

# Surfwriters Newsletter

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## ~~~ Announcements ~~~

### *SURFWRITERS CELEBRATES 50 YEARS!*

#### *First Meeting of 2009!*

~~ Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> ~~  
10:00am-Noon

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

#### *Meeting Topics:*

- o We'll talk about next month's program. On February 27<sup>th</sup>, Sigrid Novak and husband, Richey will present "Trading Spaces: Ziggy & Richey's Adventures of a Year Abroad in Europe."
- o With President Maria Ruiz, we'll explore the feasibility of a slight variation in future meeting times; we'll discuss the idea of choosing a poet laureate; then everyone can update us on their recent activities.

## ~~ Looking Ahead ~~

Save the Date!  
Surfwriters & La Mer Consort  
Present

Poetry and Music in the Gallery --Saturday, April 25, 2009

...and that's not all...

It's a weekend bonanza of literary activities!

Ziggy Novak reminds us that the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Los Angeles Times Festival of Books will take place the same weekend, April 25-26, 2009. Read details on the following page.

## ◊Δ◊ -- Community Events -- ◊Δ◊

### ~~ 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)

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### ~~ Writing Workshops ~~

*(Free of Charge)*

**Writing Workshop**  
Frequency: Meets Bi-weekly  
**Fridays 1:45-4:00 p.m.**  
Next meeting: January 30  
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

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*~~ Coffee Cartel ~~***Guests and Open Mic Readings**

No charge. Tuesdays 8:10 p.m. (Sign up for open mic at 7:45 p.m.)  
Hosts Jim Doane, Larry Colker,  
Stephany Prodromides & Cynthia Underwood

Featured Readers in January 2009

January 6	Frankie Drayus
January 13	Carine Topal
January 20	James Ysidro
January 27	Chelsea Kurnick

1820 So. Catalina Ave., Riviera Village  
Redondo Beach 90277

For info, call (310) 548-5344 or visit [www.redondopoets.com](http://www.redondopoets.com).

*~~ Members in the News ~~*

**Marcia Reed** says, "I'm just back (still unpacking) from a week press cruise down the Mexican Riviera...yum! Now a TON of mail and e-mails! HAPPY NEW YEAR!"

**Deborah Paul** has been busy! The February issue of Orange Coast Magazine (due out mid-January) will carry a poly-bagged Inaugural Charitable Events Registry insert that includes numerous articles by Deb on various Orange County philanthropic agencies. Also included are pages on gala fashions, plus information about the area's most prominent organizations and events. Deborah says that this is one of the most energetic projects she's worked on during her nearly five years with the magazine.

Look for **Virginia Twohy's** profile of writer, producer, director (and son!) David Twohy in the February issues of the Easy Reader and Peninsula People. All that writing talent in one family!

*~~ Members in the News ~~*

"Queenie D talks with **Mel Harter** about his novel, *Some Kind of Angel*." At the link below, select "Exclusive Author Interviews 3"; scroll down, and click on Mel's interview.

<http://www.book-club-queen.com/>

**Our Own Poet Laureate?**

Deborah Paul writes that working with Meredith Laskow, Poet Laureate of Placentia Library, has sparked an idea. "We (Surfwriters and Southwest Manuscripters) could confer with our PV libraries to come up with our own Poet Laureate. Why not? We have many serious poets who write amazing stuff. We could run a contest for the position, or perhaps honor one of our 'older' poets."

*It's a good idea, and one that could be expanded to include recognition of South Bay poets who sponsor the weekly readings at Coffee Cartel, as well as those who read there, at the Redondo Beach Library, and at Hermosa Beach functions, to name a few. - Ed.*

*--Other Announcements--**~~ Peninsula Friends of the Library Books for Troops ~~*

A \$15 donation will provide 40 books for our troops around the world. To donate, contact Malaga Cove Library, 2400 Via Campesina, Palos Verdes Estates 90274, (310) 377-9584 x553.

*~~ Los Angeles Times Festival of Books at UCLA ~~*

Get ready for the Los Angeles Times Book Prizes (April 24) and the Los Angeles Times Festival of Books (April 25-26)!

<http://www.latimes.com/extras/festivalofbooks/>

UCLA Main Campus, Westwood

Admission is free. Parking is \$8. Tickets are required for indoor panel and speaker sessions. Click link for information.

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*Wishing best of good health to all our members in 2009!*

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