the Year and for the Huntsman Teacher of the Year. She has written an article entitled "Genealogy: A Family Affair" which will be appearing soon in Grit. She recently served as a judge for the Romance Writers of America's RITA Award for Published Young Adult Novels. She is the Nebo School District leader for a statewide language arts project titled L.E.A.P. and serves as her school's Centennial School Chairperson.

Anita Stansfield's second novel, First Love, Second Chances was available from Covenant Communications in April. This book is a sequel to First Love and Forever.

Richard Thayne's story "Metropolis Draper" has been selected by the Utah State Historical Society as the final history for the state on Draper. "My White Rose" (story and photographs) was a winner at both the Utah State Fair and the Utah County Fair in

1994. Richard has been picked to write the history of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers, and he recently had an article published in both the Daily Herald and the Ogden Standard Examiner.

Lisa Williamson reports that after the January League meeting, she was so inspired that she went home and the next day sent out three manuscripts. The Friend bought one of them, one was rejected, and she is waiting to hear on the other.

Valley Scribes

Ann Chamberlain has just seen the release of Tamar in Paperback and has signed a three book contract with TOR for a trilogy called Reign of the Favored Woman. A staged reading of the play "Jihad" was scheduled this past spring in New York City.

Kathleen Dougherty, author of Moth to a Flame and Double Vision, is a finalist in the Golden Mystery Award, publication division. Her story, "When Your Breath Freezes," will be included in the contest anthology. Kathleen is now teaching novel writing for the Writer's Digest School.

Janie M. Meier's historical romance novel, Lucky Lady, is a finalist in the CWRW First Annual Motherlode contest for unpublished authors and is now being judged by a Harlequin editor. The same novel also won second place in the 1994 Colorado Gold writing contest.

Charlene Raddon's second historical romance novel, Tender Touch, hit the stores last November. Her first novel, Taming Jenna, was a huge success. An unpublished novel, Divine Gamble, is a finalist in the CWRW First Annual Motherlode contest, published author division, and is now being judged by a Harlequin editor.

Wasatch Writers

Mary Jess Baker contributed to Utah State University's Centennial project with a manuscript titled, "What Living in Utah Means to Me."

Vera Bakker celebrated Christmas with the publication of a children's book, Puff's Christmas Miracle, with Covenant Communications. She also sold the following children's stories: "On the Trail of Clawtoe" to Writer's Open Forum; "Best Friends" to Radar; "Follow Me" to The Friend; "Travis Gets Even" to Guide; and "Mother's Day to Radar. Vera has a children's poem, "Gingerbread Jamboree" in Hodgepodge and the poems "November Walk" and "Thanksgiving Memory" read on KSL Sound of Music in November. She presented a workshop for the Blue Quill chapter in March on "Writing and Marketing Children's Fiction," and judged a short story contest for U.S.P.S. Junior Creative Contest.

Pat Meehan submitted history of her grandmother to the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers for the forthcoming book Women of Faith and Fortitude for the State Centennial.

Beth S. Moore has had a book entitled Planes, Rockets, and Other Things That Fly published for the children's market by Publications International, Ltd.

Alysia Richey finished fourth in a book contest for Sword of Kallairion.

The 1994 chapter project The Book complete with our combined effort novelette Dead Men Do Tell Tales added up to over 300 pages with each member receiving a copy at the annual 12th Day of Christmas Party.

LEAGUE OF UTAH WRITERS ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR CHAPTER CHATTER

Name _____ Chapter _____

Date _____ Home Phone _____

Please list those achievements which have occurred in 1995 and have not previously been in Chapter Chatter. Please use this form and send to Chapter Chatter: Lu Ann Staheli, 804 East 1050 South, Spanish Fork, UT 84660. Thank you. Deadline: August 15.
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