

THE ALABAMA WRITERS' CONCLAVE

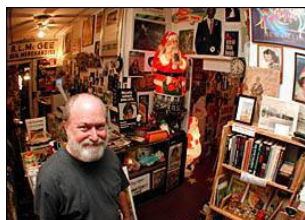


News Words

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www.alabamawritersconclave.org

From the President



What an incredible year we've had.

Within a twelve month period, Alabama Writers' Conclave has managed to provide the best-attended conference in many years...we've resurrected Alalitcom (read it at www.alalit.com) ...we've added a newsletter editor whose enthusiasm and expertise are inspiring...we have the July 20-22 conference all lined up and ready to go (find out more at www.alabamawritersconclave.com) and the annual contest is already receiving entries.

Now, we need your help.

It's time to promote, time to get the word out...about what may well be our best conference, this coming July.

It's up to you. Tell your friends, tell your enemies, bring friend and foe alike, and get ready for three days of fun and hard work.

When somebody asks you what's going on with AWC, tell them the website has all the information they need.

At www.alabamawritersconclave.com you'll find:

1. Faculty bios and topics
2. Convention facilities info
3. Contest deadlines and guidelines
4. Critique group info
5. Conference schedules
6. And other vital information about our membership and leadership.

When someone says, "I don't have a computer" or "I don't do email" just do them a favor: go to the site, hard-copy all the convention info, and mail them a packet.

You're our best recruiter. If you believe in what we're doing, just tell folks about it.

Jim Reed
President

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Welcome New and Returning Members to AWC!

Linda F. Dennard—Montgomery, AL

Geraldine King—Fairhope, AL

Hans Watford—Birmingham, AL

Bunnee Murphree—Oneonta, AL

Jennifer Soule—Auburn, AL

If your name isn't mentioned here and you think it should be, please don't hesitate to contact Seth Tanner. Contact information below.

If your membership dues are not up to date, sign up for the Conference (see insert) for full details. Or send membership dues of \$25, \$15 for students, to:

Don Johnson, Treasurer
137 Sterling Drive
Hueytown, AL 35023

Please make checks out to Alabama Writers' Conclave and write membership dues on the check.

Writers' Groups

We are calling for up-to-date information on writers' groups around the state and in neighboring states. Please send information to

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2007 Writer in Residence and Workshop Faculty

ALL WILL ALSO SERVE AS CRITIQUE GROUP
LEADERS



Hans Watford, Writer in Residence & Keynote Speaker

W. H. Watford is a Cardiologist who practices in Birmingham, Alabama. He is the winner of the Santa Barbara Fiction Writing Award. He has published two novels, *Mortal Strain* and *Lethal Risk*.



Lynn York, Novel

Lynn York was educated at Duke University and the University of Texas. She worked in Washington, DC, in telecommunications until 1995. Then, she returned to North Carolina, settling in Chapel Hill. There, she wrote her first novel, *The Piano Teacher*. Her second novel, *The Sweet Life*, will be published in 2007.



Marlin Barton, Short Fiction

Marlin Barton is from the Black Belt region of Alabama. He has published a novel, *A Broken Thing*, and two collections of short stories, *The Dry Well* and *Dancing by the River*. His stories have appeared in *The Southern Review*, *The Sewanee Review*, and *Prize Stories: The O. Henry Awards*. He teaches writing to juvenile offenders in a program called "Writing Our Stories," which was created by the Alabama Writers' Forum.



Rita Quillen, Poetry

Rita Quillen teaches English at Mountain Empire Community College in Big Stone Gap, Virginia. She has also taught for the Appalachian Writers Association and the Appalachian Writers Workshop. Her poetry has been published in a number of journals, including *Appalachian Journal*, *Now and Then*, and *Appalachian Heritage*. She has published two books of poetry and a critical book, *Looking for Native Ground*.



Sandy Tritt, Memoir

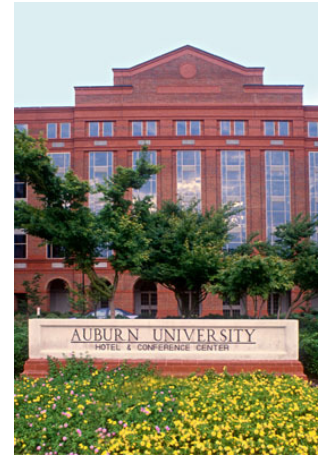
Sandy Tritt, the former fiction editor of *Confluence*, is the founder of Inspiration for Writers, a manuscript critique service for writers. In addition, she has held leadership positions in the West Virginia Writers and the Ohio Valley Literary Group. She has taught writing workshops for the Appalachian Writers Association and elsewhere.

THE ALABAMA WRITERS' CONCLAVE

CONFERENCE

JULY 20-22, 2007

For 2007, the Alabama Writers' Conclave is pleased to announce that our conference will be held at the Dixon Conference Center and Auburn Hotel, on the lovely campus of Auburn University. Please visit www.auhcc.com



to learn more about the facility, including its location.

Room reservations must be made separately. In order to ensure that you receive the AWC discount (\$89 plus tax per room night), you must make your reservation no later than July 6th. After that, expect to pay the standard (much higher) rate. Call 1-800-228-2876, ask for reservations, make sure they understand you will be attending the Alabama Writers' Conclave conference and you want the rate of \$89.

The hotel does offer on-line registration, but to ensure that you get the special Alabama Writers Conclave rate, it is strongly recommended that you call them at (334) 821-8200 or (800) 228-2876 (Toll-Free).

ALABAMA WRITERS' CONCLAVE 2007 WRITING COMPETITION GUIDELINES

*WINNERS TO BE ANNOUNCED AT AUBURN
UNIVERSITY, JULY 22, 2007*

Multiple entries accepted, but you may win only one prize per category. Entries must be original, unpublished, and may not have won a money prize in any contest. Sitting AWC voting Board Members not eligible. Deadline is April 30, 2007 (postmark).

Send one copy on standard white paper in standard font to Irene Latham, AWC Contest Chair, 412 Windchase Way, Birmingham, AL 35242. Put title and category on manuscript but no author identification. Enclose a separate cover sheet with title, category, author name, address, e-mail. Please provide a separate cover sheet for each entry.

Entry fees:

\$3.00 per entry for AWC members, \$5.00 per entry for non-members for all contests EXCEPT First Chapter of Novel.

Please note: \$8.00 for members, \$10.00 for nonmembers for First Chapter of Novel contest

Checks must be written to Alabama Writers' Conclave. (Membership and conference fees must be submitted separately to Treasurer.)

Prizes in each category:

First - \$100 Second - \$75 Third - \$50 Fourth - \$25 Up to 4 Honorable Mentions.



Alabama Writers' Conclave Scholarship Award At The University of Montevallo Montevallo, Alabama

December-February Student prepares and submits one entry in the specified format to his or her school's English department.

March 1-Postmark date

The English Department forwards one selected 'best' work entry per category to:

Dr. Glenda Weathers

University of Montevallo

Department of English and Foreign
Languages

Comer Hall, Station 6420

Montevallo, Alabama 35115

March-April

Alabama Writers' Conclave Scholarship
Committee screens entries.

University of Montevallo Scholarship
Committee selects the winner.

**FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION
VISIT
www.alabamawritersconclave.org**

Writing Competition Categories:

Fiction – maximum 2500 words.

Short Fiction – maximum 1000 words.

Juvenile Fiction (stories for ages 4-12) – maximum 2500 words. MUST LIST GENRE AND TARGETED AGE GROUP (i.e. picture book, 3 & up)

Nonfiction – maximum 2500 words.

Traditional Poem (any “form” poem, i.e. villanelle, sonnet, sestina) – maximum 40 lines.

Free Verse Poem – maximum 60 lines.

Humor (fiction, nonfiction, or poetry) – maximum 2000 words or 50 lines (for poems).

NEW FOR 2007 **First Chapter of Novel** - up to 10 double-spaced pages, first chapter ONLY

NewsWorthy

What our members are doing...



Irene Latham will be a featured poet at this year's Limestone Dust Poetry Festival Sat. April 28 Huntsville, AL www.limestonedustpoetry.org

Poems from the Big Table featuring poets Jerri Beck, Robert Boliek, Suzanne Coker, Irene Latham, and Barry Marks now available from Churn Dash Press:

P.O. Box 660099
Birmingham, Alabama 35266-0099
\$12.00 including shipping and handling

The Alabama Anthology is in the production phase, and contributors will soon be receiving proof copies. We'll be going to press soon...

Seth Tanner delivered his first poetry reading at the launch of *Birmingham Arts Journal's* latest issue on Friday, January 26th. The event was a great success!

Take a look at previous AWC contest winners online in preparation for your own entry at <http://alalit.com>.

AWC Board meeting will be held April 2, 2007, at 1:00 PM at the new Reed Books location: 2021 Third Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35203.



Submission Information

- ♦ **Newsworthy.** Anything newly published since the last newsletter? Anyone win any prizes? Let us know.
- ♦ **GroupWords.** Share meeting times of a writers' groups in your area.
- ♦ **Photographs.** Digitized preferred.

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Please submit via email as MS-Word attachment or in the body of the text. You can also send via mail to the above address.

DEADLINE FOR SPRING ISSUE IS MARCH 23, 2007. The earlier the better!

POET LAUREATE'S CORNER



Sue Brannan Walker

TIPS ON MARKETING

Perhaps the issue regarding rejection is not the work itself– or talent – but marketing.

Marketing involves 3 things:

RESEARCH: Don't send work to a magazine without checking it out. Read *Poet's or Writer's Market* & find out the "scoop" on the publication. *Poets and Writers* has excellent information online.

SUBMISSIONS: For poetry, send 3-5 poems and an SASE. Cover letters should be only 100 words.

EDITORS: Keep track of when & where you send work. Read a copy of the publication before submitting. Write "thank you" notes when work is accepted.



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To:

Writer Resources and Opportunities



We are happy to announce the fifth annual **Montevallo Literary Festival**, which will take place on Friday and Saturday, **April 13-14, 2007**, on the University of Montevallo campus.

The Montevallo Literary Festival is a unique opportunity for participants to interact with some of the top writers in the country. Participants attend workshops in poetry, prose, or drama, working closely on their own writing with some of the country's most distinguished poets, fiction writers, playwrights, and writers of non-fiction. Readings, scheduled throughout both days, are free and open to the public.

Emerald Coast Writers, Inc. has set March 22-24, 2007 as the date for the [4th Annual Writers' Conference](#). Please check our website regularly for updates on featured speakers and more conference details. www.emeraldcoastwriters.org

Please see page 4 for the **2007 AWC Writing Competition Guidelines**. The deadline for entry is April 20, 2007 (postmarked). The winners will be announced at the Conclave in Auburn on July 22, 2007.

Please see insert to register for the **AWC Conference July 20-22, 2007** to be held at the Dixon Center on the campus of Auburn University in Auburn, AL.