

Surfwriters Newsletter

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September 2006

-- Announcements --

Meeting!

September 22, 10:00 a.m.

Palos Verdes Art Center
5504 W. Crestridge Road
Rancho Palos Verdes
(310) 541-2479

Agenda:

--Club Business, including the Anthology--

Also, bring something to read, if you wish--limit, three minutes, please.

Welcome to our new President, **Mary Vandever**, who will accept the gavel from outgoing President **Marcia Reed** at the first meeting of the new season!

Many thanks to Marcia Reed for her outstanding work as Club President this past year.

See you there!

Planning Meeting Results

It was suggested that we invite speakers in alternate months.

Are there speakers you'd like to hear?
Topics you would like covered?

Congratulations to Teri Apodaca,

whose article about "show biz" appeared in My Turn, the *Daily Breeze*, September 5, 2006.

-- Announcements: Coming Events --

--Art, Spoken Word, Music --
at

Summer Studios Arts Academy
25004 Narbonne Ave.
Lomita 90717

Friday, September 22, 7:00-9:30 p.m.

Theme: *SciFi & the Cosmos*

Visual Art Display
Poetry/Prose Readings
Music and Song
-Refreshments-

Come and join the fun!

Free to the Public

Call David Parsons for information.
(310) 325-8801

-- Meet the Author --
at

Santa Monica Public Library

An Evening with Ray Bradbury

Wednesday, September 27, 6:00 p.m.

Ray Bradbury signs copies of his books.
Discussion follows.

Santa Monica Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.

(310) 458-8600

www.smpl.org

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-- Report on Summer Activities --

Dramatic Readings
with Scripts, without Costumes
at The Artists Studio Gallery
of Palos Verdes Art Center
627 Deep Valley Drive
Suite 300C The Village
(between the east end of
The Avenue and the Peninsula Center Library)

The Interpretive Reading Group
now known as the
Palos Verdes Village Players
kicked off its first performance
to an appreciative standing-room-only audience
on August 26th with Tennessee Williams'
Cat on a Hot Tin Roof.
The cast included Pauline Falstrom, Jean Stephenson,
Maria Ruiz, and KC Johnson, plus Matt Denis as Brick
and Sherwood Jones as Big Daddy.

...And on into Fall
with the Palos Verdes Village Players...

Barefoot in the Park
Saturday, September 23, 2:00 p.m.
with
Pauline Falstrom and Jean Stephenson
plus Matt Denis, Earl Mealins and Dale Cox.

Mark your calendar:
Next month, just in time for Halloween
Saturday, October 28
Readings from Edgar Allen Poe

For future productions,
the Village Players are exploring works
by Ray Bradbury, Noel Coward, Neil Simon,
Tennessee Williams, Garcia Lorca
and Edgar Lee Masters, among others.
Got a favorite whose work you'd like to see/hear?
Want to participate?
Let us know!
Please contact Pauline Falstrom
paulinefalstrom@sbcglobal.net.



-- Summer Workshops --

Members enjoyed a variety of summer activities
that included writing workshops led
by authors
Regina O' Melveny and Rebecca Forster.



-- Report on Summer Activities, cont'd --

The UCLA Writers Faire on September 10
featured panel discussions along with ample opportunity
to talk with writers and representatives of writing
organizations. Panels included "more than 70 creative
writers and screenwriters who shared their expertise
and tips in 24 unique mini-classes." What a bonanza! An
afternoon well-spent!



-- Art, Poetry, Music --
at the Lucy Florence Gallery

Annemarie Rawlinson, founder of the Los Angeles
Assemblage Group, invited local poets to attend the
August 6th opening reception at the Lucy Florence Gallery
in Leimert Park and write their interpretations of the
assemblage art on display. Ms. Rawlinson posted the
resulting poetry adjacent to the art for the enjoyment of
gallery visitors.

Poets-- including Surfwriters Wanda VanHoy Smith,
Maria Ruiz and KC Johnson-- read their work at a closing
reception for artists and the general public on
September 3rd. Artist/Poet Dominique Moody also read
her piece "Eye Speak." Beth Shibata read her poems, as
well. In keeping with the theme of the exhibit, two films:
"I Build the Tower: Life and Times of Sam Rodia" by Ed
Landler and Brad Byer (a great nephew of Simon "Sam"
Rodia), and "Noah's Art" documenting Noah Purifoy's
assemblages, were shown in the screening room.

Five of the more than 25 art pieces in the exhibit can
still be viewed at www.lucyflorence.com, the website that
features all Lucy Florence activities. Many thanks to
hosts Richard and Ron Harris for their hospitality!

Following this creatively stimulating experience, the
second of its type this year, the writers welcome future
collaboration with the artistic community on similar
events.



-- Ongoing Activities --

Spoken Word at Coffee Cartel
1820 South Catalina Avenue
Redondo Beach 90277
Tuesdays 8:00 PM until... (signup begins at 7:45)
Featured Guests and Open Mic Readings
Call (310) 316-6554 for information



-- Journals --

The Kenyon Review
Articles, Information, Submission Guidelines
http://www.kenyonreview.org/

The Panhandler (A New Journal)
http://www.uwf.edu/panhandler/



-- Reminders --

Club Books
for the Benefit of Members

Due for Return September 22

- Writer's Market
 - Novel & Short Story Writer's Market
- Available to Members September 22
- 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.



Members, if you would like to receive
the print edition of the newsletter,
please contact kcjohnson@starnetdial.net.

-- Poetry Readings, Gone --
Thanks for the opportunity!

Barnes & Noble, Torrance
Blue Moon Saloon, Redondo Beach



-- Looking Ahead to October --

In June, members voted
to hold the October 20 meeting
in the evening.



-- Future Announcements --

Please send your announcements for future newsletters
to kcjohnson@starnetdial.net.



Wishing the best of good health
to all our members!

Happy Writing!

-----Surfwriters Anthology Update-----

Progress!

This summer, Debbie Paul has been hard at work on initial editing of the anthology,
and in two weeks Ildy Lee and KC Johnson will begin work on formatting. Next, the trio will confer
on the results. Then, members will have the opportunity to review their own submissions for final corrections.
We plan to publish before year end with a promotional splash! More details to follow.

-- Titles, Revisited --

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

-- Literary Miscellany: Writers on Writing --

"A book goes out like a wave rolling over the surface of the sea. Ideas radiate from the author's mind
and collide with other minds, triggering new waves that return to the author.

These generate further thoughts and emanations, and so it goes..."

-Chris Vogler, Preface to *The Writer's Journey*



"Play a little game where you survey all the arts and attempt to identify
what they have in common at their best, or near best. Take dance, take acting, all right then,
take poetry. What might you notice? Exquisite control that produces the sensation of spontaneity.
Years of preparation, training, and deep absorption of craft—resulting in the appearance of effortlessness..."

-Suzanne Lummis in *Speechless*