

THE LARIAT

President's Message



turmoil. Her extensive responsibility as the Membership Chair has been a challenge with many changes in our business methods. She has moved forward through personal challenges and format anomalies with little recognition and without faltering.

We're glad to have Dorothy Crofts back with us. Among her other abilities and experience, she has been a wonderful support to all of us. I look forward to the continued relationship with her that has brought so much life to our League.

Mark Moody, Margot Hovley, Jamie Lawson, Anna del C and so many others have added so much to our ability to carry on. They serve with little recognition and without complaint. I appreciate so much their consistency and steadiness.

I apologize that time and space restrictions prevent me from recognizing each chapter head and board member, as well as countless others who serve and assist. This is a league of writers. We are in this together. It takes the positive contribution of all to make a difference to the one.

In a time when it is so easy to see the negative around us, we have the ability, through our words and actions, to stem the tide of complacency and discontent we often encounter. Whether by offering an escape into fantasy, by touching

the heart with a personal experience or by motivating to action with the clarity of our rhetoric, we can affect our intellectual environment.

As a final thought, I acknowledge that I have sometimes fallen short of the expectations of others. I know that I have surely offended some and stressed others. I hope my actions will not be used as an excuse to withhold talents and abilities which could so richly enhance the hopes and efforts of our members.

This has been an enlightening experience for me, a challenging one, but I have every expectation that we will rise to the level of our positive efforts. Write on and change the world with your words!

Ed Smith
President, LUW

On a personal note, it has been an unusually difficult season. I am grateful to those of you who have held the ship steady as we have entered a new year.

Tim Keller and those who are so ably working to bring us another great Roundup this fall have been especially active with new ideas. Many of you have received visits from Tim and his committee at your chapter meetings.

Emily Younker has shouldered a new and difficult load in producing the format and substance of the annual contest. I applaud her tenacity and willingness to move forward with this demanding task. I look forward to a successful and rewarding experience for each of you who extend yourselves and share your work this year.

Mary Barnes has been a rock in a time of some change and

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A Message from the 2011 Contest Chair

Two months down, three and a half to go. This is just a reminder about the writing contest.

All entries will be judged by writing professionals from outside The League. Also, the word count has increased for the majority of categories. To add a little clarification this year's theme, "Writing on the Edge," is all about pushing the boundaries. So, step outside your comfort zone and try something new.

The contest is divided into the following divisions: Poetry, Short Prose Fiction, Short Prose Nonfiction, Children's Literature, and Manuscript. Let me know if you have any questions about where your entry will fit.

Writing on the edge means challenging yourself, stretching, and growing. Please help us in making 2011 the best year yet. Submit one more piece than you did last year, maybe in a category you've never tried.

Attached are the contest rules, guidelines and category chart. These are also available on our website at <http://www.luwriters.org/>

Feel free to email me at LUWcontest2011@gmail.com with any questions you may have.

Emily Younker

Contest Chair



Bloggers Wanted

LDSLiving.com is expanding its blog section and is currently looking for guest bloggers to contribute to four categories: food, arts & entertainment, lifestyle (fashion, decorating, entertaining, etc.), and LDS How-to (similar to eHow, but with an LDS slant). There is no monetary compensation to begin with, but a link to your personal blog will be included, and there is a possibility of becoming a regular contributor, in which case you would be paid. If interested, e-mail editor@ldsliving.com.

Roundup Update

Greetings from Cache Valley,

I know it feels early, what with snow on the ground and all. But it's time to start thinking about Round-Up. Our dates this year are September 16 and 17.

Our venue is the fabulous new Riverwoods Conference Center in Logan. Lodging is available at the Marriot Springhill Suites, which is immediately adjacent to the Conference Center. .

Our theme is "Writing on the Edge." We have confirmed a number of speakers to present on a variety of topics and are working hard to bring in even more.

The League has reserved a block of rooms at the discounted rate of \$89.00. Simply call the hotel and tell them you're with the League of Utah Writers to get the discount.

There is much more to come, so keep an eye on the Website www.luwriters.org for updates.

See you in September.

Tim Keller



**LEAGUE OF UTAH WRITERS
2011 Contest Individual Entry Form**

For questions:
E-mail Emily Younker at:
LUWContest2011@gmail.com

**Duplicate this form and submit one with
each entry to:**

Emily Younker, Contest Chair
PO BOX 4704
LOGAN UT 84323-4704

Author Name

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Pen Name (optional): _____

Address and Author Information

Street: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____

Zip/Postal: _____ Country: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

League Membership?

Are you a member of the League of Utah Writers?

- No
- Yes Which Chapter?: _____

Date Membership Expires: _____

Entry Information

Entry Title: _____ Word/Line Count: _____

Category Number: ____ Category Name: _____

Declaration

This is my own unpublished work that has never won an LUW cash prize.

Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____

League of Utah Writers 2011 Categories - Theme: Writing on the Edge

Cat. #	Category	Age Range	Lns/Wrds	Fiction	Non-Fiction	Fees		Prizes
						Member	Non-Member	
POETRY								
1	Light Verse (Rhyming, Metrical, and/or Humorous)	Open	40 lines			\$4	\$8	1st - \$60; 2nd - \$40; 3rd - \$20
2	Narrative/Lyrical Poetry (Open or Closed Form)	Open	2 pages, max.			\$4	\$8	1st - \$60; 2nd - \$40; 3rd - \$20
3	Theme Category, Edgy/Experimental	Open	40 lines			\$4	\$8	1st - \$60; 2nd - \$40; 3rd - \$20
SHORT PROSE FICTION								
4	Short Fiction	Open	3000 words	X		\$6	\$12	1st - \$60; 2nd - \$40; 3rd - \$20
5	First Chapter of Book	Open	3000 words	X	X	\$6	\$12	1st - \$60; 2nd - \$40; 3rd - \$20
6	Theme Category, Edgy/Experimental	Open	3000 words	X		\$6	\$12	1st - \$60; 2nd - \$40; 3rd - \$20
7	Western	Open	3000 words	X	X	\$6	\$12	1st - \$60; 2nd - \$40; 3rd - \$20
8	Fantasy/Sc-fi	Open	3000 words	X		\$6	\$12	1st - \$60; 2nd - \$40; 3rd - \$20
9	Humor	Open	2500 words			\$6	\$12	1st - \$60; 2nd - \$40; 3rd - \$20
SHORT PROSE NON FICTION								
10	Persuasive Essay	Open	2500 words		X	\$6	\$12	1st - \$60; 2nd - \$40; 3rd - \$20
11	Creative Non Fiction	Open	3000 words		X	\$6	\$12	1st - \$60; 2nd - \$40; 3rd - \$20
12	Theme Category Edgy/Alternative/Experimental	Open	3000 words		X	\$6	\$12	1st - \$60; 2nd - \$40; 3rd - \$20
CHILDREN'S LITERATURE								
13	Picture Book	2 to 5	Full text to 1500 words	X	X	\$10	\$20	1st - \$75; 2nd - \$50; 3rd - \$30
14	Children's Manuscript	6 to 11	First 3 chapters	X	X	\$10	\$20	1st - \$75; 2nd - \$50; 3rd - \$30
MANUSCRIPT								
15	Young Adult	Y/A	First 3 chapters	X	X	\$20	\$40	1st - \$150; 2nd - \$100; 3rd \$75
16	Genre Fiction	Open	First 3 chapters	X		\$20	\$40	1st - \$150; 2nd - \$100; 3rd \$75
17	Screen/Stage Play	Open	First Act			\$20	\$40	1st - \$150; 2nd - \$100; 3rd \$75
18	Novel	Open	First 3 chapters	X		\$20	\$40	1st - \$150; 2nd - \$100; 3rd \$75
19	Creative Non Fiction	Open	First 3 chapters		X	\$20	\$40	1st - \$150; 2nd - \$100; 3rd \$75

In Memoriam

Two members of Heritage Writers, Sharon Hodges and Bill Mickelsen, recently passed away.

Helen Croxford Glissmeyer, a lifetime member of the League of Utah Writers, died on December 30, 2010, at the age of 83. Her obituary read in part:

"All her life Helen loved creative writing. Even while in elementary school she wrote class news items for the *Deseret News*. As an adult she published several hundred articles in local and national newspapers and magazines, and published two books. After graduating from Granite High School, she was employed by *Salt Lake Tribune Telegram Newspapers*. . . . She retired from work to raise her family, then became a freelance writer for *Murray Eagle and Green Sheet Newspapers* and other publications. . . . Helen won many writing contests, including awards from the League of Utah Writers, Utah Press Assn. and *Golden Age Magazine*. She published two books, *The Right Knight and the Wrong Daze*, a collection of poetry for children; and *Help! There's a Tigress in the House*, a collection of vignettes for adults."

League of Utah Writers Northern Area Spring Conference



Saturday, March 26, 2011
 Bountiful Art Center
 745 S. Main Street, Bountiful 84010



Take I-15 to the Bountiful 500 South exit. Turn East and proceed to Main Street. Turn right (south) on Main Street and the Art Center is about 1-1/2 blocks down on the left side of the street.

NOW OPEN FOR REGISTRATION! Please RSVP to Kendra Fowler KLFowler4@hotmail.com. We want to make sure there is enough room for everyone. If you have any questions call Kendra at 801-292-3886.

- COST** Free/League of Utah Writers Members
 \$25/Non-members (Become a member for \$25.) Join at www.luwriters.org.
- LUNCH** El Matador Restaurant 606 S. Main St. (across the street from the Bountiful Arts Center.)
 Menu- \$10 each entrée comes with chips and salsa, and light lemonade
1. Chicken Fajita Salad
 2. Cheese Enchilada, Beef Taco, Rice and Beans
 3. Sweet Pork Burrito, Rice and Beans

Indicate your preference. Send check to Kendra Fowler 1858 S. 800 E. Bountiful 84010

- 8:30 Registration
 9:00 Jennifer Nielsen- Psychology of Characterization- understanding your characters psychologically
 10:00 John Brown- The Secret to Story Structure
 11:00 John Brown- The Key Conditions for Reader Suspense
 12:00 Lunch- El Matador
 1:00 Margot Hovley- The Nuts and Bolts of Writing
 2:00 Marion Jensen- Using Social Media in Every Step of the Writing Process

Presenters



John Brown is an award-winning novelist and short story writer. This first book in his epic fantasy series was published October 2009 by Tor Books. It's called *Servant of a Dark God* and is set in a world where beings of immense power ranch humans for their souls. Other forthcoming novels in the series include *Curse of a Dark God* and *Dark God's Glory*. He currently lives with his wife and four daughters in the hinterlands of Utah where one encounters much fresh air, many good-hearted ranchers, and an occasional wolf. Brown's agent is Caitlin Blasdell of [Liza Dawson Associates](http://LizaDawsonAssociates.com). His website is www.johndbrown.com.



Jennifer lives at the base of a very tall mountain in Northern Utah with her husband, three children, and a naughty puppy. She loves the smell of rainy days, hot chocolate, and old books, preferably all at once. She is a former speech teacher, theater director, and enjoyed a brief but disastrous career as a door-to-door pollster. In her spare time, Jennifer tends to panic, wondering what she has forgotten to do that has allowed her any spare time. Jennifer is the author of the recently released, *Elliot and the Goblin War*, with Sourcebooks Publishing. The next in the series, *Elliot and the Pixie Plot*, will release in May, with a third to follow this fall. She will also release, *The False Prince*, with Scholastic in April 2012. Learn more about Jennifer and her books at www.jennielsen.com.



Marion Jensen writes under the pen name Matthew Buckley, and was born in Driggs Idaho. He was raised among the farms and farmers of Northern Utah. He is the second son of 10 boys and 1 girl and draws on his experiences growing up in a large family to inject humor and practical wisdom into his books. Marion has 5 sons of his own, and enjoys his time with them. Marion works in the Salt Lake valley, and lives in Farmington. He spends his free time studying social software, playing board games, and eating ding dongs. He has two books published: *Chicken in the Headlights*, and *Bullies in the Headlights*. Listen to Marion at The Appendix, A podcast for writers, <http://www.appendixpodcast.com>. His website is <http://marionjensen.com>.



Margot Hovley was raised in rural Washington State, where she worked as a girl pig herder and champion produce box-maker. She now lives and plays in Utah with her big family. When she's not storytelling, she's hanging out with family, teaching music to the somewhat-willing, and playing sports. She loves hiking, traveling, and concocting adventures. Her first novel will be released by Covenant Communications in Summer 2011. Her website is www.margothovley.com



Chapter Chatter

Heritage Writers Guild

Here's the scoop from HWG, including additional info on our upcoming workshop.

Heritage Writers Guild started the year off with an inspiring speaker at our January meeting. David W. Smith, co-author with Nancy Temple Rodrigue of the Hidden Mickey Series and author of *Tennis Mastery and Coaching Mastery*, presented the elements of successful writing, publishing and marketing.

The success of our critique group, Writers Improvement Group (WIG) showed the need for additional gatherings to be called Story Writers About to Publish (SWAP) and Terse Writers Improving Story Telling (TWIST). Sign ups were encouraging.

Our February meeting was true to the romance of the season with the meeting to held at the Desert Dove Tea Room at 5:30 p.m. Attendees were urged to prepare a brief snapshot, in poetry or prose, of any celebrated hero-heroine. We enjoyed some original love stories.

The big news is our upcoming Spring Writers Workshop to be held April 16 at the St. George Comfort Inn. Guy Lebeda, Director of Arts and Literature Utah Arts Council, will be the keynote speaker. We invite League members from all over the state to come to this informative workshop called

"Writing in the Age of Technology." For current updates check our website and the green box on this page of the *Lariat*.

Wasatch Writers

Stacy Lynn Carroll had her first book published in November. It's YA fiction geared toward girls called *The Princess Sisters*. It's the first book in a series, and hopefully the second one will be out sometime this year.

Wordcraft Chapter

The Wordcraft chapter meets at the Holladay Library the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. In November Afton Pettegrew, author of the book *Warts and All*, discussed her book and how to write family memoirs. In December we enjoyed our traditional Christmas party with a hilarious white elephant gift exchange and Paul Emmer-led games. It was hosted by Janet Peterson. And for January, we held a workshop about how to write anecdotes.

We lost a long-time member and past president of the Wordcraft chapter, Helen Glissmeyer. During our January meeting we also shared memories of Helen and then collected them for her husband, Gus. She was a valued member of our group, faithful in attending over many years, and she will be greatly missed.

Carolyn Campbell published "Help Is on the Way: Government Services for Seniors" in the January edition of *Senior Review* and "A Lesson Learned" in the December issue of *Utah Business*.

Janet Peterson's "Serve Dinner and Be Immortalized" and "Supersize? Downsize" were published in January's *Senior Review* and " 'As A Hen Gathereth Her Chickens Under Her Wings' " in *meridianmagazine.com* (November) and " 'Standing Approved' by Reading the Book of Mormon" (December).

Spring Conference in St. George

"Writing in the Age of Technology" will be an exciting conference to be held in St. George, Utah, on Sat. April 16, 2011, at the Comfort Inn, 138 E. Riverside Dr. (1-15 Exit 6 East) (435) 628-8544. Fees for the conference are \$35 for LUW members up to the April 9 deadline and \$45 for the general public and late registration. For out of towners wishing to stay at Comfort Inn, a special rate of \$69.99, including hot breakfast, is available.

Keynote speaker will be Guy Lebeda from the Utah Arts Council. An emphasis on technology will help the dummies as well as the gurus get up to date and feeling comfortable with advancements to make our careers as writers easier.

The workshop begins at 8:30 a.m. and continues until 4 p.m. with a catered lunch buffet by Staheli caterers. To register, mail check to HWG to Ann Kearns, Treasurer, 159 N. Turnbury Lane, Washington, UT 84780.

Hope to see you in beautiful St. George.

Editor's Corner

Over the past year I've found myself facing challenges that I never dreamed I would have to face. And just when I think I've conquered the latest curveball, life throws another two or three my way.

Yes, these challenges have been hard, but I'm very grateful for them. Having experienced a deeper range of emotion and (hopefully) gleaning bits of wisdom along the way, it has given me a greater arsenal of experiences to draw from when I write. So the next time you encounter a few of life's twists and turns, embrace them, overcome them, and use them to your advantage in your writing.

Wishing you lots of luck in your writing endeavors,

Jamie Lawson

P.S. Submissions for the next issue of the *Lariat* are due Monday, May 9.



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