

# Green River Writers

## Special points of interest:

- Winter Retreat January
- Novels In Progress Workshop Set for 2007

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## From the President's Desk

Winter greetings to all – Holidays gone, and a good time to settle in with writing and other writerly activities. Submitting opportunities abound, as usual, for poets and fiction writers (see our Markets section for ideas) but in addition, some lovely nonfiction venues have recently raised their heads. Here are three that give us several choices:

*Underwired*, a free, tabloid-sized journal specializing in personal essays on a range of subjects of interest to women, comes out monthly and can be picked up at a variety of locations including Kroger's, Heine Brothers, etc. Submissions of writing and photography must be received by the 4<sup>th</sup> of each month, and letters to the editor are welcome. Each edition is dedicated to a certain topic. More information is available online at [editor@uwmag.com](mailto:editor@uwmag.com) or at [underwiredmagazine.com](http://underwiredmagazine.com).

*New Southerner*, a quarterly e-zine edited by

our own Bobbi Buchanan, has articles on a range of issues aimed at helping readers live more self-sufficient, ecologically friendly lives in our own local economies. Reach them at [bobbibuchanan@newsoutherner.com](mailto:bobbibuchanan@newsoutherner.com). Swallowtail Press has recently released the *New Southerner* anniversary anthology of articles, art and literature from *Newsoutherner's* year. Its table of contents will give you a good idea of what they like to receive; in it you will find articles on mountaintop mining, gardening tips for beginners, steps for living more self-sufficiently, how to break free from oil dependency; there are also poetry, essays, interviews, and writings on art, music and so on. You can receive a sample copy of this anthology through the secure PayPal link at [newsoutherner.com](http://newsoutherner.com) or by sending check or money order to Swallowtail Press for \$13. Or, you may want to wait and pick up your copy at your favorite independent bookstore.

NewSouth Books (a different entity than

*NewSoutherner*) is a brand new growing general trade publisher based in Montgomery, Alabama with offices also in Louisville. NewSouth publishes 20-25 titles each year ranging from literary fiction (adult and YA) to non-fiction (history, biography, memoir, and more). The company specializes in books that seek to examine how history and place shape our individual and collective identities, for the most part in the south; NewSouth's new location is 501 Briar Hill Road, Louisville, KY 40206, phone 334-538-1951. Or you may email [Suzanne@newsouthbooks.com](mailto:Suzanne@newsouthbooks.com).

A quick catch-up for those who couldn't attend our November Retreat – a warm and productive time was had by all, and a few of us also got a head start on gathering pieces for chapbooks. I have a feeling you're going to see some new titles in the near future.

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## NOVELS IN PROGRESS WORKSHOP SET FOR MARCH 11—18 AT SPALDING



*"Writing has laws of perspective, of light and shade, just as painting does, or music. If you are born knowing them, fine. If not, learn them. Then rearrange the rules to suit yourself."*

—Truman Capote, *INTERVIEW, WRITERS AT WORK: FIRST SERIES (1958)*

The 2007 edition of Novels in Progress Workshop will meet March 11-18 on the campus of Spalding University in Louisville. This year's conference promises to offer more opportunities than ever for participants to learn how to complete, improve and market their novels in progress.

Participants can choose from three enrollment options based on their instructional needs:

### Workshop Essentials

Enjoy a range of activities all week long:

- Daily Breakout Sessions on essential writing skills, strategies for completing

a novel, and tips for getting published

- Agent and Editor Panel Discussion
- Closing reception with agents and editors

### Personal Instruction

Zero in on your own novel in progress:

- All Workshop Essentials activities, plus...
- Personal instruction with faculty mentor
- Faculty-moderated peer critique sessions
- One-on-ones with editors and agents

### One-day Workshop Blocks

Can't attend the entire week? Try this option:

- Morning and afternoon breakout sessions on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

A limited number of openings are available for each enrollment option!

**Register today!**

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## MEMBER NEWS

### NEW MEMBERS

**Mark Hornback, Carol Glover, Robert Bennett, Judy Digregario, Don Ray Smith, Janet Haffley, Mick Kennedy** of *The Heartland Review*, **Patricia Estes, Rose Baldwin, and Iren & Ford Nashett.**

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## From the President's Desk (continued)

Our next Retreat and Workshop opportunities are our Winter Retreat (Bardstown, Kentucky January 11-14) and the Novels In Progress Workshop (Spalding University in downtown Louisville March 11-18). Information and registration forms may be found elsewhere in this Newsletter. And for those of us who

need far-off dates to plan ahead, our Summer '07 Retreat dates are July 19-22.

Good writing! We'd love to see you somewhere, sometime soon.

Your prez,

Mary "Ernie" O'Dell

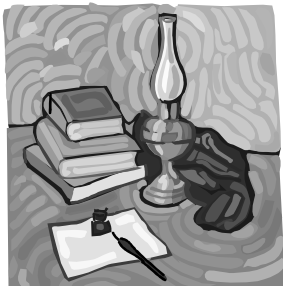
### ADDRESS & PHONE UPDATES

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## NOVELS IN PROGRESS WORKSHOP APPLICATION

### ENROLLMENT OPTIONS:

#### Full Conference

- Personal Instruction (\$449: \$399 until Feb. 16)
- Workshop Essentials (\$299: \$249 until Feb 16)

#### One-Day Workshop Blocks

- Mon. Morning & Afternoon Breakouts (\$99)
- Tue. Morning & Afternoon Breakouts (\$99)
- Wed. Morning & Afternoon Breakouts (\$99)
- Thu. Morning & Afternoon Breakouts (\$99)
- Fri. Morning & Afternoon Breakouts (\$99)

- **Personal Instruction & Workshop Essentials** applications postmarked by Feb. 16 receive \$50 early bird discount.
- **Personal Instruction & Workshop Essentials** applicants send \$150 deposit, check or money order payable to *Green River Writers, Inc.* (Refunded if enrollment full)
- **Personal Instruction** applicants **submit** 60 manuscript pages and 3-page synopsis/outline via e-mail immediately after registration confirmation.
- **One-Day Workshop Block** applicants include full payment for day(s) selected.
- **Cancellations** incur \$50 cancellation fee.
- **All fee balances** due at conference check –in, which begins at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 11.

### INSTRUCTOR PREFERENCE

Personal Instruction registrants indicate mentor preferences by numbering them 1, 2 and 3.

\_\_\_\_\_ Elizabeth Bevarly

\_\_\_\_\_ Bill Cobb

\_\_\_\_\_ Jeanne M. Dams

\_\_\_\_\_ Kit Ehrman

\_\_\_\_\_ Elaine Fowler Palencia

### ACCOMMODATIONS

Will you need a dorm room?

YES  NO

Dorm fee \$19 per night, due at check out.

Participants must bring

their own bed linens, pillow and towels.

**Send completed form to:** Novels in Progress Workshop, c/o Jeff Yocom, 2011 Lauderdale Road, Louisville, KY 40206

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**For information, contact:** nipw@greenriverwriters.org or call Jeff Yocom at (502) 417-5514

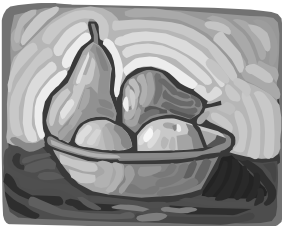
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## Personal & Professional Notes



*"When power leads man toward arrogance, poetry reminds him of his limitations. When power narrows the areas of man's concern, poetry reminds him of the richness and diversity of his existence. When power corrupts, poetry cleanses."*

— John F. Kennedy



**Marj Bixler** was recently published in the Chaffin Journal.

**Sheri Wright** was one of the featured poets in the Flood Crest Press poetry slam at Destinations Booksellers on September 14, 2006.

**Gail Chandler's** photography was featured in an autumn edition of *Kentucky Living*. Gail also appeared on WFPL State of Affairs in a program featuring Operation Brightside. This fall she was back on the road – this time to China.

**Elaine Palencia's** poetry was published during 2006 in *Big Muddy*, *Spoon River Poetry Review* and *Now and Then*. She has a poem coming out in *Hurricane Blues*, an anthology that is raising money for Katrina victims. Her book reviews are forthcoming in *Bluegrass Now* and *Appalachian Journal*.

An interview with **Mary O'Dell** (with photo) was published in *Underwired*, a new Louisville journal of personal essays. More about *Underwired* elsewhere in this Newsletter.

**Christine Strevinsky's**

out-of-print novel *Dark Hour of Noon* can be ordered from [abebooks.com](http://abebooks.com).

Here's the best kept secret around these parts: **Betty Stuedle** was once published in *The Reader's Digest*!

A big congratulations to all GRW members who scored at the October Kentucky State Poetry Society Awards weekend – 31 awards in all, taken by **Becky Alexander, Gail Chandler, Georgia Wallace, Mary O'Dell, Marietta Ball, Linda Frisa, Mary Stewart, Elaine Palencia, Armando Feler** and **Anna Lucas**.

The evening of November 10 was filled with poets, performers and singers at the Kling Center on South Ormsby. This was a benefit for the Women in Transition organization, whose goal is to help women make better lives for themselves and their children by finding their way out of poverty and substance abuse. The turnout was great. Everyone had a wonderful time, and two brave women made their poetic debuts, neither one throwing up. Our own **Sheri Wright** was one of the readers.

Thanks to *Wild Oats* for their donation of coffee, cookies and brownies.

**Bobbi Buchanan**, editor of *newsoutherner* magazine, appeared in September in the InKY reading series along with several contributors, including **Katy Yocom**.

**Becky Alexander's** poetry won several first-place awards recently in such places as Alabama Poetry Society Contest the League of Minnesota Poets, and the Missouri State Poetry Society Contest. She has also been published in a B.C. publication, *Ascent Aspirations*. In September at the Preston Lawn Bowl Club in Cambridge, Ontario, Becky's new book *Sunshine Days* was launched. She and husband Dave (artist and photographer) are already at work on another. "To keep us out of trouble," says Becky.

**Congratulations** and best wishes to **Mark Brown & Harriett Leach** on receiving their MFA in Creative Writing with a major in poetry from Spalding University.

**THANKS!**

**THANKS** to . . . poetry meeting hosts September-December '06 **Georgia Wallace, Jean Tucker, Sheri Wright** and **Christine Strevinsky**.

Thanks to **Sheri Wright**, who continues to host our Third Saturday Afternoon meeting.

Thanks also to

**Deanna Hopper, Victoria Rose, Virginia Anderson** and **Mary O'Dell** for volunteering to answer phones at the Public Radio Partnership Fall Fund Drive. This is not only an opportunity to serve our community but a chance for the name of Green River Writers to appear before the public.

Thanks many times over to **Carlton Hill** and **Earl Stigger** for their generous donations to GRW INC.

Ongoing thanks and support to **Terri Alekzander** for her outstanding job chairing the annual contest, maintaining the GRW website, and the duties of Treasurer.



**Markets & Opportunities**

**Crime Writers Wanted!** Go online at courttv.com to enter this contest, or email Gail Chandler, [curtisandgail@insightbb.com](mailto:curtisandgail@insightbb.com) for details.

**National Federation of Poetry Societies, Inc. (NFSPS) 48th Annual Contests.** NFSPS, Inc. offers fifty national contests each year and conducts an annual convention hosted by one of its affiliated states.

For contest information, E-mail: [theda\\_bassett2002@yahoo.com](mailto:theda_bassett2002@yahoo.com) or send a #10, 9 -1/2 X 4-1/4 SASE to Theda Bassett, NFSPS Contest Chairman, 30 W. Lester Avenue, #D-27, Salt Lake City, UT 84107.

**2007 Joy Bale Boone Poetry Prize** and publication in *The Heartland Review* Summer 2007 issue. Deadline: January 10,

2007. For guidelines: [www.elizabethtown.kctcs.edu/pubs/heartland/index.html](http://www.elizabethtown.kctcs.edu/pubs/heartland/index.html)

**Need critiquing? Need a mentor?** Submit work online to **Mary Odell @insightbb.com** or mail to 103 Logsdon Ct., Louisville, KY 40243. \$1 per page of poetry or prose. In-person, individual mentoring sessions \$10 per hour. Weekly group sessions will start again on March 22 or thereabouts. If interested, email the above address or call (502) 245-4902.

Winter Retreat Registration January 11—14, 2007

**Mail to:** WINTER RETREAT, Green River Writers, Inc., 107 Logsdon Court, Louisville, KY 40243

_____ Single room, Thu. Jan 11	\$50	_____ Shared room, Thu. Jan 11	\$40	* Room fee includes meals and linens
_____ Single room, Fri. Jan 12	\$60	_____ Shared room, Fri. Jan 12	\$50	
_____ Single room, Sat. Jan 13	<u>\$60</u>	_____ Shared room, Sat., Jan 13	<u>\$50</u>	
Total Single _____		Total Shared _____		

\_\_\_\_\_ Non-refundable deposit \$50    \_\_\_\_\_ Registration \$10    TOTAL FEES/DEPOSITS ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Call (502) 245-4902 to confirm room availability

**RESERVATIONS & DEPOSIT MUST BE RECEIVED BY December 30, 2006**

# Writers Helping Writers

Over the past twenty years, Green River Writers, Inc. a non-profit organization, has steadily encouraged the fellowship of writers of all genres, and developed a variety of programs designed to accommodate the novice and the experienced. Green River Writers' primary goal is to provide an atmosphere of encouragement and support where writers can freely share ideas and opinions. Our policy is to critique without expressing personal value judgment of content, thus enabling members to express themselves on any subject.

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## Calendar

### *Poetry*

#### **January 6**

Barbara Greer  
1324 S. First St 40208  
637-2892

#### **February 3**

Sandy Daugherty  
4523 Blenheim Rd 40207  
893-8027

#### **March 3**

Julie Segal  
4321 Brookhaven Ave 40220  
4545-3579

#### **April 7**

Harriet Leach, Rae Cobbs  
1405 Debarr 40204  
584-0974

Poetry meetings begin at 6:30 p.m.

### *Prose*

#### **January 7 (to avoid Jan 14 Retreat)**

Ernie O'Dell  
103 Logsdon Ct 40243  
245-4902/552-9578

#### **February 11**

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103 Logsdon Ct 40243  
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#### **March 11**

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#### **April 8**

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Prose meetings begin at 2:30 p.m.