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# COLLECTIVE CONNECTION

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## LWC Continues

The May meeting of the Living Writers' Collective gathered with the intention of dissolving the LWC charter of the non-profit organization. It was anticipated that the satellite writing groups would and should continue. After discussion of the positive results of our two-year old organization, it was decided that the LWC should continue in some form though the non-profit charter is dissolved.

The small nucleus of members who are the core of the organization agreed to continue to meet on a quarterly basis for management

purposes to assure that the work of the LWC goes on. The core group will function with **Alan Hooper** as the coordinator. When organizational efforts are needed, the core group will call upon writers in the two satellite groups to lend a hand. Participants in the Critique and Creative Writing groups may offer to help judge entries in the annual Youth Writing Contest, for example. Communications will continue through the newsletter. The original mission of the LWC was to *encourage and support* writers. With combined efforts, we will continue to fulfill our mission.

### CALLING ALL WRITERS

#### Writing Groups Hold Monthly Meetings

The **Critique Group** will meet as usual on Thursday, **June 4, '09, 7 p.m.**. The meeting will be held at Utopia Coffeehouse, Main Street, Spring Hill. All persons interested in writing may join the group. All are welcome to come to listen to others read their stories, or bring copies of your own material to share and receive a response to your writing. **Alan Hooper** will lead the group.

Looking for help in getting started in writing? Join the **Creative Writing Group** on **June 18, '09, 7 p.m.** at Utopia Coffeehouse on Main Street, Spring Hill. **Karen Aldridge**, the group leader, will suggest a prompt or idea to get you started writing. You'll be amazed at what you can write spontaneously. All persons interested in writing will enjoy this group.

# Workshops Conferences and Events

Don't forget TWA's (Tennessee Writer's Alliance) annual writers' workshop---

## **WordFest 2009.**

The event is **June 12-13 at Cumberland University in Lebanon.** Go to the Tennessee Writers' Alliance homepage and click on the **WordFest** icon for registration details. One of the best in Tennessee.

**UT Chattanooga** offers new summer conference for writers **July 25-31.** Workshops are designed for writers of all levels from under grads to post grads. Master classes taught by poet Mark Cox and prose writer Sue William Silverman as well as small-group workshops and a scheduled one-on-one consultation with a workshop leader. For more info, email Sybil Baker at [sybilbaker@utc.edu](mailto:sybilbaker@utc.edu).

## **The Unbridled Pen - A Writers Workshop**

**sponsored by the Council for the Written Word, Saturday, September 12, 2009 -- 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Franklin.** Hear authors Michael Martone and Peggy Godfrey discuss unbridled creativity in poetry and prose. For more information and a registration form contact CWW at [info-fallseminar@cwv-writers.org](mailto:info-fallseminar@cwv-writers.org) Discount Registrations is now open for this 16<sup>th</sup> Annual CWW Fall Writers Workshop.

## Anthology Progress

**T**he Living Writers Collective Anthology is waiting for confirmation that you are submitting a story for the online anthology.

Join our most notable author to date who is participating in the anthology. Spring Hill author, Michael Snyder, author of *My Name is Russell Fink*, published by Zondervan Publishers plans to submit a story. His second book, *Dog Gone. Good Book.* is out now.

Read *My Name is Russell Fink*, enjoy his zany characters and you'll be standing in line for his soon-to-be released book, *Return Policy*. Snyder's writing is a study in word images for a fledgling writer: "*her voice sounds all pink and flirty*", "*his hands are shaking and his eyeballs are Riverdancing*", *he has a face like a shovel, broad and flat and severely scarred*". My copy is highlighted in yellow to remind me that as writers we must *show* not just *tell*.

September 10<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for submission to the anthology; let Alan Hooper know that you will submit a story [tmscribesh@yahoo.com](mailto:tmscribesh@yahoo.com). If in doubt about your submission, share it with the Critique Group for feedback.

## **WRITER'S JOURNAL**

### **Magazine Review by Jennifer Ballard**

*Writer's Journal* features articles on poetry, aspects of business writing, technique, editing, and interviews with fiction and nonfiction authors. Uniquely, this publication also has regular book and software reviews as well as desktop publishing advice, and pieces on research and marketing. It offers a list of contests for all genres.

The *Writer's Journal* is published six times a year. Subscription price: \$17.97

### **Alan's Favorite Used Bookstore**

The Goodwill store in Spring Hill has a fair selection of paper and hardback books, both fiction and nonfiction. Books are loosely organized by type; however, the categories are about as dependable as the clothing sizes. (Stephen King novels aren't romance; the Left Behind series categorized as self-help is a bit of a stretch).

The Goodwill store in Franklin has an even larger selection, but while neatly displayed, there is no attempt at categorizing. If you have a fair amount of patience, it's worth the time to search. The prices are excellent.

Hours: M-Sat 9am-8pm, Sun. 11am – 6pm

Spring Hill store – 1108 Nasdaq St. 615-392-7766

Franklin store - 595 Hillsboro Rd. 614-794-7704

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**COMING SOON**

**The Collective Connection Newsletter**

Will soon be online

At

The Spring Hill Library Website

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

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## **Member News:**

**Jennifer Ballard** has submitted her novel to the **Music City Romance Writers** annual “Melody of Love” contest.

If you are interested in submitting an entry, the **deadline is July 2, '09**. The website with details of entry is [www.MCRW.com](http://www.MCRW.com) Many writers who entered this contest have been published.

Send your writing news for the Collective Connection to [weakleywriter@bellsouth.net](mailto:weakleywriter@bellsouth.net)  
If you prefer not to receive an electronic newsletter copy, e-mail the editor at [maweakley@bellsouth.net](mailto:maweakley@bellsouth.net)

## **BLOGS AND WEBSITES YOU SHOULD MEET**

WRITER'S DIGEST MAGAZINE , issue May/June 2009, lists “101 Best Websites and Blogs for Writers” Here are a few you might find helpful:

[querytracker.net](http://querytracker.net)

In one place, you can search for agents, view example query letters.

[agentquery.com](http://agentquery.com)

Spend less time looking for an agent and more time writing with this free searchable database.

[writergazette.com](http://writergazette.com)

Visit Writer Gazette regularly for weekly submission calls to paying markets.

[wow-womenonwriting.com](http://wow-womenonwriting.com)

WOW! Women on Writing is designed to support women throughout all stages of the writing process.

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