

Surfwriters Newsletter

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Fall 2009

~~~ Announcements ~~~

SURFWRITERS Friday, October 23rd, 2009

10:00 a.m. - Business Meeting

11:00 a.m. - Guest Speaker: Craig B. Smith, Ph.D.

*Join us for what promises to be an entertaining talk
by the highly accomplished Craig B. Smith.*

*-- Author, Educator, World-Class Engineer, Sailor, Philanthropist --
-- CFO of Dockside Consultants, Inc. --*

"The Agony and Ecstasy of Writing."

(Talk plus Q & A)

Friday, October 23, 2009

11:00 a.m. - Noon

Free and Open to the Public

PALOS VERDES ART CENTER

5504 W. Crestridge Road

Rancho Palos Verdes 90275

(310) 541-2479

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~~ Coffee Cartel ~~

Guests and Open Mic Readings

No charge. Tuesdays 8:10 p.m. (Sign up for open mic at 7:50 p.m.)
Hosts Jim Doane, Larry Colker & Stephany Prodromides

Featured Readers in October - November 2009

October 6	John Amen
October 13	Kevin Patrick Sullivan
October 20	Steve Abee
October 27	Cecilia Woloch
November 3	All Open Mic
November 10	Charles Harper Webb
November 17	Tobi Cogswell

1820 So. Catalina Ave., Riviera Village
Redondo Beach 90277
(310) 316-3544

For info, call (310) 548-5344
or visit www.redondopoets.com.

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~~ Summer Studios Free Art Event! ~~

4th Friday - Art, Music, and Poetry
Don't Miss the Last ART JAM of 2009!

Friday - October 23rd - 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.

Come Celebrate the Arts!

Summer Studios Arts Academy supports the local arts community every month with "ART JAM! Night." Artists sign up to bring an art piece for display, writers and poets a page to read, and musicians a song to play for an exciting evening of cultural enrichment, refreshments, and relaxed socializing. Don't miss this evening of art, music, and poetry! Come join the fun and mingle with the art crowd!

Free and Open to the Public
October's Theme: "Turning Colors"

SUMMER STUDIOS ARTS ACADEMY
2161 Lomita Blvd., Lomita, CA 90717
(1 block east of Narbonne Ave.)

All talent must call and speak with David Parsons prior to Art Jam (no later than Tuesday, October 20) regarding sign-up and specific requirements.

Contact David Parsons, Exec. Director
Phone: (310) 325-8801
www.SummerStudios.net

NEW: Become a member of our MEET-UP group!
www.meetup.com/SummerStudiosArtsAcademy/

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 Palos Verdes Village Players
 ~~ Readers Theater Group ~~

presents

 Eugene O'Neill's *Anna Christie*

Directed by Maria A. Ruiz

Narrator - Earl Mealins

Cast - In Order Of Appearance

Earl S. Mealins	Johnny the Priest
Darryl Potik	Larry
Don Johnson	Chris
Jean Stephenson	Marthy
Yolanda Laverde	Anna Christie
Sherwood Jones	Mat Burke

Joslyn Center

1601 Valley Drive

Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

3:00 PM Sunday, November 15, 2009

~~ Free and Open to the Public ~~

Enjoy complimentary light refreshments
after the performance.

For information, call (310) 540-5635

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 Palos Verdes Art Center
 ~~ Holiday Art Mart ~~

Art for Fun(d)s Sake returns this November to present the Palos Verdes Art Center's second annual Holiday Art Mart—with truly special and unique gifts for everyone on your shopping list.

Talented Art Center artists will be offering one-of-a-kind ceramics, paintings, prints, jewelry, notecards, scarves, ornaments and more.

It starts with a pre-sale beginning at 1 p.m. Friday, November 20 and continues through the holiday exhibition opening from 5-8 p.m. that evening: free reception, delicious snacks and beverages, plus your first opportunity to see the new *Surf and Turf and PVAC Artists Holiday Art Exhibition*.

The Holiday Art Mart continues 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, November 21 and 22.

<http://www.pvartcenter.org/>

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~~ 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: November 6

Palos Verdes Estates/Rolling Hills 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.

Genre: Poetry/Short Prose

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~~ More Literary Riches ~~

La Jolla Writers Conference**Marcia Reed** reminds us of the La Jolla Writers Conference, which takes place November 6-8, 2009, at the Paradise Point Resort & Spa.<http://www.lajollawritersconference.com/ljwc><http://www.lajollawritersconference.com/ljwc/location-and-dates>

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Thanks to **Mel Harter** for forwarding the **Santa Barbara Writers Conference (SBWC)** newsletter. Below, you'll find information from the **SBWC website**.**Workshops for 2009/Conferences for 2010**

"We are busy planning the conferences for March and June 2010 and in the meantime will hold a series of one-day workshops in poetry, plus workshops in fiction, memoir and marketing, this summer and fall."

SBWC's First Annual National Writing Contest

"We are pleased to announce our First Annual SBWC Writing Contest in Fiction, Nonfiction and Poetry! Winners in each category will receive tuition scholarships to the June 2010 conference, and a grand prize winner will receive a scholarship and have an opportunity to have lunch with a top agent during the conference."

Santa Barbara Writers Conference
P.O. Box 6627 * Santa Barbara, CA 93160
info@sbwriters.com * (805) 964-0367
www.sbwriters.com**Surfwriters in the News**

September 25th, Surfwriters kicked off the first meeting of the 2009-2010 season with an update on members' activities over the summer, followed by an announcement of officers and a lively discussion that centered on "What Surfwriters Can Do for the Art Center."

Surfwriters Officers, 2009-2010

President	Maria Ruiz
Vice President/Programs	Kendall Cornwell & Bertie Wood
Secretary of Moments	Ziggy Novak
Treasurer	Marilyn Litvak
Past President/Director	Marcia Reed
Newsletter Editor	KC Johnson
Art Center Liaison & Hostess	Marilyn Litvak
Publicity	Virginia Twohy
Historian	Deborah Paul
Keep In Touch	Gloria Fuld
Photographer	Ildy Lee
Membership	Maria Ruiz

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Richard Leach writes:"I would like to announce the release of my new book, *Vibrato*. It is mostly music related stories, poems and tales that I would like to share through all of my years of performing music. Some of the poems have been published in music trade journals.

I am planning some book signing events. One already confirmed will be at Williams Book Store in San Pedro, Thursday, November 5, 7:00 PM.

Vibrato is available presently at:

* Williams' Book Store	* Alva's Music
* 443 W 6th St.	* 1417 W 8th St.
* San Pedro, CA 90731	* San Pedro, CA 90732
* (310) 832-3631	* (310) 833-3281

I will also be reading Saturday, Oct 17 for the Power of Words event in Redondo Beach, which starts at 4:00 PM."

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Wanda VanHoy Smith and **Richard Leach** were among nine poets featured in "Power of Words: Poetry with Pizzazz" on Saturday, October 17 at the POWER OF ART (POA), an annual three-day cultural celebration sponsored by the Redondo Beach Art Group (RBAG) with the help of many other community groups. RBAG holds the event to "showcase the works of RBAG artists, bring innovative art to the South Bay, educate, teach the art experience, and instill the importance of the arts in every person's life. The POA embraces all the arts: visual, music, dance, film, architecture, writing, and poetry." Look for this exciting event again next year!

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~~ Travels ~~

Ziggy and Richey Novak in Germany

"Dear Friends and Relatives,

Ziggy and I are leaving tomorrow morning (Oct. 6th) for seven weeks in Europe (mainly Germany, Turkey, and perhaps a Mediterranean cruise) and won't be back until November 25th. We will not be taking our computer but will go from time to time to Internet shops to check our mail and see if we have anything from you. So you may not be hearing from us for a while, but we will send a full report on our return. Till then, best wishes and warm regards from the two of us. ~ Richey"

Maria A. Ruiz and the Panama Canal

In October, frequent traveler Maria Ruiz cruised through the Panama Canal and to the San Blas Islands just off the Caribbean coast of Panama. She said this was one of her most enjoyable trips, ever That's quite a statement, coming from a world traveler such as Maria.

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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.

~~ Anthology Project Update~~

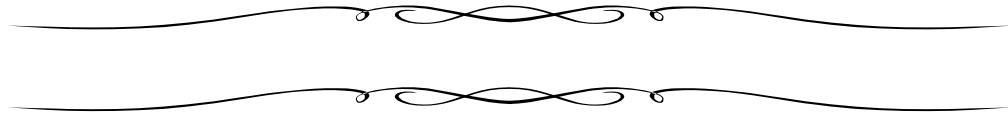
During the summer, we revisited the topic of self-publishing, attending a seminar to learn the latest developments and confirm or revise previous decisions. Had pricing changed? What new options were available? Printer or POD publisher: which is best for us? Since we had chosen our cover design already, should we proceed without engaging a large publishing house? What are the advantages in working with a small firm? Armed with information from experienced writers/publishers, we are researching and comparing options. As the research proceeds, we continue to work on elements of the anthology.

~~ Bulletin~~

John Bogert of The Daily Breeze will speak November 20th at Ildy Lee's home, 2928 Paseo del Mar, PVE 90274. RSVP to (310) 375-3455.

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

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Please send newsletter announcements to Editor-Publisher, KC Johnson: kcjohnson@starnetdial.net.

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

Welcome to Surfwriters

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