

# Surfwriters Newsletter

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## -- Announcements --

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Surfwriters Members' Luncheon  
at the home of Ildy Lee

Friday, June 30th  
11:00 AM

It's time once again for the summer luncheon meeting.

Those whose last names begin with the letters N-Z will bring salads or light entrees,  
those with letters A-M, desserts. If you have a delicious specialty, why not share that?

Two or three of us should bring beverages and cups.

President Marcia Reed requests that we bring something to read, time limit two-three minutes.

Ildy lives on Paseo Del Mar. There are two segments; she lives on the southernmost loop.

Most members know how to find her home.

Those who don't may call her for directions at (310) 541-0044.

See you there!

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**Wanda Van Hoy Smith**

reads her unique poetry  
at

**Velocity Café**

Horse of Another Color

Plus Open Mic Readings

It all takes place from 7:00-9:00 PM

**Thursday, July 6, 2006**

2127 Lincoln Blvd. (at Pacific)

Santa Monica 90405

(310) 314-3368

Arrive early for good seating.

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Ildy Lee spoke last month  
on "Conferencing with Editors and Agents."

Ildy shared it all -  
"why, how, where, what and who,"  
including benefits of attending writers'  
conferences, how to pitch your project, plus a list  
of materials to take to a meeting or conference.

Thanks, Ildy, for the valuable tips.  
What an informative talk!

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Congratulations to Julia Foster,  
whose article on her family's life "in the military"  
appeared in My Turn,  
the *Daily Breeze*, June 14, 2006.

**-- Announcements --**

**... Art, Poetry, Music ...**

**Open Mic for Poets and Musicians!**  
**Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00-10:00 PM**

**Summer Studios Arts Academy**  
25004 Narbonne Ave.  
Lomita 90717

Come and join the fun!  
-Art, Poetry, Music-  
-Conversation-  
-Refreshments-

Free to the Public

Art Jam has been a great success!  
Call David Parsons for information.  
(310) 325-8801



**... Poetry and ...**

**Coffee Cartel**  
1820 South Catalina Avenue  
Redondo Beach  
**Every Tuesday Night**  
8:00 pm until... (signup begins at 7:45)

Featured Guests  
and  
Open Mic Readings  
(310) 316-6554

**Barnes & Noble**  
Del Amo Fashion Center  
21400 Hawthorne Blvd.  
Torrance 90503  
**2nd Friday of each month**  
7:30-8:30 pm (signup begins at 7:00)  
Open Mic Readings  
(310) 370-5552

**The Blue Moon Saloon**  
Poetry on the Pier  
100 Fisherman's Wharf  
Redondo Beach 90277  
at the entrance of the Redondo Beach Pier  
**Every Monday night 7:00 PM**

<http://www.thebluemoonsaloon.com>  
(800) 265-5581, (310) 618-0500

**... Drama ...**

Ah, Shakespeare!  
Check out the many opportunities to view  
**Shakespeare By the Sea's**  
productions of  
**Hamlet**  
**The Comedy of Errors**  
<http://www.shakespearebythesea.org/locations.html>



**... Classes/Workshops ...**



Writing in the Garden  
with  
**Regina O'Melveny**  
**South Coast Botanic Garden**  
26300 Crenshaw Blvd.  
Palos Verdes Peninsula 90274  
**Thursday 6:00-8:30 PM**

"Tending Words"  
--Six Sessions--  
June 22, 29, July 6, 27, August 3, 10

Call the SCBGF office  
at (310) 544-1948 for information.



**Rebecca Forster** will conduct a short series  
of workshops on the writing process  
this summer. Some members have signed up  
for one or more in the series.



**Stephen Smoke** will conduct writing workshops  
again this fall, with basic workshops on Tuesday,  
advanced workshops on Thursday.  
Please contact PVAC for details.  
(310) 541-2479

**... Literature ...**

**Interpretive Reading Group**  
**at The Artists Studio Gallery**  
Pauline Falstrom's brainchild!  
An idea whose time has come?  
Are you interested in participating  
in an interpretive reading group,  
with works from the likes of  
Tennessee Williams, Neil Simon and others?

If so, please contact Pauline at  
[paulinefalstrom@sbcglobal.net](mailto:paulinefalstrom@sbcglobal.net)  
or check your roster for her phone number.



**Four Way Books**  
Poetry and Fiction

Submissions and Guidelines  
<http://www.fourwaybooks.com/>

... **Art** ...

**The Artists Studio Gallery is moving!**

The Artists' Studio Gallery  
of

Palos Verdes Art Center  
is moving

from The Avenue  
to The Village

just a short distance away on Deep Valley Drive  
between the east end of  
The Avenue and the Peninsula Center Library.

Look for poetry readings and dramatic readings  
of fiction to take place on a monthly basis.



... **Art and** ...

Artist Annemarie Rawlinson,  
founder of The Los Angeles Assemblage Group,  
says, "We are currently preparing an exhibit, which  
will run from August 1 to September 5 at the Lucy  
Florence Gallery in Los Angeles. After experiencing  
the enriching aspect of engaging poets with visual  
art during Uran's Snyder's and Sharon Corsaro's  
exhibit/events (March 2006), I thought it might  
be interesting to ask a local poetry group to write  
about the art displayed in the Lucy Florence  
Gallery. Poets would view the work at the beginning  
of the exhibit, have a couple of weeks to write the  
poem/prose, and display it at a closing reception."

<http://www.lucyflorence.com>

Ms. Rawlinson also invites interested  
Surfwriters to participate in this activity.

Correction to paragraph in April newsletter:  
Uran Snyder's charcoal drawings were displayed in  
Gallery A at The Loft Galleries in Old San Pedro,  
not Muriel Olguin's studio at the same location.

... **Thanks to Contributors** ...

Annemarie Rawlinson  
Debbie Paul

... **Reminders** ...

*Club Books*  
*for the Benefit of Members*

**Due for Return June 30th**

- Writer's Market
- Novel & Short Story Writer's Market

**Available to Members June 30**

- Palos Verdes Peninsula Artists

*Thanks for making books available  
to other members!*



Is it time to renew your membership?  
If you're not certain, please check with  
the Art Center at (310) 541-2479  
or e-mail [info@pvartcenter.org](mailto:info@pvartcenter.org).



Members, if you would like to receive  
the print edition of the newsletter,  
please contact [kcjohnson@starnetdial.net](mailto:kcjohnson@starnetdial.net).

... **Looking Ahead** ...

We will not meet in July and August.  
Our first fall meeting  
will take place September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Members voted to hold  
the October 2006 meeting in the evening.

... **Future Announcements** ...

Please send your announcements for future  
newsletters to [kcjohnson@starnetdial.net](mailto:kcjohnson@starnetdial.net).



... **Good Health** ...

Wishing a speedy recovery  
to members who may be ailing!

Best wishes  
for good health to all members!

**Happy Writing!**

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---Surfwriters Anthology Update---

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There are 100 or more submissions, according to Debbie Paul. She is currently typing material that wasn't sent electronically, which requires entering copy into Microsoft Word.

Also, she is making copies of e-mails from members who requested changes or corrections to submissions. When all the basic text has been entered, she will incorporate the changes.

Deb says if you want something revised, "...just be sure to put it in writing and either e-mail or snail-mail it to me. You are one talented group of people!"

Deborah Paul (dpaul9009@sbcglobal.net) 30301 Kingsridge Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes 90275

We'll have a further update and brief discussion of the anthology at the luncheon meeting on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Remember our anthology title discussion? There were 55 suggestions.

Listed below are six of the most popular titles.

Surfwriters Anthology, Surfwriters Anthology I, Surfwriters Anthology 2006

2006 Surfwriters Anthology, Surfwriters: The Writing Game

Surfwriters Anthology 2006: The Writing Game

Shall we liven these up a bit, make them more imaginative? We can still keep Surfwriters in the title.

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-- *Literary Miscellany: Writers on Writing* --

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We've heard it before. Who said it?

"A scrupulous writer, in every sentence that he writes, will ask himself at least four questions, thus:

- What am I trying to say?
- What words will express it?
- What image or idiom will make it clearer?
- Is this image fresh enough to have an effect?"

*"Politics and the English Language", 1946*

*George Orwell, English essayist, novelist and satirist (1903-1950)*

"The skill of writing is to create a context in which other people can think."

*Edwin Schlossberg*

*Author, artist, interactive design pioneer; founder, ESI*

"You have to know how to accept rejection and reject acceptance."

*Ray Bradbury, advice to writers*

*U.S. science fiction author (1920 - )*

"We do not write because we want to; we write because we have to."

*W. Somerset Maugham*

*English dramatist & novelist (1874 - 1965)*

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