

# The Lariat

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LEAGUE OF UTAH WRITERS

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## "Do It! Write!"

**Norbert Bensch**  
*President*

Often our lives are so hectic little time remains for creative pursuits. Family, friends, social, religious and political obligations pull at each of us. Yet, within each one there is the need to write, to explore our thoughts and emotions with words. Whether our forms are poetry, fiction, magazine articles or essays, we share that common thread.

Each year, as the focal point of our collective efforts, we gather to learn the writing craft from professionals and to honor our contest winners. This year's roundup will be held at the Clarion Hotel, 999 South Main Street, in Salt Lake City. The dates will be September 11, 12 and 13.

The theme for our gathering will be "Do It! Write!" Marilyn Dimond of the Oquirrh Writers chapter is working to assemble the finest selection of speakers we can afford. We have decided to make this a working roundup so the emphasis will be on teaching and writing.

To allow more members to join us this year, the registration fees for all events will be between \$50-60. Non-members will be charged \$75.

Individual session tickets will also be available for those who are unable to attend all three days.

Final details will be available in the next issue of the Lariat. Until then start saving your pennies, make hotel reservations and sharpen your pencils. We're gonna' Do It! Write! in Salt Lake City.

## Membership Drive

**Bonnie Robinson**  
*Membership Chairman*

Hurray! Our membership is growing! Thanks to all of you who have invited friends and fellow writers to join our ranks! If each of us brings in one new member during 1992, we can double our membership.

New League brochures have been prepared and can be distributed to chapters or individuals who want to assist in widening our circle.

If you have a library or other

public building in your area which would be a good place to put information, I will send you a stack of brochures. Call me at 322-0196.

The Executive Board has determined that each chapter's president elect/vice president should be designated as a membership drive coordinator for the chapter and also be available to help with membership drives at state events such as the workshops and roundup.

Let's give the League a great image by every member working on drawing in new writers to our organization.

## New Contest Info

Zycon Corporation of the USA, celebrating a merger with Enright House of Ireland, is sponsoring a new annual publishing event honoring the historic alignment of Irish poetry and the American experience. Their annual collection will be published as the West of Ireland; Enright House Poetry Annual. They are anxious to invite American poets to participate. They seek a wide range of poetic talent for the inaugural volume. Guidelines:

They are not looking for "Irish" poets or Americans who write about the Irish experience, but intend to utilize the widest possible range of poetic experience and talent.

Each participant is limited to the submission of ONE POEM ONLY, typed, no more than 25 lines, with the poet's complete name and mailing address typed on the poem itself.

No entries will be returned, but a postcard acknowledging receipt of the poem will be sent. Each poet accepted

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### 1992 LUW State Officers

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# Chapter Chatter

## Bountiful Chapter

Many chapter members received prizes and honors at the recent Bountiful Centennial Literary and Song-Writing contest presentation held in February at the Bountiful City Hall: **Dora Flack** was contest chairperson; award winners and honorees included **Lon Addams, Helen Noble, Trisa Martin, Kolette Montague McClurg, Milt Green, Ruth Johnson, Lucille Perry** and **Beth Schick**. Biographies, articles, general and historical poetry and songs centered around the theme of the founding of Bountiful. Two of Dora's articles about the Centennial celebration were published in the *Davis County Clipper*.

**Wayne Wheeler** had a short story published in *Midge*.

**Lon Addams'** article, "Carrying out a Niche in the Art World," appeared in the January issue of *Utah Holiday*.

**Brenda Kehoe** was published in the March issue of *BYU Today* with a profile of a Laotian student on the BYU/Hawaii campus. *Byline* magazine published her personal essay, "Runaway."

## Salt Lake Chapter

**Marci Pugh** published an article, "Mind Videos Save a Gray Day," in the *SL Tribune's* Freelance Corner.

**Elinor Hyde's** picture appeared in the Relief Society book, *Something Extraordinary*. She received an honorable mention in the Bountiful Centennial article contest with "Youthful Pioneers." Elinor also gave a book review on her corporate history, *25 Years of Company for Dinner*; pre-judged short stories for the *Tribune's* Junior Creative Short Story contest and will serve for the next two years as the state treasurer for

Utah Penwomen. Her poem, "Two Porches," was published in the Mt. Olympus 5th Ward talent night booklet, and she was invited to read it at the talent night.

**Don Brooke** published "It's Art—But Is It Business?" in the *Enterprise*, a local business weekly. "Art Deco," an article with photographs, was previously published by *Neo* magazine.

**Ella Ortiz** has been elected 1992 treasurer for Penwomen.

**Geraldine R. Pratt** published a poem, "Anonymity of Green," in November's *Panorama* magazine.

**Rita Norwood**, pen name, was published in *Utah Scenes*, which the Utah State Poetry Society publishes once every ten years. KSL's Dr. Rex Campbell honored Rita Norwood, Geraldine Pratt's mother, by reading "Cruciform and Storied White" on the air. Dr. Campbell also read Geraldine's "The Setting of the Gem," "A View from Winter Warmth," "Winter—Edge of Spring," and "Pines are Made to Bear Snow" during recent months.

## Utah Valley Chapter

A segment of **Wanda Petersen's** book, *Sarah Bedford*, was published in the *Daughters of Utah Pioneers National Lesson Book*.

**Clint Rhoads**, a youth member, wrote a review of Orson Scott Card's novel, *The Memory of Earth*, which will appear in *LDS Entertainment* magazine.

**Sandy Hirsche's** story, "I Hoped She Wouldn't See Me," was published in the *Ensign*. Two of her articles about the silicone breast implant controversy were published in the *Daily Herald*. Sandy has been asked to sit on the Editorial Board for the Utah Medical Association Bulletin.

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## Contest Information

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into the annual will receive a letter of congratulation.

Each poet will receive a gift copy of the poetry book, once published. They ask that you share in the postage for mailing the gift copy. The book will be available in the US and Ireland through normal distribution services. Poets will be given an opportunity to purchase additional copies if they desire. NO COST will be incurred by participating poets whatsoever.

As Enright House of Ireland will commence publishing a series of a limited number of individual poetry titles this year, poets selected for appearance in the annuals will be invited to submit complete poetry manuscripts for possible publication. However, manuscripts should not be submitted for editorial consideration until after this annual is released on the market.

Deadline: July 1, 1992

Send to:

Martin Enright, Irish Agent  
Dromlough, Lisselton  
County Kerry, Ireland

## Workshop offer

As some of our members pass on, we would like to recognize some of those who step up to fill the void. Just such an event is epitomized in a recent offer by **Bonnie Robinson**. Many of our members will remember the writing workshops held by **Bethany Chaffin** in her cabin near Mantua. Bonnie is now offering the use of her cabin, 51 miles east of SLC, near Oakley. For a fee to cover room, board and other necessities, writers may relax and create manuscripts in this new, three-story cabin, with all the comforts of home, nestled on the edge of the Uintah Mountains. If you would like to be involved in this kind of writing workshop/retreat, contact Bonnie at 322-0196 to discuss details.

Thanks for carrying on this legacy left by Bethany!

## Lariat Deadlines: July 16, 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.

# Chapter Chatter

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**Lea Lane** wrote the narrative for a Christmas Cantata which was performed during the Christmas season. She also wrote a poem which was read for a celebration of the Relief Society Sesquicentennial.

**Abbie Francom** wrote a Christmas Cantata, performed during the Christmas season. She also wrote the lyrics and music for songs performed during the Relief Society Sesquicentennial.

**Linda Muhlestein** was invited to present a workshop on Writing for Children to the writers in Tooele in April.

## Valley Scribes

**Arlene Brimer Mailing** had an article, "My Two Cents—with the Owls," published in *Metro Sports* magazine, a New York/Boston area publication.

**Tina Foster** had two articles published in the *Horizon*, the Salt Lake Community College student newspaper: "The Needs of the Handicapped are not Being Met," and "What Draws a Moth to the Flame?"—an interview with another Valley Scribe member, **Kathleen Dougherty**.

**Brenda Bensch** read her epic poem, "Boudica's Head," for the Salt Lake Community College Women's Arts program.

**Kathleen Dougherty** was a speaker at the League Spring Workshop and is teaching a novel writing class on Wednesdays at Taylorsville High School for community education.

**Margaret Christensen's** haiku, "Asparagus," was utilized for a luncheon theme and gift bookmark when she was a guest of the Story League, a Fireside Storytellers group in Tacoma, Washington.

## Oquirrh Writers

**Carolyn Steele's** article on the safe

storage of photographs is scheduled for publication in the July 1992 issue of *Outdoor Photographer*.

**Sally Nelson** has published several articles in *Lion's Tale*, Utah Lion's newsletter and *Lion's Pride*, the district Lion's newsletter.

**JoAnn Muhlestein's** poem, "The Verse You'll Never Know" has been published in *Midge*.

**Dorothy Crofts** has an article, "Artists in Residence," in *Quarterly Commentary Views*, the newsletter of the Utah Arts Council. She also published several articles in the WVC Chamber of Commerce newsletters.

Oquirrh Writers want to thank **Dorothy Crofts** who founded, edited and published *An Oquirrh Christmas*, a collection of seasonal stories, vignettes and poetry written by members of the Oquirrh Writers. Many of the authors read from their works at a concert held in West Valley City Hall. Thank you, Dorothy.

## Price Chapter

**Cecelia Bryner** has written several poems for various local events. She also had a poem published in the newsletter of the Care Center.

**Emma Lou Stevenson** wrote a memory poem for a project in California.

**Debbie Copfer** published an article in *Western Adventures - Castle Country, Price*.

**Vione Pilling** created programs for a 50th Class Reunion which featured one of her poems.

**Nadine Marx** published two articles in the *SL Tribune Lifestyles* sec-

tion, sold an essay to *Globe Newspapers* for \$500 and published several pieces of poetry. Nadine was also the subject of a feature article in the *Price Sun Advocate*.

## Blue Quill Chapter

**Clarence Socwell** has published a book of poetry.

**Wanda Blaisdell** is the sponsor and chair for two Utah State Poetry Society contests. She also judged two contests for California Poets.

**Esther Phelps Parks** wrote and presented an illustrated lecture on local and international women artists to an antiques study group.

**Polly Harrington** sold an article, "Three Protestant Women Win Elections in Utah," to a syndicated news service. This article was previously honored in a League contest. Polly also gave a lecture, "Get It Write: The Joy of Writing," to the Utah Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

**Helen Cook** won a first and second place in an Arizona poetry contest. She also won second place for a narrative poem in *Byline* and had a poem published in a recent edition. Helen conducted a poetry workshop for NSPS.

**LaVon Carroll**, in addition to seventeen honorable mentions in *Byline* and Jesse poetry competitions and two poems published, was given the H. Aldous Dixon award at Weber State University by the Alumni Association. After her years of teaching in the English department at WSU she now holds the title of professor emeritus.

## Salt Lake Chapter is Alive and Well

Phyllis Hensley reports that the Salt Lake Chapter is doing well. Several members have attended each of the year's first meetings. One of their speakers was Carol Kranes, an English teacher from Rowland Hall-St. Mark's School. She gave them much practical information and a wonderful feeling of enthusiasm.

The members are working hard to keep the chapter viable. Please feel free to join their efforts in keeping this charter chapter alive.

## League Writers Shine for American Mothers

Many League members participated in the American Mothers competition which was announced in a previous edition of the *Lariat*.

Several Oquirrh Writers were named Cultural Arts Finalists in the state American Mothers Associations 1992 Literary Competition. Karen Haslem won first place with her short story, "Come Dance With Me," and Carolyn Steele and Pat Cutting were honored in the poetry division. Wanda Blaisdell, Blue Quill, received honorable mention for serious poetry. Trisa Martin, Bountiful, won two awards and Elinore Hyde, Salt Lake received honorable mention for her poem, "On Being the Mother of Humans."

Award winners read their contributions during an enjoyable and meaningful tea held at the Marble House Art Gallery in Salt Lake City.

### 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.

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# Spring Winners Announced

Contest chairperson, Vera Bakker, announced winners for the three categories of the Spring Writing Contest:

## Short Story

- 1st **Dan Letham**, Crafhhouse, "Intimate Stranger"  
 2nd **Debra Omer**, Wasatch "Perfect Love"  
 3rd **Helen Glismeyer**, Crafhhouse, "New Love"

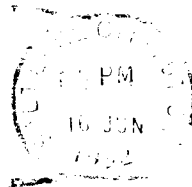
## Poetry

- 1st **Susanne Morley**, Oquirrh Writers, "Gentle Giants"  
 2nd **Carol Quist**, Crafhhouse, "What Will You Give?"  
 3rd **Wilma Rich**, "A Soul Reborn"

## Humor

- 1st **Dan Letham**, Crafhhouse, "Zelda's Tower"  
 2nd **Geraldine Felt**, Wasatch Writers, "Source Of Information"  
 3rd **Wilma Rich**, "Stretch and Simmer"

Congratulations to all who participated. Checks for \$15, \$10 and \$5 have been sent to the winners.



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