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Dear VWC Members,

It's that time of year to prepare to honor VWC members who have provided a service to the art of writing that is above the level expected of other professional writers. These awards will be presented at our VWC Annual Meeting on November 7. **Your nominations, including a letter of support with achievements and/or contributions supporting the award category, are needed BY OCTOBER 19.** We need to be able to contact the awardees so they can plan to attend our Annual Meeting and receive their award. If you have any questions, please contact Ed DeLong, Awards Chairperson (757) 481-0121.

MAIL OR E-MAIL NOMINATIONS TO:

Ed DeLong, Awards Chairperson
1500 Hidden Cove • Virginia Beach, VA 23454
eddelong@aol.com

NOMINATIONS NEEDED FOR:

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIPS:

1. **Honorary Membership** - Person distinguished for their contributions to the art of writing in Virginia.
2. **Emeritus Membership** - Former active VWC member to be excused from dues and other obligations.

AWARDS FOR INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS

1. **Lifetime Achievement** - Awarded to members whose writings and/or services to the Club have been distinguished over a long period of time.
2. **Superior Service** - Awarded to individuals or groups who have served the Club at a superior level over several years.
3. **Outstanding Chapter** - The VWC Chapter that has achieved the most outstanding record of service to members, the Club, and writing, in the year 2009.
4. **Special Achievement** - Awarded to any member or group that has performed a special service or other contribution to the Club.
5. **Membership Development** - Awarded to the member who has recruited the most new members into the Club during 2009. (Recruiter's name must be noted on the new member's application in space provided.)

Virginia Writers Club

ANNUAL MEETING

AWARDS & ELECTIONS

Saturday, November 7, 2009

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Omni Hotel • Charlottesville, VA



GUEST SPEAKER – JOHN AMEN
Editor, *The Pedestal Magazine*

\$35 per person

RSVP before OCTOBER 30

DETAILS & FORM ON PAGES 3 & 4

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER

November 9, 2009

Send Member Achievements to John Romjue
johnromjue@cox.net. Chapter Leaders send
Chapter News to VWCMail@aol.com

Slate of Nominees for the 2009 VWC ANNUAL MEETING ELECTIONS

Report of the 2009 VWC Nominating Committee

The 2009 VWC Nominating Committee wishes to place in nomination the below-named individuals for the terms described. All nominees have indicated their willingness to serve.

1. Officers for the Calendar Year 2010

President	James Gaines
First Vice President	June Forte
Second Vice President	H. Gregory Mitchell, Sr.
Recording Secretary	Linda Goodman
Corresponding Secretary	Betsy Ashton
Treasurer	Gerry Lewis

2. Past President for Calendar Year 2010

John Henry

3. Board of Governors Members at Large for 2010-2012

Larry Buttram
Edgar E. DeLong
Joanne Liggan

(2009 VWC Nominating Committee: James W. Morrison-Chairman, J. Dennis Bounds, Larry Buttram, Mary Montague Sikes and Richard Raymond III)

Scholarship Committee

VWC Scholarship guidance, judging criteria and application forms are drafted and in the review process. A big thanks to Ed DeLong of the Hampton Roads Chapter for sharing his wealth of scholarship material. After the review, the scholarship package will be offered electronically for the Board of Governors approval.

Program Committee

Host Chapters for the 2010 quarterly Board of Governors meetings are:

February, 2010 - Riverside writers
May, 2010 - Hanover Writers
September, 2010 - Chesapeake Bay Writers

The 2010 annual meeting in November is under discussion and I hope to announce the host chapter in the next newsletter.

BOG meetings are held on the first Saturday of the month, unless otherwise stated. Because the first Saturday in September is a holiday weekend, the Chesapeake Bay Writers are considering holding the September 2010 BOG meeting on the second Saturday.

*June Forte, Chairperson
Scholarship & Program Committees
home1270@msn.com*

VWC GOLDEN NIB ANTHOLOGY 2008

The Golden Nib Anthology 2008 is now available for download from the Web site. Visit the "Member News" page at <http://www.virginiawritersclub.org/vawriter.html>, or the "Events" page at <http://www.virginiawritersclub.org/events.html>, and look for the link under the heading, "Golden Nib Writing Contest 2009."

*NB: This is a PDF file, requiring Adobe Reader (or other compatible software) to open it.
(Adobe Reader is available as a free download at <http://get.adobe.com/reader>,
or simply click on the "Get Adobe Reader" button on most pages of the VWC site.)*



JOHN AMEN

Editor, *The Pedestal Magazine*
Author, *At the Threshold of Alchemy*
(Presa 2009), *More of Me*
Disappears (Cross-Cultural
Communications 2005),
Christening the Dancer
(Uccelli Press 2003)
www.johnamen.com
www.thepedestalmagazine.com



Virginia Writers Club

ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, November 7, 2009

Omni Hotel • Charlottesville, VA

- 10:00 - 11:00 Meet & Greet, Music, Silent Auction,
Raffle and Book Sales (*see back for details*)
- 11:00 - 11:45 AWARDS & ELECTIONS
- 12:00 - 1:00 Luncheon
- 12:45 - 1:15 GUEST SPEAKER - JOHN AMEN
- 1:15 - 2:00 Auction & Raffle Winners Announced
Book Signing with John Amen
- 2:30 (Optional Program) Author Event at Writers' House
508 Dale Avenue, Charlottesville, VA - Featuring: Linda Fritz,
Editor *The Delmarva Review* & Kate Blackwell, Author of *you won't*
remember this (SMU Press, 2007). They will compare and contrast
their experiences in literary publishing, share their insights, and
answer questions about getting published in literary magazines.

**RSVP before
OCTOBER 30**

*Hosted by the Blue Ridge Writers Chapter
of the Virginia Writers Club, Inc.*

(KEEP THIS PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS)			
Date Mailed _____	# Attending _____	Amount (\$35 ea.)\$ _____	Check # _____
Lunch Selections: <input type="checkbox"/> Pasta w/Veg. <input type="checkbox"/> Pasta w/Shrimp <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken			

2009 VWC ANNUAL MEETING - RESERVATION FORM - DEADLINE OCT 30, 2009 PLEASE PRINT!

Name _____ Guest Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____

LUNCHEON CHOICES (Check one)

- Member Guest
- PENNE PASTA with Lemon Pepper Sauce
and Primavera Vegetables (vegetarian)
- PESTO PASTA WITH SHRIMP
- SEARED CHICKEN BREAST with
Roasted Garlic Cream Sauce

COST: \$35 per person (Lifetime Members - no fee)

Make check payable to: BLUE RIDGE VWC

Mail Form & Check BEFORE OCTOBER 30 to:

Linda M. Layne, VWC Exec. Dir.
448 Middle Farms Trace (for FedEx or UPS)
P. O. Box 115 (for USPS)
Bremo Bluff, VA 23022

*Luncheon includes salad, chef's choice of vegetables,
rolls with butter, cheesecake, and tea or coffee.*

See back for additional details!

Omni Charlottesville Hotel

235 West Main Street, Charlottesville, Virginia 22902
Phone: (434) 971-5500, Fax: (434) 817-6493
www.omnihotels.com

Nestled in the shadows of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Charlottesville is a blend of cultural, natural and artistic history. The Omni Charlottesville Hotel puts you close to everything. No trip to Charlottesville is complete without a visit to five historic sites that have played a unique role in American history: Monticello, the University of Virginia, Ash Lawn-Highland, Historic Court Square and Michie Tavern.

OMNI PARKING DECK IS FREE FOR VWC MEETING ATTENDEES

FROM I-64 (EAST OR WEST) – Exit 120; Follow 5th Street North 2 miles to Historic Downtown; Hotel is located on the right.

FROM CHARLOTTESVILLE AIRPORT – 15 MILES – Make a right off of Airport Road. Follow route 29 South for 8 miles to Route 250 Bypass East. Take 250 Bypass East to third stoplight. Turn right on McIntire Road. Go 7/10 mile to the second stoplight. Go through the stoplight and the hotel will be on the left.

FROM RICHMOND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – 80 MILES – Take 295 West to I-64 West. Stay on 64 West to exit 120 Charlottesville/5th Street. Turn right from the exit ramp. Go approximately three miles or through five stop lights. Hotel is on right.

FROM REAGAN/NATIONAL AIRPORT – 115 MILES – Take Route 66

West for 22 miles until you get to the 29 South exit. Follow 29 South until you reach the 250 Bypass East, go to third stoplight. Turn right onto McIntire Road. Go 7/10 mile to the second stoplight. Go through stoplight and the hotel is on the left.

FROM WASHINGTON DULLES AIRPORT – 105 MILES – From the airport take 28 South to 29 South for 90 miles to route 250 Bypass East. From Route 250 East go to third stoplight. Turn right onto McIntire Road. Go 7/10 mile to the second stoplight. Go through stoplight and the hotel is on the left.

FROM THE NORTH –VIA ROUTE 29 SOUTH – Take Route 29 South into Charlottesville to Route 250 Bypass East. Take 250 Bypass East to third stoplight, turn right onto McIntire Road. Go 7/10 mile to the second stop light. Go through the stoplight and the hotel is on the left.

FROM THE SOUTH – VIA ROUTE 29 NORTH – Take Route 29 North to Route 250 Bypass East (29 North will turn into 250 Bypass East). Take 250 Bypass East to third stoplight, turn right onto McIntire Road. Go 7/10 mile to the second stop light. Go through the stoplight and the hotel is on the left.

DIRECTIONS TO WRITER’S HOUSE (Afternoon Program) 2 minutes from Omni 508 Dale Ave., Charlottesville, Virginia 22903

FROM OMNI PARKING GARAGE - Turn right onto Ridge McIntire Road and head towards Preston Avenue. Get in the left turn lane. Turn left onto Preston Avenue. Turn right onto Harris Street. Then turn right onto Dale Avenue. (Behind Bodo’s Bagels).

(KEEP THIS PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS)

___ RSVP’d to Display & Sell my new (2009) book at the meeting.
___ Donated & Shipped _____
for the _____ Book Lover Gift Basket Auction

THIS INFORMATION NEEDS TO BE MAILED WITH THE RESERVATION FORM BEFORE OCTOBER 30.

Other Activities at the 2009 VWC Annual Meeting

Book Sales for NEW Releases

Did you publish a book in 2009? You are invited to display and sell your new book at our Annual Meeting during the 10:00-11:00 a.m. “Meet & Greet” time, and from 1:15 - 2:00 p.m. following our Luncheon speaker. We will have a limited number of tables for authors to share with another member. Please RSVP early! (Book sales are limited to authors with 2009 releases only, please.) NO FEE - SPACE IS LIMITED - MUST RSVP with Annual Meeting RSVP.

___ YES, I would like to display & sell my new book.

Title: _____

ISBN: _____

Silent Auction of Book Lover Gift Baskets (Donations Needed!)

We need BOOKS (not used, please) and FILLER ITEMS for the following genre-specific gift baskets to be auctioned during the Annual Meeting to benefit the VWC Educational Fund. We’d prefer books by VWC members, but other books are welcome. We want a good selection of books in each basket. Filler items such as note pads, pens, wine, reading lights, etc. are also welcome. We need these items shipped in advance (by October 28), so we can put the baskets together the week before the event. Donors will be acknowledged unless requested otherwise.

___ YES, I’ll donate a book(s) for the basket listed.

- ___ Children’s Book Lover Gift Basket
___ Cookbook Lover Gift Basket
___ History Book Lover Gift Basket
___ Inspirational Book Lover Gift Basket
___ Mystery Book Lover Gift Basket
___ Poetry Book Lover Gift Basket
___ Romance Book Lover Gift Basket

MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS

PATSY BICKERSTAFF: Participant, Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, Middlebury, Vermont, August 2009.

AUSTIN GISRIEL: Article, "For the Home Team" (members' contribution to success of the minor-league baseball Suns), *Hagerstown Magazine*, Hagerstown, MD, September-October 2009.

JOHN HENRY: Second printing, "My Christmas Stories," booklet (Sept. 2009). Self-published, *The Fascinating Development of The Lake of the Woods* (Sept. 2009).

SARAH COLLINS HONENBERGER: Short story, "Dance Partners," *Peaks & Valleys*, Vol. 9, August 2009. Seminar instructor, "Power Writing: The Power and Purpose of Opening Paragraphs," Rappahannock Community College Lifetime Learning Institute conference for aspiring writers, June 27, 2009.

NAN JOHNSON: Website launched: www.nanjohnson.com. Nan Johnson Public Relations, Inc.

SOFIA M. STARNES: Presented program, "The Process of Editing," Williamsburg, September 16, 2009.

SEND YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS TO: John Romjue at JOHNLROMJUE@cox.net
(E-mail is preferred for reducing errors!) Or, mail to: 105 Lochmere Court, Yorktown, Virginia 23693

GUIDELINES:

- Achievements are featured for permanent record in *The E-Nunciator*.
- Submit achievements by the newsletter deadline (see current issue for next deadline).
- No retrospectives, no phone-ins.
- Be complete: give title, publisher (or periodical), and publication date.
- **NEW!** If you have just published a book, you may also send a cover image to be placed with your announcement. (Send photo of cover or e-mail a .jpg or .tif image of photo.)
- Send clipsheets for writeups. *Don't send anything you want returned!*
- No uncompleted or not yet published projects are included.
- Vocational positions occupied are not included unless it's a new appointment.
- We've included conference directing/presentations, if submitted.
- Ordinarily, non-writing related items cited by achievers are not included.

MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS ON THE WEB: Member achievements will automatically be sent to our Webmaster and posted on the VWC web site after publication in *The E-Nunciator*

MEMBERS IN PRINT

A reminder to all whose work is featured in the "Members In Print" section: Please confirm that your listing is up to date, particularly as to contact information. Also, if you would like to expand your presence in the "Members In Print" section, please email the Webmaster (va.writers@gmail.com) for details.

WRITER INQUIRY

Looking for a writer who would be interested in working with me on a novel, based on fact/on a biography dealing with (Navy SEALs, CIA, mountaineering...)

CONTACT: Don Mann

E-MAIL: don.mann@ecoprimalquest.com
www.ecoprimalquest.com • www.usfrogmann.com

INVITATION TO AUTHORS

Meet the Authors - A Book Signing Event
Wednesday, November 18, 2009
Glenmore Country Club, Keswick, Virginia
11 am - 6 pm (break for lunch 1-2 pm)

Fee: \$40 per author

Author Registration Deadline - Friday, October 30
(1) 6' skirted table and chair provided for all authors.
CONTACT: Jayne Cox at jaynedals@aol.com



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Virginia Writers Club, Inc.

EDUCATIONAL FUND

The \$2,500 Challenge

DEADLINE - MAY 1, 2010



On September 5, 2009 at the VWC Board of Governors meeting in Northern Virginia, Board member John Henry challenged fellow Board members to raise \$2,500 for the VWC Educational Fund by May 1, 2010. He agreed to raise \$1,000 if the Board would raise the additional \$1,500. The Board of Governors accepted John Henry's challenge and Board member Dianne King was the first to step forward and contribute \$25. Board members are asked to forward all funds they raise in this challenge to John Henry, 121 Castle Hill Court, Locust Grove, VA 22508 (make checks payable to VWC). This should be a fun challenge and we can watch it all unfold in a progress chart to be featured in the VWC e-newsletter.

All other VWC members are encouraged to participate in matching the \$2,500 challenge. Members may make a tax deductible contribution to this fund when they renew their memberships for 2010. On the membership renewal application there's a space just under the membership categories for contributions to be designated to the VWC Educational Fund.

John Henry will track the progress of his challenge with the Board and the Membership Chairperson will track the progress of the members. Who will meet the \$2,500 challenge first, the Board or the members?

The Virginia Writers Club Educational Fund was created to provide college scholarships for graduating members of the Young Virginia Writers Club program (VWC's teen division), and scholarships for both adults and teens to attend the Virginia Writers Club conferences and symposiums.

\$2,500 VWC EDUCATIONAL FUND CHALLENGE (Deadline May 1, 2010)

PROGRESS (as of October 6, 2009)

	\$0	\$25	\$50	\$75	\$100	\$250	\$500	\$750	\$1000	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,500	TOTAL RAISED
VWC Board													\$25
John Henry													\$170
VWC Membership													

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS FOR 2009!

(Refer to list of codes on back of VWC membership application for writing specialties of our new members.)

Solveig Eggerz
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703-203-0769; solegg@verizon.net
E, F, F-1, F-2, F-10, J, J-8, MR

Lisa M. Hall
LMH, Inc., 14117 Seyzal Lane
Purcellville, VA 20132; 703-346-0888
www.committedornot.com
www.lmhconsultinginc.com
Au, E, J-11a, J-13, N-3c, Ps, R

Dianne Hennessy King
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Vienna, VA 22181
703-281-5281; tuckking@aol.com
C-1, J-6, J-12, J-14, MR

Jennifer M.N. Koon
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SC

Rebecca Anne Patton
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E, F, F-1, F-2, F-5, J, P, PR

Frank Skinner
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Au, F-6, G-1, H-3, H-10, J-7, LE, LE-1, LE-2, MR

Paul B. Stimson
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Hudgins, VA 23076
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C-10, E, P, R

CHAPTER NEWS

Blue Ridge Writers Chapter

Serving the City of Charlottesville and Counties of Albemarle, Augusta, Fluvanna, Greene, Madison, Nelson, and Orange.

In September, the winners of the Chapter writing contest were announced and awards were presented. Winners read from their winning entries. On October 28 at 7:00, Brad McCoy, Recording Engineer for the Library of Congress, will be our guest speaker. Our Chapter is busy preparing for the upcoming VWC Annual Meeting on November 7 which we are hosting. We look forward to welcoming everyone to our region of the state and hope you will come a day early or stay an extra day and enjoy our many cultural and historical landmarks.

Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room of the VA Foundation for the Humanities at Boars Head Inn on Route 250 West in Charlottesville unless noted otherwise on their website or in their monthly newsletter. For more information, visit www.blueridgewriters.org or contact Chapter President: Jack Trammell (804) 306-3785; jtrammel@rmc.edu.

Chesapeake Bay Writers Chapter

Serving the City of Williamsburg and Counties of Charles City, Essex, Gloucester, James City, King & Queen, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex, New Kent, Northumberland, Richmond & Westmoreland.

At our September 16th CBW Business meeting we made some important decisions for our Chapter:

1. **DUES INCREASED FOR 2010** – The CBW Board, at its August meeting, discussed the issue of membership dues for calendar year 2010. It decided to recommend no change for 2010 by holding annual dues at the current \$18/

year. As prescribed by CBW By-Laws (see Article VII: Dues and Fees at <http://www.chesapeakebaywriters.org/bylaws.html>), the Board's recommendations must be approved by a majority of members attending the September meeting. Twenty-seven voting members were in attendance. Then came the surprise at the September 16 meeting, when after some discussion, members voted 26 to 1 in favor of overturning the Board's recommendation and increasing 2010 annual dues from \$18 to \$20. The motion to do so came from Dianne Jordan and was seconded by Jean Keating. The membership discussion centered about increasing Newsletter printing and postage costs, the need to offset subsidies of additional events, such as two additional meetings to better serve members in the Northern Neck, and the implication that current membership benefits (the radio show, website member pages, etc.) alone more than justified the \$2 increase in dues.

2. CHANGES AFFECTING CBW'S SECOND MONDAY RADIO SHOW – The business meeting also included a discussion of the radio show and the need to **expand it to include VWC members statewide as well as non-member writers in CBW's region, but reserving priority for CBW members in the choice of available dates** (Second Monday of every month). The expansion was needed to hold onto the show for our members as the number of members with new books is not keeping up with the allotted 12 shows per year. In this regard, CBW has arranged with Neal Steele of XTRA 99.1FM to permit interviews by phone in those cases where the commute to the station is greater than 1 hour or the interviewee has special circumstances (such as physical limitations) that make in-person appearance a hardship. Dave Carr is in the process of developing guidelines for "Interviews by Phone", which will be available on the website by November 1st and included in the November Newsletter. **Members anticipating new books being released are urged to contact Dave or Mary Ann Carr and get your name on the schedule. Currently, All second Monday interview slots are open beginning with December 14, 2009.**

The radio show is recorded and available via CD or podcasts, the latter of which are permanently available for listening at http://www.chesapeakebaywriters.org/radio_interviews.html. We make the podcasts available on the website for all writers who participate. Our first non-CBW member to take advantage of this service was Aleck Loker, a VWC member in Williamsburg.

3. CBW's All Stars Gala Annual Writing Competition: November 11th, 2009 (Luncheon Meeting) – By popular demand, this year's gala again will be held at historic Warner Hall in Gloucester on Wednesday, November 11th at 11:30 A.M. After the luncheon, members and guests are entertained for up to 90 minutes by those members who signed up to participate in CBW's Gala Writing Competition. Each performs/reads a favorite poem, short story or essay that they entered. Members and guests then vote for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize winners who will receive cash prizes of \$75, \$50 and \$25, respectively. Attendees will also vote for the most humorous entry, the winner of which will receive the annual "Richard Bailey Humor Award" and a \$25 prize. Winning entries will be recognized in the next CBW newsletter and on the CBW website.

For more information, visit www.chesapeakebaywriters.org.

Hampton Roads Chapter – Serving the Cities of Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, and Virginia Beach.

The Hampton Roads Chapter meets every Tuesday from 10 AM to Noon at the Higher Education Center of Virginia Beach. Lately, we have been getting about 9 or 12 attendees – including some visitors. Beginning this October, we've restructured our meetings to begin with about a 10 to 15 minute presentation on the craft of writing, issues in marketing, and other such items of interest to our members. Then we have a one-hour critique session. Two members submit up to 5 pages for detailed critique the week before and for the first hour we discuss the good, the not so good, and suggestions for improvement. Then each writer gets their work returned with markings from each participating member. The second hour is basically an "open mic" session: we allow each writer 10 minutes to read a maximum of 5 pages of material (fiction, poetry, memoir, screen-or stage-play, etc.) for instant critique from the group. Each reader brings two copies of their work – one to read and the other to project on our overhead projector. We try to get through as many writers' material as possible in the second hour of our meeting.

For more information, contact: Dennis Bounds (757) 482-2493 [mort56@cox.net] or Ed DeLong at (757) 481-0121 [eddelong@aol.com].

Hanover Writers Chapter – Serving the Counties of Hanover, King William, and Henrico

The Hanover Writers meet at the Liberty Christian School activity building on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 10am and host the annual Hanover Book Festival in August. For more information visit, www.hanoverwriters.org or contact Joanne Liggan at 804-514-1446 or e-mail jliggan@verizon.net. NOTE: This is a new e-mail address for Joanne.

James-York Chapter

Serving York County (including Jamestown and Yorktown), Poquoson, Hampton & Newport News

In August, Michael Farmer came to talk to the James-York Chapter about publishing. Mike self-published his first two novels with Llumina Press, *Hombrecito's War*, which was a finalist in the Wester Writers of America Spur Award for Best First Novel in 2006, and *Hombrecito's Search*. This third book, *Conspiracy: The Trial of Oliver Lee and James Gililand*, has been purchase by Small Press. He's working on his forth book, *The Betrayals of Pancho Villa*. Mike gave a detailed talk on the ins and outs of self-publishing, complete with handouts to all in attendance. He received the gift of a pen as a thank you from the club. Mike was a friend of club member Jim Chapman.

In other news, James-York Chapter members were interviewed by Nicole Paitsel of the *Daily Press* for an article that appeared on September 27, "Writers flock to local groups for support, information." She's writing a series of articles for writers in anticipation of National Novel Writing Month. VWC members Jim Chapman and Julie Leverenz were quoted as well as former VWC member Nan Chitwood.

For more information, contact Dorene Braun (757) 867-7996; dorenebraun@aol.com.

Northern Virginia Chapter – Serving Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudon, and Prince William

The Northern Virginia Chapter held their monthly meeting on Sunday, Sept. 13th. Six members of the chapter read excerpts from their work which was critiqued by other chapter members. Different genres of writing were offered—from children's stories to mystery to humor. Members agreed that it was an enjoyable and entertaining afternoon. A number of members offered submissions for the state's Golden Nib writing contest. The chapter winners were:

Fiction - Solvig Eggerz, "The Midwife"
Non-fiction - Denise Martin, "Seeker Syndrome"
Poetry - Patricia Daly-Lipe, "A Poetic Meditation"

Thanks to everyone who entered and best of luck to our winners in the state competition. The next meeting will be held on Sunday, October 18th from 1:00 to 3:30 PM at the Pimmitt Hills library in Tysons Corner. After the business meeting author and Professor Jack Trammel will address the group and discuss his writing career. Anyone interested in attending the meeting should contact Larry Buttram at 703-331-5957, or e-mail him at lab1949@verizon.net.

Richmond Chapter – Serving the City of Richmond and Counties of Chesterfield, Henrico, Goochland and Powhatan

On September 16 the Richmond Chapter announced the winners of their writing contest and presented awards. Chapter members participated in a discussion about writing mysteries with guest speaker Marion Hill, author of two series of mystery novels, the Deadly Past Mysteries and the Scrappy Librarian Mysteries. On October 21, contest winners will be reading their winning entries.

Discussion group meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 6:30pm - 8:30pm at the Barnes & Noble Bookstore in Short Pump (except in August, November and December). Critique and workshop groups are currently being formed to meet at other times and locations during the month. For more information, visit www.richmondwriters.org, or contact Linda Layne (434) 842-6203; VWCMail@aol.com.

Riverside Writers Chapter – Serving the City of Fredericksburg and Counties of Caroline, King George, Louisa, Spotsylvania, Stafford and adjacent areas.

The Riverside Writers meet the second Saturday of each month at the Salem Church Library. Over the summer, our programs consisted of open readings. However, at the September meeting, Dr. Larry V. Blount (a.k.a. Lawrence Vincent) spoke of his experiences researching, publishing and marketing his science fiction novel, *DNA³*. At the

October meeting, Steve Watkins will discuss his memoir, *Down Sand Mountain*.

In addition to the second Saturday meetings, a critique group meets every Monday evening at Borders in Central Park, Fredericksburg. All are welcome.

For more information, please visit <http://www.riversidewriters.com> or contact Larry Turner at (540)710-2518, or Thanz3000@aol.com.

Travelers Chapter – *Serving southern Chesterfield, Dinwiddie, Prince George, Sussex and Southampton Counties.* For more information, contact Joseph Fleming (804) 530-3817.

Valley Writers Chapter – *Serving Roanoke and surrounding areas.*

The Valley Writers meet from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of each month to exchange information on writing and let those who wish to read from their work do so and receive critiques from fellow writers. About a dozen writers attend a typical meeting.

Beginning October 15, the chapter will meet at the Unitarian Universalist Church at the corner of Grandin and Brandon Avenues in Roanoke.

The Valley Writers and the Virginia Writers Club will contribute financially to the Roanoke Regional Writers Conference to be held at Hollins University on January 22-23. Some members of Valley Writers will participate in one of the panel discussions at the conference.

For information, contact chapter president Jim Morrison, Morrison.JamesW@gmail.com or (540) 721-1991.

VWC SPEAKERS BUREAU

The VWC Speakers Bureau was created to facilitate matches between (1) Club members who are interested in giving presentations on their writing or the art and craft of writing, and (2) Club chapters or outside organizations desiring speakers for their programs.

The Club maintains a list of speakers (limited to current dues paying statewide VWC members) and makes this list available to VWC Chapters, other interested parties, and the general public. The list is also featured on the VWC website. (Arrangements for scheduling and honoraria or paying of expenses are between the speaker and individual making the request.) VWC members who would like to be added to this list are asked to provide the following requested information as well as a photo.

E-mailing your information and JPG photo are preferred for reducing errors. E-mail to James W Morrison at Morrison.JamesW@gmail.com (Mailing address: 80 Chickadee Circle, Moneta, VA 24121.)

Using the following criteria, please compose a BRIEF PARAGRAPH to include:

- (a) Name
- (a) Type of writing done
- (b) Publications

- (c) Any Awards
- (d) Educational and/or Professional credentials
- (e) Subjects on which you are willing to speak
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The UVA Art Museum Announces 23rd Annual Writer's Eye Competition

The University of Virginia Art Museum takes pride in announcing its 2009 Writer's Eye program, an annual literary competition based on artworks selected from the museum's permanent collection and visiting exhibitions. The competition will be judged in four categories: grades 3 – 5, 6 – 8 and 9 – 12 and university/adult. Entrants view the Writer's Eye art selections and then write an original story or poem inspired by one of those works. Writer's Eye group tours at the museum begin on September 21, and contest entries must be submitted by November 20, 2009. Winners will be announced in late January. An awards ceremony will be held on Sunday, March 21, 2010, at Campbell Hall with a reception to follow at the art museum.

Selections for the 2009 Writer's Eye competition will be drawn from the museum's permanent collection, aboriginal art on loan from the Kluge-Ruhe Collection and three special exhibitions: Thomas Jefferson's Academical Village: The Creation of an Architectural Masterpiece; The Expanding Eye: Art Inspired by Edgar Allan Poe; and Abstract Photography: Selections from Glenstone. The Academical Village show will present original drawings, prints, and letters that Jefferson exchanged with his colleagues as plans for the University took shape. The Poe exhibition celebrates the 200th anniversary of his birth with a display of works by major artists inspired by his writings. Featured artists include James Ensor, Felix Vallotton, Odilon Redon, Alice Neel, and Nathan Oliveira. Abstract Photography presents works by seven artists dating from the 1970s to the present. The exhibition demonstrates how over the course of thirty years photographers such as Louise Lawler and Wolfgang Tillman, have rejected certain modernist aesthetics in favor of conceptual theory, resulting in eventless imagery devoid of specific narrative.

Two well-known writers from Albemarle County, Sarah Collins Honenberger and John Casteen IV, are the lead prose and poetry judges for the 2009 Writer's Eye Competition. Sarah Collins Honenberger's first novel, White Lies: A Tale of Babies, Vaccines, and Deception, was nominated for the 2006 Library of Virginia Fiction award. Her second novel, Waltzing Cowboys (2009), was an Editor's Pick on Bookviews.com. In April 2009 her latest unpublished novel, Catcher, Caught, was selected as one of 100 semi-finalists in the Amazon Novel Contest from over 5000 entries. Her short fiction has won first place awards in *The Antietam Review*, *New Millennium*, *SouthLit*, and *The Hook* and has appeared in numerous other literary journals. A Virginia Creative Arts Center Fellow, she has won several Virginia Writer's Club statewide fiction awards and she appears regularly on literary panels and book festivals in addition to teaching creative writing classes. John Casteen IV graduated from the University of Virginia and from the Iowa Writers' Workshop with an M.F.A. He is currently Visiting Assistant Professor of English at Sweet Briar College, where he founded and directs the Sweet Briar Undergraduate Creative Writing Conference. He has also taught at the University of Virginia, and since 2005 has served on the editorial staff of *The Virginia Quarterly Review*. His first book of poems, Free Union, appeared in spring 2009 from The University of Georgia Press. His poems and criticism have appeared in *Ploughshares*, *The Southern Review*, *Shenandoah*, *The Paris Review*, and other literary journals. He has also contributed opinion and analysis pieces to *Slate.com*, *The Washington Post*, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *The Virginia Quarterly Review* and other magazines and newspapers. Student entries from grades three through eight are judged by other highly qualified teachers and writers from our community.

Self-guided tours of the Writer's Eye selections may be taken during the museum's public hours Tuesday through Sunday from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Docent-led group tours designed especially for school classes and other community groups are available by appointment Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. as well as at selected times on weekends. The UVA Art Museum is located at 155 Rugby Road on the UVA Grounds in Charlottesville. Parking is available nearby. To schedule a group tour or receive further information regarding the 23rd Annual Writer's Eye program, contact the UVA Art Museum Education Department (434-243-2050). The artwork selections and other information are posted on the museum's website (<http://www.virginia.edu/artmuseum>).

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