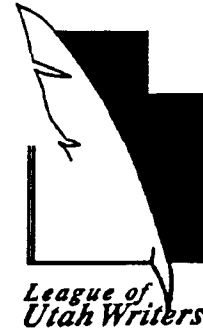


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League of Utah Writers

61st Year No. 3, July 1997

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Howdy Pardners,

We hope you're getting your saddlebags ready for the big Roundup September 19 and 20, 1997 because we've got a great ride planned. When you tie your horse up at the hitching post at the Hotel Radisson at 2510 Washington Boulevard in Ogden, Utah, you're going to jump "All Aboard the League of Utah Writers Express" for the "write" of your life.

Gathered in the "Radisson Round House" from all genre of writing will be Peter Blockson, managing editor for *Writer's Digest*, David Lee, Utah's poet laureate, Carol Lynn Pearson, author and playwright, and Carole Western, Utah agent, and many others who will "engineer" our writing talents at Friday's Poet's Feast and Saturday's general and workshop sessions (see Roundup bios.)

Rail passes on the "LUW Express" for the entire event include four meals in the dining cars and reserved seats for all workshops and general sessions. Get those rail passes for just \$60 by registering before September 3. If your horse pulls up lame and you're late with your registration, you'll need to plunk down \$75 before Sept. 16th.

Of course, if you're on foot and just want to rest your buns that day with your ears open, \$20 will get you a morning or afternoon session, no grub. If you're bringing a non-member buddy along, remind him he'll need a little extra jack for the same itinerary. Western wear is welcome anytime!

Do you have a screenplay or a manuscript you'd like to get in the hands of professionals? A new event this year is the "Read-around" on Friday evening at 9:00 p.m. conducted by Carole Western and Mary Barnes. We wish everyone could get in on this opportunity for a professional critique, but it is limited to the first 20 registrants. Call Brian Gubler for a Read-Around number, then include a separate \$10.00 check with your Roundup registration.

If you want to spend some time with us at the Radisson, just \$59 buys you and your buddy a fine bed for the night. A third or fourth buddy will need to come up with just another \$12 each. That includes putting your feet under the table for a full breakfast, too. What a deal! Please make those arrangements directly with the Radisson before August 19. 801-627-1900.

Whether you just come for the "ride" or you come for the "write," being aboard the LUW Express is the "right" thing to do.

See y'all at the Roundup!

READ-AROUND CRITIQUE

Carole Western and Mary Barnes will conduct a professional critique session on Friday evening at 9 p.m. at the Radisson for the first 20 writers who register. If you'd like to join them for some constructive ideas about a screenplay or a script you've written, simply call Brian Gubler, LUW Roundup Registration Chairman, at 292-9303. He will give a Read-Around number to the first 20 callers. Send a separate \$10. check along with your Roundup registration to Brian Gubler.

Did you ever wonder who that masked man was? Well, you may never know because there will be dozens and dozens of neckerchiefs at the Roundup Luncheon.

Prior to the Roundup, each chapter will select an identifying neckerchief of their choice which each attending member will want to wear to this event. This will help you get acquainted with members and chapters, add a lot of color and fun, and may even come in handy as an extra bib!

Do you feel you need something new? Would you like to make a difference? The 1997-1998 LUW Board needs you to help plan and implement the many activities which make the League so helpful to our members. Please call President-elect Bettyanne Gillette at 942-4209.

If you would like to nominate an outstanding League member for the 1997 LUW Writer of the Year, please tell your Chapter Pres. ASAP. All nominations are due to Marcia by July 15.

Chapter Chatter**A NEW LUW CHAPTER!**

The League of Utah Writers is pleased to announce a new South Jordan Chapter. August 6th has been set as an organizational meeting at the South Jordan Library at 10300 S. Beckstead Lane (1600 W.) State officers will install Linda Sherwood as President that night and welcome new members.

President Linda Sherwood became excited about the League after attending the Wordcraft Chapter in June; within two weeks she had made all arrangements to start a chapter closer to her home. Linda graduated cum laude from BYU, taught elementary school and directed New Beginnings Pre-school, is CEO of Idea Works, a game company distributor, and is a published author. She is also a member of the SCBWI.

Linda would be interested in starting up a series of workshops for youth 12-18 years of age. Youth workshops could be held at the South Jordan Library from 6-6:45 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month prior to regular LUW meetings. Please contact Linda at 280-1545 for more information. Welcome to the League of Utah Writers, Linda!

Please pass this information to anyone in the South Jordan area who is interested in writing.

Blue Quill Chapter

Our members are benefitting from group critiqueing. It's great to be able to encourage one another and celebrate our successes together. Recent accomplishments for Blue Quill Chapter members include: "Anne's Courage," a story sold to *The Friend* by new member Beverly Ahlstrom; an article and photo by June Krambule published in *Junction Magazine*; several first place and other poetry awards for LaVon Carroll. Linda Smith

Cache Valley Chapter

President Charlene Hirsche's new address is P.O. Box 6451 No. Logan, UT 84341, same phone number. Their growing membership now meets in the Logan Library at 7 p.m. each third Monday.

Heritage Writers Guild

Welcome to six new members: Kami Eagan, Deloris Lukens, Lew Daniels, Jennifer Nelson, Beth Moore, and Wm. Rowe Smith.

President Marilyn Richardson suggests we check the World WideWeb for sites such as "The Writer's Homepage" for helps with query letters, etc. She sends us a writing tip from J.R. Paulson/Doug Paulson who judged their contest last year:

Perhaps the most important single consideration is the first paragraph... or the lead." The lead should command the reader's attention immediately...even those with acceptable leads would be more marketable with an improved beginning.

Oquirrh Writers

Our Chapter took the membership challenge seriously. We've added 13 new members since January, doubling our membership. It is exciting to see the talent of new members in our group. Monthly writing assignments are a great incentive to keep members involved. A rewarding piece of literature will be created in Dec. from members' personal experiences on various subjects.

An invitation is extended to all to enter our Oquirrh Writing Contest in non-fiction, humor, fiction, and poetry categories. With a Sept 1, 1997 deadline, entries are already coming in. For guidelines/entry forms, call Dorothy Crofts at 964-0861.

Chapter Chatter

Since February 1995, Julene Fisher has been writing a weekly language column, "Easy Speak" for the *Salt Lake Tribune*. She also writes for, and is associate editor of *Smart Woman Traveler Newsletter*, an international digest of news and features from the traveling woman's point of view.

Phyllis Murray has published stories in the *Children's Friend* and *the Friend*, essays in the *Improvement Era* and the *Ensign*, and poetry in the *Bridger Valley Herald* in Wyoming.

Suzanne Morley wrote the Valley view Ward roadshow script, "Faith in Every Footstep-Nursery Rhyme Style." Her poem, "Alzheimer Patient" was recently published in *Clouds on a Clear Day*.

New member, Cowboy Poet Floyd Jensen, has performed at various places. Though he doesn't consider himself a writer, he has won Utah State Poetry Slam contests and was the first Cowboy Poet to ever perform on stage in a National Poetry Slam. He performed at the 1996 and 1997 Utah Arts Festival, created and produced the first annual Cowboy and Cowgirl Oquirrh Mountain Rendevous at Cyprus High, among other things. He says, "I guess the only reason I haven't had anything published is because I've been too darned busy writing, performing, booking, and producing. But I'll get a book published someday."

Our annual membership drive will be held in conjunction with a Summer Workshop Sat., July 12 for anyone interested in learning about turning ideas into stories from award winning authors Sherri Lewis, Heather Horrocks, Deloy Barnes. To be held at Denny's Restaurant 2222 W. 3500 S. from 9-4 p.m., it is open to the public at \$10 charge/prepaid (\$20 at the door), lunch not included. You may add your books to theirs for sale and signing. Call Dorothy Crofts for details at 964-0861.

Sevier Valley Chapter

This is our sixth year to complete a book project, each with a different theme. Past themes have included the holidays, memories, the Sevier Valley area, and nature. This year's cook book will contain recipes and a short article about it from each member. We plan to self-publish the 40-60 page booklet with a laminated cover as a chapter fund raiser. Some of the funds are used to assist members in attending LUW workshops.

We are also integrating our efforts with our local library and the Sevier County Special Events to promote appreciation and participation in the art of writing. One such event sponsored in part by the UAC was a Spring Workshop with Ona Siporin which was extremely well attended and resulted in several new members for our chapter.

Esther Williams, President

South Jordan Chapter

The initial meeting of the new South Jordan Chapter will feature Susan Evans McCloud, author of 25 books covering historical, romantic, biographic, adventure, mystery, and children's literature. The meeting will convene at the South Jordan Library at 7 p.m. Susan will sign her books at President Linda Sherwood's home at 9436 S. Liberty Creek Dr. (4181 West) immediately following the meeting from 8:45-10 p.m.

Carolyn Campbell will address our chapter on Sep. 3 at 7:00 p.m. Carolyn will speak on "The Business of Writing." Anyone who has heard Carolyn speak knows what a treat is in store.

Utah Valley Chapter

Congratulations to Annette Lyons, Utah Valley's Contest Chairperson, who gave birth to her new daughter,

Samantha, just four days after passing out certificates to our contest winners. Great work, Annette!

Winners of our contest were:

Articles: 1. Melinda Hill 2. Linda Orvis

3. Janie Brown

Poetry: 1. Vickie Wheeler 2. Melinda Hill

3. Tie: Melinda Hill, Melinda Hill

Essay: 1. Melinda Hill, Betty Briggs

3. Belle Weight

Fiction: 1. Betty Briggs, 2 & 3 Lisa Peck

Good speakers we have recently enjoyed: Laura Torrez, author of *The Incredible Clay Book* (over one million sold). Her focus: writing non-fiction. Gary Gregerson, attorney/publisher, author of *Utah Roadside History*. Focus: legal aspects of self-publishing. Kristen Randle, author of *The Only Alien on the Planet* and *On the Side of Angels* focused on book publishing.

Dr. Lynne Shumway, who our chapter is promoting, left the Canadian border on her 2400 mile "Hike for Literacy" on June 5, National Trails Day. Her symbolic trek will end at the Mexican border in five months. While in Idaho, Lynne met a caring family who offered their llama, Pete, as a traveling companion. Just like illiterate people, Lynne needs help along the way. Her journey will also take her through valleys and over mountains. Good luck, Lynne. We are all pulling for you.

Betty Briggs, Publicity Chairman

Wordcraft Chapter

Carolyn Campbell had a cover article in *Salt Lake City Weekly Magazine* June 19. The following received awards for contests of the National Federation of Poetry Societies: Elaine Ipson, Carol Quist, Maxine Crappo, and Theda Bassett. Carol Quist had previously won five awards in the Utah State Poetry Society contest. Theda Bassett also won five awards in the Salt Lake contest of the League of American Pen Women.

LUW Roundup Express Keynote Speakers

September 19, 20, 1997 Radisson Hotel, Ogden, Utah

All aboard the League of Utah Writers Roundup Express! We're on the right track with our engines moving full speed ahead to each unforgettable stop. Come travel with us on the "Writing Railroad."



Peter Blockson is Managing Editor of *Writer's Digest Magazine* and lead editor on four of their annual special theme issues. During his seven-year tenure with WD, he has edited every section and written original articles for most of them. He recently revamped WD's The Markets section, giving it greater hands on usefulness, and adding

several industry-watching departments. He has edited several books for WD, including *The Writer's Digest to Good Writing*. Peter invites us to bring our manuscripts and queries with us. He says he's never attended a conference without buying at least one article.

David Lee, Utah's Poet Laureate, has published nine books of poetry and/or translations, including *The Porcine Canticles*, *Drinking and Driving*, and *My Town*, which received the 1995 Western States Book Award and the 1996 Mountain and Plains States Booksellers Award. He has received NEA and NEH fellowships and the Utah Governor's



Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Arts. He has been voted Outstanding Professor of the Year on three occasions at Southern Utah University, where he teaches. He and his family live in Southern Utah.

Carol Lynn Pearson has been a professional writer for thirty years. Her most widely-known book nationally is *Goodbye, I Love You*, which was published in 1986 by Random House. It tells the story of her life with her husband, a homosexual man and father of their four children, their divorce and ongoing friendship as she cared for him through his battle with AIDS which finally claimed his life. A

Christmas book, *A Stranger for Christmas* sold more than 80,000 copies and is slated as a TV movie in 1997 with CBS. Carol Lynn first made her literary mark as a poet with *New Beginnings*. She has also written successful nonfiction, musicals, numerous educational motion pictures (one which became a classic and received many



international awards, "Cipher in the Snow"). A recent major project is more than 300 performances here and abroad of her one-woman play, "Mother Wove the Morning."

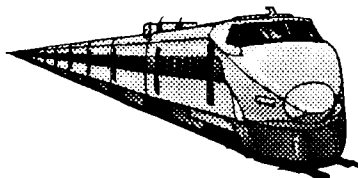
Carole Western is president and founder of Montgomery-West Literary Agency, a well-known agency in either the LMP, *Writers Guild of America*, *West Roster*, or *Guide to Literary Agents by Writers Digest*. Ms. Western personally specializes and is very successful in finding and working with writers who show above average potential. Her agency has a reputation for organizing a "nursery" for new writers with exceptional talent, to help them reach their goals, to keep them apprised of the latest trends in Hollywood and spur them on to fulfil their commercial potential. Among her clients are Nicholls Fellowship/ Academy Award Winners, Sundance Film Festival Winners and Cannes Film Festival Screenplay Winners. Born in England, she graduated from Medway College/ London University



with a Royal Society of Arts Degree. She is a published international writer in her own right. Her last six novels were published in Germany. She has received a publishing offer to sell her books throughout Europe. Her books will be published in English as soon as her English Language rights are returned to an American

Roundup Express Whistlestop Speakers

Elizabeth Lane has been with Waterford Institute for the past six months as their Instructional Designer. She has worked in the educational software industry for 13 years, beginning with Wicat, then IBM. She a nationally published romance novelist; two of her latest book, *Lydia* and *Apache Fire*, were published by Harlequin. *Hometown Wedding*, also through Harlequin, will be released in November. Her latest book, *The Tycoon and the Townie*, is published by Silhouette.



Rick Walton is author of nearly thirty books for children including *Noah's Square Dance* and *Once There Was A Bullfrog*. He has published joke books, poetry, activity books and picture books for the national and regional markets, as well as writing for children's software. His most recent books, *You Don't Always Get What You Hope For* and *Pig, Pigger, and Piggest*, are published by Gibbs-Smith. Look soon for *Pioneer Dance*, a sesquicentennial book published by Deseret Book. Rick lives in Provo.

Brian Lipson, an agent with Renaissance/H.N. Swanson, Inc./Irving Paul Lazar Agency, represents the motion picture/television rights of numerous authors. A few of the motion picture/television rights sales mr. Lipson has been involved with include *Rising Tide* by John M. Barry to Hallmark Entertainment and TNT; *A Stranger For Christmas* by Carol Lynn Pearson to Citadel Entertainment and CBS; *Ignition* by Kevin J. Anderson and Doug Beason to Universal Pictures; and *Straight Man* by Richard Russo to DreamWorks SKG.

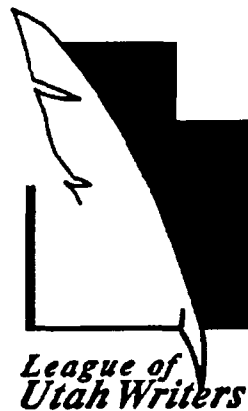


Paul Pitts, a Utah English Teacher of the Year and very popular middle-grade author, has written *For A Good Time, Don't Call Claudia*, *Racing the Sun* (1985 Parent's Choice Award,) *The Shadowman's Way*, and *Crossroads*, (1995-96 Utah Young Readers Choice List.)

Carol Lynch Williams has twice won the Utah Arts Council Creative Writing Competition. *Kelly and Me*, *Adeline Street*, and the *True Colors of Caitlynn Jackson*, have all been published by Dell. For Apsen Books, she has written *Anna's Gift*, *Sarah's Quest*, *Laurel's Flight*, *Esther's Celebration*, *Marciea's Melody*, and *Catherine's Remembrance*.

Anne Wingate, who has happily mothered for nearly 50 years, says the "empty nest" looks like a chunk of heaven right now. She has worked in law enforcement, is a certified latent fingerprint expert, and is considered an expert in crime scene technology. In addition to 21 mysteries, she is the author of *Writer's Digest's* non-fiction "Howdunit" series, *Scene of the Crime*, and co-author of *Amateur Detectives* which was nominated for this year's Agatha for non-fiction. She is currently correspondence teaching at *Writer's Digest School* and the University of Utah.

You'll have a hard time choosing where to "stop!"



League of Utah Writers
Roundup Express Whistle Stop Schedule

Early Bird or Full Registration
 (everything except Read-Around)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

4-6 p.m.

Registration--Lobby

6:30 p.m.

Meet & Mingle

7:00 p.m.

Poet's Feast -Keynote David Lee, Utah
 State Poet Laureate

9:00 p.m.

Read-Around Critique with Carole
 Western and Mary Barnes
 (\$10.00 add'l fee & number req'd* for
 first 20 writers. Bring two pages of
 Screenplay or manuscript.)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8:00 a.m.

Registration--Lobby

Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m.

General Session

Keynote Speakers

Peter Blocksom-Managing Editor
 Writer's Digest Magazine "All
 About the Magazine Market"

Carol Lynn Pearson, poet, author,
 playwright. "From Book to Movie"

10:00 a.m.

Workshops

- ▶ Local Publishers Panel:
- ▶ Bookcraft, Covenant, Deseret
 Book, Granite, Horizon
- ▶ Rick Walton
 "Dynamite Picture Books"

11:00 a.m.

- ▶ Local Magazine Editors Panel
- ▶ Elizabeth Lane: "How to Write a
 Successful Romance Novel"
- ▶ Paul Pitts & Carolyn Williams:
 "Writing the Middle-Grade Novel"

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Roundup Luncheon

1:30 p.m.

General Session

- Carole Western & Mary Barnes:
 "Is It Time For An Agent?"
- Anne Wingate: "Writing for the National
 Market From Where You Live"
- Brian Lipson: "The Author Agent
 Connection"

3:30 p.m.

Workshops

- ▶ Local Newspapers Panel:
 "Writing for Newspapers"
 - ▶ Anne Wingate: "More About Putting
 Together a National Novel" (Q& A)
 - ▶ Agents Panel Discussion: Carole
 Western, Mary Barnes, Brian Lipson
- 4:30 p.m.
- ▶ Peter Blocksom: "Best Ways to
 Break Into the Magazine Market"
 - ▶ Carol Lynn Pearson: "Tips From a
 Successful Writer"

5:15 p.m.

Book Signing/Board Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Roundup Express Banquet

Contest winners announced, first
 places read. New officers
 introduced.

Please check Full Registration box or 'Whistle Stops' you plan to attend for your Registration record. Complete the
 Registration Form (opposite page) and send it with your check to Brian Gubler before Sept 12, 1997 292-9303
 I sent LUW \$_____ for my registration choices (date)_____. Read-Around (call Brian for #)_____



League of Utah Writers

1997 Round-Up Registration Form

NAME :

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 No []

COMMENTS :

Please send checks payable to "League of Utah Writers" and this completed form to :
 Brian Gubler (LUW Registration)
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Questions (call or e-mail)

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 e-mail : wmtellpr@ix.netcom.com

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Non-Members</u>
FULL ROUND-UP REGISTRATION*	\$75.00	\$95.00
* DEADLINE 12 SEPT 97		
EARLY BIRD SPECIAL**	\$60.00	\$80.00
** DEADLINE 3 SEPT 97 (INCLUDES <u>ALL</u> MEALS AND SESSIONS LISTED BELOW)		
✓ FRIDAY POET'S FEAST	\$25.00	\$30.00
SATURDAY ONLY REGISTRATION	\$60.00	\$80.00
✓ SATURDAY BREAKFAST	\$ 6.00	\$ 8.00
SATURDAY AM SPEAKERS/WORKSHOPS	\$20.00	\$30.00
✓ SATURDAY LUNCHEON WITH SPEAKERS	\$14.00	\$18.00
SATURDAY PM SPEAKERS/WORKSHOPS	\$20.00	\$30.00
✓ SATURDAY BANQUET	\$25.00	\$30.00

PLEASE CIRCLE ITEMS THAT ARE APPLICABLE.

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Please Note: Hotel registration must be taken care of by prospective attendees. Details on hotel accommodations and registration information are outlined in round-up instruction handout.

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