



## The Quill

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### From the editor's desk...

January seems to be a month of catching up, looking back and moving forward for the publishing industry.

For SCWW, let's take a moment to look back at

### Petigru Review calls for submissions

The South Carolina Writers Workshop is pleased to announce the opening of the competition for inclusion in the second issue of its literary journal.

*The Petigru Review* will feature the best writing of SCWW members in three categories: fiction; nonfiction; and poetry. The competition is reserved for SCWW members who have paid their dues through 2008. There is no other entry fee. Please feel free to contact Jim McFarlane, Membership Coordinator, at [jimmcfarlane@juno.com](mailto:jimmcfarlane@juno.com), if you have any questions about your membership status. New members are welcome.

Each member may submit no more than 4,000 words of fiction, 2,000 words of nonfiction, and/or 80 lines of poetry. Each member is free to divide up the total word- or line-count in each category among multiple submissions so long as these length limits are observed when all such submissions are added together. Members whose submissions exceed the length limit in any category will be disqualified. For example, a hypothetical member might submit two short stories of 2,000 words each, four nonfiction pieces of 500 words each, and eight 10-line poems. But if that same hypothetical member were to exceed the poetry line-count by submitting an extra poem, all of his or her submissions would be disqualified.

With the exception of work previously published in "The Quill," only unpublished work is eligible. Simultaneous submissions are permitted as long as the author immediately notifies the editors of *The Petigru Review* when a particular piece has been accepted elsewhere.

All submissions must be typed and double-spaced (except for poems, which may be single-spaced) with the title and page number appearing on every page. The author's name must not appear anywhere on the manuscript(s). Please include four paper copies of each manuscript submitted. Also, for each manuscript, please include a cover sheet containing the following information: author's name; address; telephone

one of our group's founders. Carrie Allen McCray, one of SCWW's founding members and for whom SCWW's literary contest is named, had a stroke in December and is recuperating at a nursing center near her home. All prayers for a speedy recovery would be appreciated. "Get well" cards can be sent her at the following address: Carrie Allen McCray c/o NHC 2993 Sunset Blvd. W. Columbia, SC 29169.

In other looking back, reports of 2006 sales are trickling in, with mixed results. This comes from Shelf Awareness: Bookstore sales in November were \$1.186 billion, up 7.5% from \$1.103 billion in sales in November 2006, according to preliminary estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau. For the year to date, bookstore sales have been \$14.654 billion, up 0.8% from \$14.532 billion in the first 11 months of 2006. This marks the fifth month in a row that bookstore sales were up over the same period last year--and the second month in a row that year-to-date sales have topped last year's comparable figures.

Publishers are attempting to catch up on their reading of submissions (we'll keep our fingers crossed that we'll have more published members in

number(s); e-mail address(es); title of manuscript; category; and word-count for prose or line-count for poetry. There is no need to include a SASE because manuscripts will not be returned and results will be announced electronically (see our website: [www.myscww.org](http://www.myscww.org)). Please mail the cover sheet and four paper copies of each manuscript flat, in a manila or other large-sized envelope, to: Kevin Coyle, South Carolina Writers Workshop, 2131 Woodruff Road, Suite 2100, Box 188, Greenville, SC 29607. In addition, please send a copy of each manuscript as a Microsoft Word attachment (".doc") in a separate e-mail to [k.coyle@myscww.org](mailto:k.coyle@myscww.org). All envelopes must be postmarked and all e-mails with attachments must be date-stamped no later than April 30, 2008.

All authors whose writing is selected for publication in *The Petigru Review* will receive payment of \$5 per piece and a total of two contributor's copies of the issue in which their work appears. SCWW retains first-time publication rights until the literary journal is published, at which time rights revert to the author. Naturally, SCWW reserves the right to edit submissions in the editors' sole discretion. Good luck!

**PHOTOGRAPHERS:** SCWW seeks black-and-white photographs taken in South Carolina for inclusion in *The Petigru Review*. Such photos will be considered by the editors outside of the writing competition and will be used on a discretionary basis. No compensation will be paid for photos. But think of the bragging rights an aspiring photographer will earn if his or her photo is chosen as the cover art! Please submit no more than 10 photos as .jpg attachments (one photo per e-mail, please) to [k.coyle@myscww.org](mailto:k.coyle@myscww.org). If possible, please make sure that your photos have a resolution of 300 dots per inch or better.

## **Aiken announces new meeting location**

The Aiken Chapter is now meeting at the Aiken Public Library, 314 Chesterfield St. S, Aiken. Meetings are still the second Tuesday of the month, but the time has changed (slightly) to 6:45 - 8:45 p.m. The chapter will have a table at the library's Local Authors Day, which is scheduled for Saturday, March 8, noon - 3:30 p.m. Copies of *The Petigru Review* and books published by chapter members will be on display.

## **Minutes from the January meeting**

The last meeting of the SCWW Board was quite eventful. New officers were elected and planning began for 2008. Here are a few highlights, in bulleted form:

- \* President Steve Heckman resigned, due to pressing personal issues.
- \* Ex-officio Sandra Johnson was thanked for her time on the board, which came to an end for the departure of Steve as president.
- \* New officers were elected. President: Cynthia Dyer, Vice President: Kevin Coyle, Secretary: Carrie McCullough, Treasurer: Kathryn Lovatt.
- \* The appointed officer positions for 2008 were named. Chapter Liaison: Bob Strother, Conference Committee: Barabara Evers, Kathryn Lovatt, Cynthia Dyer, Marshall Turner and Bob Strother (though all board members have committed to taking active roles in preparing for the conference), Anthology Editors: Kevin Coyle and Phil Arnold, Quill Editor: Carrie McCullough, Webmaster: Marshall Turner, Fundraising: Jim Brouwer, Publicity: Cynthia Dyer (for the conference) and Carrie McCullough (for the anthology), Contests: Barbara Evers
- \* There are now vacant seats available on the Board. These can be filled by any SCWW member in good standing.
- \* SCWW will have a table at the S.C. Book Festival. The board will be working with members to man the table during the festival (Feb. 23-24). Any member interested in volunteering at the table should contact a board member.

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And now, the race ahead. There are new contests, new publishers and new marketing ideas. One new contest comes from scratch. scratch, a monthly short story writing contest is "itching" to discover new talent. The judges of scratch select monthly winners, award cash prizes and help you build publication credits. For more information, check out the group's Web site, [www.scratchcontest.net](http://www.scratchcontest.net). Until next month, happy writing!

\* The Conference Committee is now accepting suggestions for faculty for upcoming conferences. Any member with a suggestion should contact a member of this committee.

### **Next SCWW Board meeting set**

And speaking of meetings, the next gathering of the SCWW Board will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 2 at the Lexington Main Library, 5440 Augusta Road, Lexington, SC 29072. We will be discussing the S.C. Book Festival and the SCWW table there. The board will also be hearing reports from several committees.

### **Sponsors just keep joining**

Several bookstores are now official sponsors of *The Petigru Review*. Check out the SCWW site for a complete list. And check back often, new folks keep joining. If you know of a local bookstore that might be interested, contact a Board member.