

Surfwriters Newsletter

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K. C. Johnson, Editor & Publisher

March 2007

-- Announcements --

--Meeting--

Friday, March 23, 2007

—AGENDA—

10:00 a.m. -- Business Meeting -- 10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m. -- Guest Speaker -- 11:00 a.m.



Mary Jane Schoenheider, Publisher, *Peninsula People*

Mary Jane Schoenheider has worked in local media for the past 31 years—13 years with *Palos Verdes Peninsula*, six years with *Times Mirror Cable* (now COX Communications), and for the past 12 years as Publisher of *Peninsula People* magazine. A local resident committed to volunteering in the community, she was honored in 2004 as Palos Verdes Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year.

Join us as Ms. Schoenheider speaks of her life in publishing!

Palos Verdes Art Center
5504 W. Crestridge Road
Rancho Palos Verdes 90275
(310) 541-2479

See you there!

Ildy Lee Performs in Redondo Beach!

Pacific Edge California Bistro
Thursday, March 8 and 15

Join Ildy Lee, European TV and recording artist, as she sings in 12 languages and "transports you to another world." Enjoy the sunset, romantic music, food and wine "in a dreamlike, elegant atmosphere..."

125 W. Torrance Blvd, Redondo Beach,
Redondo Beach Pier, Upper Plaza Level

(310) 798-3343
MiuraUSA@aol.com
www.PacificEdgeBistro.com

Pacific Edge California Bistro is open for dinner 5:30-10:00 p.m.

oΔo -- Events -- oΔo

-- Art Jam --

This Month's Theme:
"Wear Else"

Yes!

Friday, March 23, 7:00-9:30 p.m.

Art Display, Poetry/Prose,
Music and Song, Refreshments

Free and Open to the Public

Summer Studios Arts Academy
25004 Narbonne Ave.
Lomita 90717

Call **David Parsons, Executive Director,**
for information at (310) 325-8801.

-- Panel Discussion - Plus Q & A --

IWOSC

Independent Writers of Southern California
March General Meeting/Panel Discussion:

"Once Upon A Tome: the Art of Storytelling"

Monday, March 26, 7:30-9:00 p.m. (7:30 sharp)

Veterans Memorial Building,
4117 Overland Avenue, Culver City 90230

General admission: \$15. IWOSC members: Free.

Reservations are required. Space is limited!

Contact info@iwosc.org or 877-799-7483 for reservations,
directions, or information. Reservations will be honored until 7:15.

-- Interview/Discussion --

The Writers Guild Foundation

Presents

Writers On Writing

David McKenna (American History X)

Thursday, March 22, 2007 - 7:30 p.m.

David McKenna sold his first screenplay, *American History X*, to New Line Cinema at 26, a story in itself. McKenna's writing credits include *Body Shots*, *Get Carter*, *Blow*, and *SWAT*. He's the creator of *E-Ring* for NBC and has written the video game for *Scarface: The World Is Yours*.

Writers Guild of America, west

Corner of Third & Fairfax in Los Angeles
WGAw, Second Floor

Tickets \$20/\$15/\$10

Parking is included.

Tickets/Info: (323) 782-4692
or www.wgfoundation.org

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-- Palos Verdes Village Players --

(Artists, Surfwriters and Others)

Present a Dramatic Reading of

Federico García Lorca's
Blood Wedding

Saturday, March 17, 2:00 p.m.

Free to the Public

The Artists' Studio Gallery

Suite 300C The Village
627 Silver Spur Road
Rolling Hills Estates 90274
(310) 265-2592

Enjoy the play, art exhibit and refreshments!

-- Workshops at the Ruskin --

Saturday, March 24, 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Eight Ball in the Left Pocket: The Aesthetic Statement
Teresa Carmody and Vanessa Place (Les Figues Press)
-\$75-

Lunch and snacks included

Morning only audits - \$45

Advance reservations required for workshops.

The Ruskin Art Club

800 So. Plymouth Blvd.
Los Angeles 90005

For details: Elena Karina Byrne,

Literary Programs Director

Ekduende@cox.net; (310) 669-2369

Check the website for the complete schedule.

www.ruskinartclub.org

-- Poetry Reading --

Featured Readers and Open Reading

Saturday, April 14, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

at the

The Artists' Studio Gallery

Bring a favorite poem or two!

Enjoy poetry, art and refreshments!

Free and Open to the Public

Suite 300C The Village
627 Silver Spur Road
(just west of the Peninsula Library)
Rolling Hills Estates 90274
Call (310) 265-2592 for information.

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-- One-Day Writing Workshops --

**Two Saturday Workshops at UCLA
with Rebecca Forster!**

May 19, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Straight Talk for the Unpublished Crime Novelist:

A One-Day Crash Course for Realists

English 728.95, Reg. No. S9570U, English, \$95

"This fast-paced seminar is designed for the self-starter who understands that creativity is more than a state of mind--it's a business."

May 20, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Straight Talk for the Unpublished Crime Novelist:

A Limited-Enrollment Workshop

English 728.96, Reg. No. S9572U, \$110

"Limited to 15 participants who want direct guidance on how to maximize chances for publication, this workshop applies information discussed in 'Straight Talk for the Unpublished Crime Novelist'..."

Here's an opportunity to learn from Rebecca Forster, author of 24 novels, including *Keeping Counsel* and the book series *Silent Witness* and *Hostile Witness*. Ms. Forster is a *USA Today* bestselling author, and her most recent book, *Privileged Witness* (Signet Books/New American Library), debuted on the Barnes & Noble top-seller list.

For details or to enroll, go to --

<http://www.uclaextension.edu/> or call (310) 825-9415.

-- Poetry Workshop --

The Sounds of Poetry

with Carine Topal

"Discover your own voice and sources of personal inspiration through a series of writing exercises. Improve writing fluency, the ability to constructively critique personal work, and edit work of peers in a supportive environment. Become familiar with contemporary literature and generate work rich in language and imagination."

Course begins Wednesday, April 4th.

City of Torrance Cultural Arts Center

Ten Sessions: April 4-June 6, 2007, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Course Activity Number 1504.201

\$68, residents/\$78, non-residents

Register in advance

online, via phone, walk-in, fax, or mail-in.

City of Torrance

West Annex Registration Office

3031 Torrance Blvd., Torrance 90503

(310) 618-2720 or www.torrnet.com

-- Looking Ahead --

--Poetry and Music in the Gallery--

Saturday, April 28

Malaga Cove Library

2400 Via Campesina

Palos Verdes Estates 90274

-- In the Community --

Monthly Meeting of Southwest Manuscripters

Guest Speaker - Author Jonathan Kirsch

Friday, March 16, 7:00 p.m.

Pacific Inn, 5481 W. Torrance Blvd.

Torrance, CA 90503

Donation: \$5 for non-members; \$2 for members.

The meeting is open to anyone with an interest in writing.

Call (310) 750-6001 for more information.

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Gallery Exhibit March 9-May 20

Tuesday-Sunday 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Free to the Public

Where Photography Becomes One With Being Well!

"Come explore the gallery exhibition entitled "Of Mind and Body: Images of Being Well," where photographs of physical, emotional, and mental good health collaborate and become one, as presented by the Photographic and Digital Artists."

MaGriffe Galerie, 3624 So. Gaffey St.

San Pedro, CA 90731, (310) 547-2154

Photographic and Digital Artists (PADA): PhotoDigiArt@yahoo.com

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Speakology

...the art of words, tales, songs and secrets...

The Long Beach Spoken Word Festival

March 8 - 17, 2007

The Arts Council for Long Beach, in conjunction with *Smithsonian Week*, presents a 10-day Spoken Word Festival in Long Beach. Included in the festival are poetry readings, storytelling, panel discussions, films and art exhibits.

For reservations and information, call (562) 432-5100.

www.smithsonianweek.com

-- Peninsula Friends of the Library --

Books for Troops

"The Books for Troops program is still going strong, thanks to the generous donations of books—and money to send them to our service men and women. Books can be dropped off at any of the three Peninsula Library locations—Peninsula Center, Malaga Cove or Miraleste."

Why not save a trip to the library? Bring your books to the March 23rd meeting. President Mary V. also suggests that we donate a few dollars to the cost of shipping.

Call (310) 377-9584, x553 for information about the program.

-- Members in the News --

Edith Battles

Edith says, "Hello!" to all her friends. She's enjoying her new oceanfront digs at Sunrise of Hermosa Beach and laughs about her new middle name, "Trouble," as in, "Hello, Trouble!" That's our Edith! Her number is (310) 318-2545.

Doug Shepardson

Doug emerged a "quarter finalist" in the Zoetrope Studios' Screenplay Contest (Francis Coppola and friends). Doug's script was judged in the top 100 among 2,500 entries! Contract negotiator, award winning copywriter, and artist who works in oils, Doug is yet another multi-talented Surfwriter!

-- Writing Workshops --
(Free of Charge)

Millie Ames Writing Workshop

Tuesdays, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Peninsula Center Library
Conference Room (Main Level)
701 Silver Spur Road
Rolling Hills Estates 90274
Purpose: To help writers get published
Facilitator: Jean Shriver
Frequency: Meets Weekly
(no meeting the last week of the year)
Genre: Fiction and Non-Fiction
(no drama or poetry)

Writing Workshop/Critiquing Group

Thursdays, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Community Room at Christ Episcopal Church
400 So. Broadway (at Pearl Street)
(Between PCH and Catalina Ave.)
Redondo Beach 90277
Purpose: To help writers get published
Facilitator: Nina Murphy, (Murfink9@aol.com)
(Organizer, Jody Wilkinson; Previous Facilitator, Edith Battles)
Frequency: Meets Weekly
Genre: Fiction, Non-Fiction, Drama

Writing Workshop

Genre: Poetry/Short Prose
Frequency: Meets Bi-weekly
Mondays 2:00-4:30 p.m.
(Next meetings: March 12 & 26)
Palos Verdes Estates
Purpose: Explore voice, form, and style;
support/critique work;
share publishing opportunities
Facilitator: Rotating
(Everyone who wishes will participate as facilitator!)
Questions? Contact kcjohnson@starnetdial.net.

-- Ongoing Activities --

Spoken Word/Poetry at Coffee Cartel
Guests and Open Mic Readings

Poet-Authors Featured in March:

13th Lee Rossi *Ghost Diary*
20th Tony Barnstone *Sad Jazz: Sonnets*
27th Kathleen Tyler *The Secret Box*

1820 So. Catalina Avenue, Riviera Village
Redondo Beach 90277
Tuesdays 8:10 p.m. (Sign up for open mic at 7:45 p.m.)
Hosts Jim Doane, Larry Colker & Stephany Prodromides
Call (310) 548-5344 or visit www.redondopoets.com.

-- Submissions --

Margaret Reid Poetry Contest for Traditional Verse

Postmark Deadline-June 30: 4th year. \$4,500 in prizes, including a top prize of \$1,000. Submit poems in traditional verse forms such as sonnets, haiku and others. Both published and unpublished poems welcome. Enter online or by mail. Guidelines: <http://www.winningwriters.com/margaret>.

-- Membership, Et Cetera --

-- Associate Members --

Is it time to renew your Associate Membership?
If you're not certain, please check with Membership Chair,
Marilyn Litvak at mltrvlarng@hotmail.com.

-- Active Members --

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

-- Future Announcements --

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

----- Wishing the best of good health to Julia Foster and all our members! -----

----- Thanks to contributors Mary Vandever, Doug Shepardson, Wanda VanHoy Smith and Larry Colker. -----

----- Read the monthly newsletter online at the Surfwriters website: www.palosverdes.com/surfwriters/newsletters.htm -----

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