



# The Quill

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## Last Call for Quill Contest

Just a reminder it's not too late to mail in your submissions for the revived *Quill* contest.

Theme: box

Poetry: 40 lines

Fiction and Nonfiction: 1500 words

Judges: Poetry - Earl Wilcox

Fiction - Betty Beamguard

Nonfiction - Greg Summers

Mail entries to: Kim Blum-Hyclak

## From Our New President

*While the 44th United States President was sworn in Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009, the newest SCWW president, **Barbara V. Evers**, was selected Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009. Here's her first Quill column.*

### Welcome to the SCWW World!

If you attended Toni Weisskopf's World-Building class during our conference in October, you might recall that she conducted an exercise where we created a fictional world. When Toni asked who would govern this world, in jest, I answered, "Me." Although I write fantasy and use prophecies in my stories, I did not consider this a prophetic moment. Yet, here I am, a few months later, elected to the position of President of SCWW. Ironic, huh?

Joking aside, let me introduce myself. My name is Barbara Evers and I'm a member of the Greenville chapter. I'm a corporate trainer with a diverse background in professional writing. I've written instructional manuals, marketing materials, advertising copy, Web sites, newsletters, resumes, and policy and procedure manuals. I prefer writing fiction and won an honorable mention for a short story that

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Deadline is January 30, 2009.

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## Another Contest

### Lee Street Theatre (Salisbury, NC) Calls for Scripts

The Lee Street Theatre is announcing its First Annual Ten-Minute-Play Contest—Six and the City. The contest is open to permanent residents of North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, and Tennessee. All submissions must be received by March 1, 2009.

Guidelines:

1. The play must take place in a city and must be easy to stage.
2. Two stapled copies of each script, in proper format, must arrive on or before the deadline to Jennifer Hubbard, 2301 East 5th St., Charlotte, NC 28204. No e-mail entries.
3. A \$5 entry fee must accompany each script. (Checks only, payable to Lee Street Theatre.) Limit 4 scripts.
4. The script(s) must not have been previously staged by anyone in any way.
5. Enclose one cover sheet per playwright with contact information and the title(s) of the submitted script(s), along with a one-sentence synopsis. To ensure unbiased judging, the playwright's name must not appear anywhere on the script(s), which will not be returned.

Only the winning playwrights will be notified (by e-mail) on April 1, after which time open auditions will be held. Directed by the theatre faculty of Catawba College, Six and the City will be performed June 3-6, 2009.

For more information, contact Jennifer Hubbard at [leestreettheatre@live.com](mailto:leestreettheatre@live.com).

was published in Clemson University's Variety magazine in the 1980s. Currently, I'm working on a fantasy novel and several mainstream short stories.

The 2009 Executive Committee of the SCWW Board includes **Kevin Coyle** as vice president, **Vikki Perry** as secretary, and **Jim McFarlane** as treasurer. Also, we accepted **Kim Blum-Hyclak** as a new member of the Board when **Kathryn Lovatt** expressed a need to resign from her Board term. Kim served as the Contests Coordinator last year and continues to manage that area this year.

In the November Board of Directors meeting, we voted to establish a vice president - conference chairperson position on the Executive Committee. Since I was conference co-chair last year, I know that the conference is the largest undertaking that this organization does each year. Placing the conference chairperson on the Executive Committee makes common sense. Our vice president – conference chairperson is **Carrie McCullough**. Assisting Carrie on the conference this year is **Lateia Sandifer**.

I would like to encourage each of you to become involved with the conference or other aspects of our organization. All members are welcome at Board meetings. The next one is at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 7 at the Lexington County Main Library.

## *The Petrigu Review Guidelines*

The South Carolina Writers Workshop is pleased to announce the opening of the competition for inclusion in the third issue of its literary journal. *The Petrigu Review* will feature the best writing of SCWW members in three categories: fiction; nonfiction; and poetry.

The competition is open to SCWW members who have paid their dues by April 30, 2009. 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 always 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. Fiction and nonfiction submissions must be double-spaced. Poetry may be single-spaced. The title and page number must appear 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 submission, please include a cover sheet containing the following information: author's name; address; telephone 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 Web site: [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 (with a ".doc" suffix, not ".docx") in a separate e-mail to [kevin@kevincoyle.net](mailto:kevin@kevincoyle.net). All envelopes must be postmarked and all e-mails with attachments must be sent no later than April 30, 2009.

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 at the editors' sole discretion. Good luck!

PHOTOGRAPHERS: SCWW seeks black-and-white photographs—taken in either South Carolina or Savannah, Georgia (the home of our first out-of-state chapter)—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 [kevin@kevincoyle.net](mailto:kevin@kevincoyle.net). If possible, please make sure that your photos have a resolution of 300 dots per inch or better.

## Chapter Chatter

### Rock Hill

**Martha T. Robinson** offers good news about her writing.

Her flash fiction story "Tilt A World" was published in the current issue of *moonShine review*, and a poem, "Unmistakable," will be published in the Spring/Summer 2009 issue of *Mom Writers Lit Magazine*.

On a sad note, member **Walter Gregg** passed away Dec. 27, 2008.

## Greenville

**Bob Strother's** short story "Tellico Plains" has been accepted for inclusion in the April issue of *Weave Magazine*, a literary print publication and organization based in Pittsburg, Penn. Another of Bob's stories "Green Zone" will appear in the Winter 2009 issue of *The MacGuffin*, a literary journal published by Schoolcraft College in Livonia, Mich.

**Phil Arnold** reports that 2008 was a great year for his ElvisBlog. Total hits jumped to 154,000, up from 88,000 in 2007. Page views were up similarly to 306,000, and some consider that to be the more important measurement. Phil's holiday message, "A Christmas Thought from ElvisBlog," was translated into the native languages of at least 22 countries around the world.

## Columbia II

At its first meeting of the year, Columbia II elected **Vikki Perry** 2009 Chapter Leader. Vikki, an active member for a number of years, developed the group's blog site on the Web and established its Google group. She is a member of the Romance Writers of America and serves on the SCWW Board of Directors. Each November she shepherds Columbia novelists participating in the National Novel Writing Month.

**Lisa Lopez Snyder**, also a longtime member, was reelected Assistant Chapter Leader. Lisa is a writer, editorial consultant, and owner/manager of Chaac Communications. She is considering a return to university for an MFA.

At the Jan. 20 meeting, **Bonnie Stanard** handed over the gavel and thanked the Columbia writers for the inspiration they have been to her. Bonnie's poetry manuscript HER and HIM was named a finalist in the 2008 Poetry Contest of Del Sol Press (<http://delsolpressbooks.blogspot.com>).

Several of Columbia II's blogs for January have been introspective — **Leigh Stevenson** wrote on inspiration and **Alex Raley** on inner thoughts. **Tiem Wilson** reminds us of the services librarians perform.

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