

# Surfwriters Newsletter

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June-July 2007

## -- Announcements --

### -- Business Meeting and Luncheon --

Friday, June 22, 2007

Our June luncheon meeting takes place at PVAC this year. Please bring your favorite culinary delight.

If you were thinking "dessert", how about your *other* favorite? A salad, perhaps? A light entrée?

We'll get together at 10:00 for business and updates; then we'll adjourn to the patio for lunch.

Do also bring something short to read, if you like.

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

*See you there!*

(Look for our fall meeting update on page 3.)

## ◊Δ◊ -- In the Community -- ◊Δ◊

### -- Summer Workshop --

*Writing in the Garden  
with*

*Regina O'Melveny*

Thursdays, June 21-July 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

South Coast Botanic Garden (SCBG)  
26300 Crenshaw Blvd.  
Palos Verdes Peninsula 90274  
(between PCH and PV Drive North)  
Call SCBG, (310) 544-1948, to enroll.

### -- Art Jam --

**This Month's Theme:**

*"Below the Surface"*

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

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

**Free to the Public**

**Summer Studios Arts Academy**

25004 Narbonne Ave.  
Lomita 90717

(North of PCH, south of Lomita Blvd.;  
east of Crenshaw Blvd., west of Western Ave.)

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

### Spoken Word/Poetry at Coffee Cartel

Guests and Open Mic Readings

Poets Featured in June and July

June 12	Joan Job Smith and Fred Voss
June 19	francEyE
June 26	Laurel Ann Bogen
July 3	Lynne Thompson
July 10	Maggie Sullivan
July 17	Amy Schroeder

Tuesdays 8:10 p.m. (Sign up for open mic at 7:45 p.m.)  
Hosts Jim Doane, Larry Colker & Stephany Prodromides

1820 So. Catalina Avenue, Riviera Village  
Redondo Beach 90277

Call (310) 548-5344 or visit [www.redondopoets.com](http://www.redondopoets.com).

### -- Awakenings Coffee House --

Live Music, Open Mic Night, Live Drama, Art Shows  
Internet Stations, Wi-Fi, Kids Play Room  
Birthday Parties, Concerts, Art Exhibits

Open Mic Poetry 9:00-10:00 p.m.

First & Third Friday of Each Month

Tues-Fri 6:00 a.m.-midnight; Sat-Sun 8:00 a.m.-midnight

24100 Narbonne Ave.

Lomita 90717

(310) 325-2565

[www.awakeningscoffeehouse.com](http://www.awakeningscoffeehouse.com)

**-- Writers Guild Foundation --**

The Writers Guild Foundation  
Presents

**-Getting Your Acts Together-  
Structuring Your Screenplay**

**Saturday July 28, 2007, 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

General Admission \$150; WGA members \$125;  
Full time students with ID \$110

Price includes light breakfast, lunch  
and evening wine-and-cheese reception.

Library Building, American Film Institute  
2021 N. Western Avenue, Los Angeles 90027

Check [www.wgfoundation.org](http://www.wgfoundation.org) for tickets and program.

*"This event sells out every year, so don't miss out. Book early."*

**-- IWOSC --**

**Independent Writers of Southern California**

**-- Panel Discussion - Plus Q & A --**

**June General Meeting/Panel Discussion:  
Going Green:**

**Writing About, and For, the Environment  
Monday, June 25, 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](mailto:info@iwosc.org) or 877-799-7483  
for reservations, directions, or information.  
Reservations will be honored until 7:15.

**-- Poetry Readings at Tebot Bach --**

Tebot Bach sponsors a poetry reading and writing workshop series supported in part by a grant from Poets and Writers, Inc., through a grant from The James Irvine Foundation.

The readings --hosted by "*five penny poets*"-- feature local, national, and international poets.

**June-July Schedule**

June 29 Dina Hardy, Elena K. Byrne  
July 27 Community Reading

Open reading sign-up --7:30 p.m.; reading begins at 8:00 p.m.

All readings are held at:  
Golden West College  
Community Room 102  
Huntington Beach, CA 92647

(Entrance closest to Room 102 is on Gothard  
near the corner of Gothard and Edinger.)  
[Click for directions](#) (CTRL + click to follow link.)

Parking is free for the Tebot Bach audience.

**-- 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](mailto:Murfink9@aol.com))

(Organizer, Jody Wilkinson; Previous Facilitator, Edith Battles)

Frequency: Meets Weekly

Genre: Fiction, Non-Fiction, Drama

**Writing Workshop**

Frequency: Meets Bi-weekly

Mondays 2:00-4:30 p.m.

(Next meetings: June 25, July 9)

Palos Verdes Estates

Purpose: Explore voice, form, and style;

support/critique work;

share publishing opportunities

Facilitator: Rotating

(Everyone who wishes may participate as facilitator!)

Questions? Contact [kcjohnson@starnetdial.net](mailto:kcjohnson@starnetdial.net).

Genre: Poetry/Short Prose

**-- Members in the News --**

- June 3<sup>rd</sup> - President **Mary Vandever** was among the local guest authors who made El Segundo Library's annual Author Fair a great success!
- June 15<sup>th</sup> - **Teri Apodaca's** article "Camel Dairy," appeared in *My Turn*, the *Daily Breeze*.
- July 1<sup>st</sup> - Thanks to the efforts of **Virginia Twohy**, pilot/real estate developer Jack Kahlo will release his memoir *My Path Through Life* (a tale of adventure and romance) at his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. For two years, Virginia worked as transcriber, editor and word stylist on the project, with assistance from her daughter, Christine Yoast, whose technical writing skills were invaluable as the manuscript moved into the pre-publication phase. The book can be obtained from all major booksellers.
- August 1<sup>st</sup> - **Wanda VanHoy Smith's** short story "Too Far Out" will appear in the August issue of *Poetic Diversity*, the *litzine of Los Angeles* at [www.poeticdiversity.org](http://www.poeticdiversity.org).



**-- Submissions --**

Teachers & Writers Collaborative/Bechtel Prize  
A prize of \$3,500 and publication in Teachers & Writers magazine is given annually for an essay that relates to creative writing education, literary studies, or the profession of writing. Submit an essay of no more than 5,000 words by **June 29**. There is no entry fee. Call, e-mail, or visit the Web site for complete guidelines.

Teachers & Writers Collaborative, Bechtel Prize  
520 Eighth Avenue, Suite 2020, New York, NY 10018  
(888) 266-5789; [editors@twc.org](mailto:editors@twc.org); [www.twc.org](http://www.twc.org)

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[www.zyzyva.org/](http://www.zyzyva.org/)

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*Peninsula People*  
Virginia Twohy reports that Mary Jane Schoenheider, publisher of *Peninsula People*, will accept short poems with graphics for publication.

Inquiries: EasyReader, Inc.  
PO Box 427, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254  
(310) 372-4611  
[easyreader@easyreader.info](mailto:easyreader@easyreader.info)

**-- Art Jam in July --**

Theme: "Rock 'n Roll"  
Friday, July 28, 7:00-9:30 p.m.

**-- Surfwriters in September --**

The first fall meeting will take place  
Friday, September 28, 3:30 p.m.  
(We're trying a new time for one month!)

**-- Announcements --**

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

**-- Membership --****-- Associate Members --**

Is it time to renew your Associate Membership?  
If you're not certain, please check with Membership Chair,  
Marilyn Litvak at [mltrvlarn@gmail.com](mailto:mltrvlarn@gmail.com).

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**-- Active Members --**

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

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Darlene Gunther, Virginia Twohy, Wanda VanHoy Smith, Teri Apodaca and Larry Colker

Read the monthly newsletter online at the **Surfwriters website**: [www.palosverdes.com/surfwriters/newsletters.htm](http://www.palosverdes.com/surfwriters/newsletters.htm)

**Events, Past and Future****May Guest Speakers, Darlene Gunther and Kim Kabar**

-Darlene Gunther, editor of the Living Well/The Second Half monthly supplement in the *Los Angeles Times* and the deputy editor of Special Advertising Sections at the *Los Angeles Times*

-Kim Kabar, writer for Living Well (Kim has written cover stories on plus-50 mentors, friends, gift-givers, Olympians and married couples)

Guest speakers Darlene Gunther and Kim Kabar joined us on May 25<sup>th</sup> for an informative presentation. First, Darlene talked about the Living Well supplement, after which, Darlene and Kim discussed how an editor and a writer can build a strong working relationship. A question and answer period followed. Look for a special edition of the newsletter with Darlene Gunther's write-up on this valuable talk. Thank you, Darlene and Kim!

**July in Idyllwild for Writers and Other Artists**

"The Idyllwild Summer Program— after 50 years, this annual tradition continues to offer rare opportunities for creative self-discovery in the arts. Every summer, more than 1,300 children, teens, and adults attend Idyllwild's workshops under the pines, pursuing interests in creative writing, dance, music, theatre, and visual arts—and taught by some of America's finest artists. Weeklong festivals and special programs, including the famed Native American Arts program, bring an added dimension and depth to specific artistic pursuits. The resulting experience is unforgettable, stimulating, and fun."

<http://www.idyllwildarts.org/summer/summer.html>

E-mail: [summer@idyllwildarts.org](mailto:summer@idyllwildarts.org)  
or call (951) 659-2171 ext 236

REDONDO BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY

*"We the People" Bookshelf* Welcome Celebration July 3<sup>rd</sup> and July 5<sup>th</sup>

In spring of 2007, the Redondo Beach Public Library received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Each library location (Main Library and North Branch) was gifted a "We the People" Bookshelf set of fifteen classic books --prose and poetry-- related to the theme of "The Pursuit of Happiness." To help promote the use of these free books in the library, the library will host a Welcome Celebration at both the Main Library, 303 N. Pacific Coast Highway (July 3) and at the North Branch, 2000 Artesia Blvd. (July 5). The Welcome Celebration will include readings from books on the "We the People Bookshelf," small group discussions, a storybook costume contest, and light refreshments.

The agenda for each evening is as follows:

5:00-6:00 p.m.	Book Readings by Local Authors
6:00-6:45 p.m.	Small Group Discussions
6:45-7:00 p.m.	Costume Parade and Winners Announced

(310) 318-0676

[www.redondo.org/library](http://www.redondo.org/library)

BEYOND BAROQUE

Sunday, July 1st - 5:00 p.m.

OPEN READING with Timothy Green, Eric Steineger, and Jack Cooper

Thursday, July 12th - 7:30 p.m.

BEYOND ACADEMIA: LECTURES ON LIVING LANGUAGE FEATURING *BRENDAN CONSTANTINE*

BEYOND BAROQUE kicks off its Beyond Academia Poetry Lecture Series based on the idea that learning about poetry is for everyone and not just for college students. The series starts with a lecture by L.A.-based poet and teacher Brendan Constantine. His lecture will cover the history and use of a certain word --one you still can't use on the radio-- and its connection to and ownership by poetry.

Beyond Academia is curated by Carlye Archibeque and Richard Modiano.

YEAR-ROUND FREE WORKSHOPS & OPEN READINGS

Since 1969, Beyond Baroque has provided a free workshop and open-reading program as a gathering place for writers to develop their voice, find support, build communities, and experiment. Bring copies of your work.

FIRST SUNDAY FREE OPEN READINGS Except August, September, and January

5:00 p.m.; sign-up 4:45 p.m. Also, See POETS BEYOND THE HALF SHELL.

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(310) 822-3006

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