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The Tallahassee Writers Association Newsletter

Knight To Speak At Upcoming Meeting

Our presenter at the November 18 general meeting will be Carol Lynne Knight. She will talk about “Quantum Leap: Jumping from Science to Metaphor.”

Knight is the co-director of Anhinga Press, where she edits and designs books. Her latest publication, *Quantum Entanglements*, has been described as using “metaphors for physics to create a landscape that begins every day by driving to work with meditations on motion.” She has worked on more than 100 literary publications. Her poetry has appeared in numerous literary publications, and in the anthologies, *Off the Cuff*, *Touched by Eros*, and *Beloved on the Earth*. She is the winner of the Penumbra Poetry Prize, has been nominated for a Pushcart Prize and is a fellow of the Hambridge Center for the Arts.

President’s Message

As we approach Thanksgiving, let me give thanks for the great team of officers and board members I’ve worked with over the past two years.

Marci Elliott, our Vice-President, has done fine work with the Big Bend Writers Guild, along with board member Ted Simmons, who has been the backbone of TWA for many years.

Secretary Laura Garrison has served with distinction four years. Besides diligently taking minutes at meetings, Laura makes sure the paper

goods show up for meetings and parties, and there are so many other ways she’s contributed to TWA over those years, all those little behind-the-scenes details that keep an organization running smoothly.

Lucy Turner as Treasurer keeps our books straight and files all kinds of financial forms for us. She pays our bills and manages our budget—we’re so glad to have her on our team!

Another important member of the team, Anne Holt, has kept the grant money flowing as our Executive Director.

Marsha Lyons organizes our monthly programs, Michael Whitehead handles rental of the American Legion Hall for us, Lee Raymond manages the database and lays out the newsletter, Mark Fletcher has coordinated the Penumbra contest, Sandra Sherrard handles the playwriting contest, Sylvia Livingston keeps those nametags organized, Karin Kelly assists with the conference, Roberta Burton serves as Big Bend Poets liaison, and Sterling Mullet helps with our website. Thanks to each and every one of you.

Those are the officers and chairs, but so many more TWA members have stepped up to work on committees, serve as screening judges for our contests, and share their expertise with fellow writers in programs and workshops. I’m going to name a few who have served in these capacities repeatedly over the years who haven’t already been recognized in this Thanksgiving piece: Glynn Marsh Alam, Rhett DeVane, Liz Jameson, Regina Lewis, Pat Murphy, Anne Petty, Mary Jane Ryals, and Susan Womble. Those are just some who came to mind, and I apologize to those I left off. Believe me, I am grateful to all of you for your efforts to serve your fellow writers.

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Writing is a solitary endeavor, and it takes a lot of courage to put so much of yourself “out there” in public view, subject to criticism and rejection. The support and friendship we give each other enables us to put those rejection letters behind us and move on. Our willingness to overlook and even embrace each other’s mistakes (sic) and faults (sic) with a loving spirit gives us the courage to write another day. (Those errors were inserted especially for Liz Jameson and Hal Shows.)

Officers To Be Elected

The slate of officers to be presented at November’s meeting includes **Marci Elliott**, President; **Agnes Furey**, first Vice-President; **Vicky Laurienzo**, second Vice-President; **Jenny Crowley**, Secretary; and **Lucy Turner**, Treasurer. Those running as Members-at-Large are **Bonnie Armstrong**, **Roberta Burton**, **Claire Matturro**, **Sandra Sherrard**, **Ted Simmons**, and **Michael Whitehead**. **Donna Meredith** will remain on the Board of Directors as past president. Members are welcome to write in the names of other candidates. TWA’s current Vice-President, Marci Elliott, is running for President of our organization despite plans to move at the end of April. We anticipate that the first Vice-President will assume the President’s role in May.

We still seek a poetry chair. This person would coordinate the Penumbra poetry and haiku contest. If you are willing to help, please contact Donna at meredithds at comcast.net. (Replace the at with @ and remove spaces.) Penumbra will be using free software that manages the entries for us next year. The chair will not be responsible for laying out the *Seven Hills Review*. Donna will continue to coordinate the prose contest and lay out the literary magazine.



News Briefs

Our holiday party will be December 16. Bring your favorite dish to share, and if you have a book to sell, bring some of those, too! Bring your spouse or friends as guests. If you haven’t joined TWA yet, come check us out.

If you have an author website, be sure we have it listed on TWA’s website under the Membership tab. Please send any missing site URLs to president@tallahasseewriters.net.

Rhett DeVane and **Larry Rock** will be at My Favorite Books for a signing of *Evenings on Dark Island* from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on November 13.

Accidental Ambition, a political drama set in Florida and Washington, was a winner of the 2010 Premier Book Awards. It was coauthored by **Rhett DeVane** and retired state senator **Bob McKnight**. This novel follows a hotly contested national senate race in Florida.

Carol Moore will appear in the Amelia Island Book Festival as a featured author. She participates Friday, February 18, in Authors-in-Schools and Saturday, February 19, in the Readers’ Festival.

Donna Meredith will be at My Favorite Books to sign *The Glass Madonna*, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

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ABOUT TWA

The Tallahassee Writers Association is a diverse, dynamic group of writers, published and unpublished, who reside in the greater Tallahassee area. The purpose of the Tallahassee Writers Association is to provide education, connection, and encouragement for professional and novice writers.

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MONTHLY PROGRAM NOTES

Program Meetings begin at 6:30 and run until 8:00 P.M. From 8:00–9:00 P.M., various workshops, writing exercises and critique sessions will be held. This will balance the professional development segment and the hands-on help writers have requested. Note: On nights events are planned off-site, the option of group critique or writing workshops may be held at usual meeting time and place. Watch *Markings* for notice.

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TWA provides a complimentary copy of *Markings* to visitors to our monthly meetings. If you would like to continue to receive *Markings*, please contact one of the Board members listed in the preceding column for information on becoming a member of TWA.

Saturday, December 11. She will also sign books December 18 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Downtown Books in Apalachicola.

Two TWA members won first places in the 2010 Royal Palm Literary Awards, sponsored by the Florida Writers Association. In the Elementary/Middle-Grade Fiction (Published) *Blue Rock Rescue* by **M.R. Street** took first place. In the novel, thirteen-year-old Andy must overcome his fear of a raging river if he is to save the life of a friend. This action-adventure for tweens earned a five-star review from TeensReadToo.com. First place in Women's Fiction (Unpublished) went to *What's Cooking in the Faculty Lounge* by **Donna Meredith**. This is Donna's second year in a row capturing first place in this category. In this novel, forty-year-old widow Molly Culpepper takes care of her sons and alcoholic father while her teaching job places more demands on her. Prejudice simmers below the surface of her school and throughout her small town—and in subtle ways even within her own heart.

Kitsune Books, owned by **Anne Petty**, won both Gold and Silver medals recently from the Florida Publishers Association! The FPA "President's Book Awards" were announced October 9, 2010. Books were judged on writing, layout, and cover design. For Kitsune Books, Jesse Millner's book, *The Neighborhoods of My Past Sorrow*, took the Gold Medal for Poetry, and James Protzman's novel, *Jesus Swept*, took the Silver Medal for Adult Fiction.

Life Lessons authors will have a book signing and readings at Borders December 11 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Included in the anthology are **Bonnie Armstrong, Roberta Burton, Jenny Huston Crowley, Agnes Furey, Kate Kerr, Charles Nam, Nancy O'Farrell, Judy Hansen Ray, Louise Rill, Sandra Spatz-Wiszniauckas, Eileen Sperl-Hawkins**, and

Linda A. Wright. The collection can also be purchased on amazon.com.

Ted Simmons Book Signing December 6: Blarney and Begorrah! Can American lad Carter and Irish lass Fiona find each other, rescue their families from disintegration and, in their spare time, save London from a horrible Irish Republican Army atrocity? The answers are no, yes, no again, and maybe, or maybe not. *Windstorm* is a must read for all who want their history embedded in an exciting story. It is a novel of adventure, courage in the face of seemingly overwhelming odds, and the journey of two young people who come from two very different worlds.

Tallahassee author **Ted Simmons** will sell and sign copies of *Windstorm* and his three other adventure novels at the Mockingbird Café, 1225 North Monroe on Monday, December 6, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. While there, enjoy a spot of Guinness (or whatever) from the cash bar, scarf down some snacks, and listen to the sounds of Mimi and the Hearn Dogs.

Penumbra Contest Winners

(to be published in the 2011 Seven Hills Review)

Poems

First Place: "Leaving Montana" by Judith Waller Carroll of Hot Springs Village, AR

Second Place: "Awaiting Your Birth" by Judith Waller Carroll Hot Springs Village, AR

Third Place: "Jessie" by Kelly Kelleher of Tallahassee, FL


Honorable Mention: "After the Exterminator" by Ellaraine Lockie of Sunnyvale, CA

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Haiku

First Place: “wild horses “ by Kathy Lippard Cobb of Bradenton, FL

Second Place: “one by one” by Patricia Daharsh of Pinellas Park, FL

Third Place: “ashes to ashes” by Kathy Lippard Cobb of Bradenton, FL

Honorable Mention: “September morning” by Patricia Daharsh of Pinellas Park, FL

2010-2011 Seven Hills winners

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Children’s Chapter Books

First Place: “Wolf in Delight” by Anne Vuxton of Tallahassee, FL

Second Place: “Peter P. Meets the Evil Mas-terminid” by David Case of Wellington, FL

Third Place: “Anya Petunia and Her Forest Adventures” by Jan Sherbin of Cincinnati, OH

Honorable Mention: “Betsy’s Astronaut” by Debbie Allen of Tallahassee, FL

Flash Fiction

First Place: “The Train Runner” by Gale Massey of St. Petersburg, FL

Second Place: “The Ironing” by Lauren Carson of Brighton, MA

Third Place: “Lost” by Epiphany Ferrell of Carbondale, IL

Honorable Mention (tie): “Tongues as Sharp as Vipers” by Barbara Henny of Tavares, FL

Honorable Mention (tie): “Don’t Walk” by Phyllis McCranie of Tallahassee, FL

Short Stories

First Place: “Carter’s Woman” by Laura Hunter of Northport, AL

Second Place: “Going Home” by W. D. West of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL

Third Place (tie): “The Coffin Cowboy” by W. D. West of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL

Third Place (tie): “I Remember Catherine” by Oneida Monroe of Tallahassee, FL

Honorable Mention: “The Ewer Maiden” by Lyla Faircloth Ellzey of Tallahassee, FL

Creative Nonfiction

First Place: “Take Your Daughter To Work” by Jenny Crowley of Tallahassee, FL

Second Place: “Alone in Hell’s Half Acre” by Doug Alderson of Tallahassee, FL

Third Place: “A New York Moment” by Iain Baird of Annapolis, MD

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