

June 1, 2008

Greetings.

Take time out from your summer reading and writing, and attend some of the fine activities listed below. These are good people doing great things. You'll also find plenty of websites to explore. If your events or websites are not listed, please send me a notice right away.

You are welcome to pass this email on to others. If you are reading The Update for the first time and wish to subscribe, please send me your email address. There is no charge for this service.

Deadlines are the fifteenth and 30th of every month.

(I generally do not edit submissions, and do not guarantee accuracy of content.)

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Thank you,

Betty Rodgers

"Fiction is a piece of truth that turns lies to meaning." -- *Dorothy Allison*

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Refer to the Update anytime online at:

http://www.sageecosci.com/Writers/Idaho_Writers_Update.html

From Query to Contract: Anatomy of a Book Deal - A one and a half hour workshop designed for writers of fiction and nonfiction books with **Jon and Kae Tienstra** of KT Public Relations and Literary Services, Fogelsville, PA. This informational workshop will answer such questions as: What can a literary agent do for me? Should my book be complete before I query an agent? And, what can I expect from a publisher after my book is under contract?

Literary agents and publicists, Jon and Kae will present a brief program followed by a question and answer session. Interested authors can sign up for a 5-minute "interview" with the agents after the program. There is no charge for the program. **Thursday, June 19, 2008** from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Garden City Library, 6015 Glenwood, Garden City. For more information visit: www.ktpublicrelations.com or the new blog: www.newliteraryagentsblogspot.com

News from The Cabin:

Early Bird Tickets for Cabin Members: Readings & Conversations 2008-2009

Our guests will be Michael Pollan, Aimee Bender with Anthony Doerr, Joan Didion, and Alexander McCall Smith. Cabin members receive priority seating during the early bird reservation period. **Early bird ends June 15.** Visit our Website or call for more information.

The Cabin Expands Idaho Writing Camps

The Cabin, Idaho's log cabin literary center, has expanded its Idaho Writing Camps to include more locations and new camp sessions. Camps will be offered at **True North Creative Learning Center in Eagle** and at **The Center for the Arts in Caldwell**, in addition to its other locations in the Treasure Valley and in eastern Idaho. One-week creative writing adventures are offered for youth in grades 4-12. The Cabin's camps were chosen by the National Endowment for the Arts as one of ten model summer arts programs in the nation. Children and young adults will work with professional writers and publish their work in The Cabin's annual book of camp writings called *Words Work Wonders*. New this year is the addition of camp "tracks" called Curious City, Words & Pictures, Writing Wild! and 801 OASIS. Scholarships are available. For more information, call **331-8000** or visit www.TheCabinIdaho.org.

The summer schedule for **Boise Public Library's Main Library** located at 715 South Capitol Boulevard will be closed on Sundays, beginning May 25, 2008, through August 31, 2008. The library branches located in the Collister Shopping Center and Hillcrest Shopping Center will remain open on Sundays, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Library access is also available at:

TeleCirc: 384-4450

askalibrarian@cityofboise.org

www.boisepubliclibrary.org

www.answerXpress.com

The Boise Public Library serves as a learning and resource center for community information needs. Patrons can access the Library catalog online at www.boisepubliclibrary.org. With a library card, they can also access subscription databases.

Congratulations:

Announcing 2008 Independent Publisher Book Awards Results 12th Annual IPPY Awards which were presented in Los Angeles on May 30th

Poetry: Bronze: *Retreats & Recognitions* by Grace Bauer (Lost Horse Press, Sandpoint, Idaho)
www.losthorsepress.org

From the selection committee: "It's an honor to present the winners of this year's Awards, and we sincerely congratulate and thank all entrants for their participation. Our contest motto, "Recognizing Excellence in Independent Publishing" honors the best independently published books of the past year. This year's contest

attracted 3,175 total entries. The medal-winning books listed below come from 44 U.S. states plus the District of Columbia and U.S. Virgin Islands; 7 Canadian provinces; and 5 countries overseas. These books come not only from diverse locations, but also diverse personalities and viewpoints, and represent the cutting-edge of independent thinking and expression. We present these awards in hopes that all of these books and their authors will be recognized for their excellence, and get all the attention they deserve."

Libraries throughout the state will be encouraging kids to read this summer with the 2008 theme "Catch the Reading Bug!" Treasure Valley kids can start signing up for Summer Reading programs June 1 at their local public library.

"Kids can earn prizes just for reading," says Tammy Hawley-House, Youth Services librarian at Boise Public Library, "and it's a chance for them to read for fun. Kids who finish all three Summer Reading goals win a book, food coupons and a free pass from the Snake River Stampede Rodeo, the Boise Hawks, Idaho IceWorld and the Discovery Center of Idaho! There are similar prizes for teens, too."

The programs are a long-standing tradition, designed to keep children reading over the summer so that they don't lose ground between semesters. Local Summer Reading programs run from **June 1 to July 31**. Programs vary slightly by library, with some libraries having separate programs for kids, teens and adults, and special provisions for schools and childcare centers. For details, call your local library or visit www.idahokidsread.org.

BOISE NONFICTION WRITERS - <http://www.sageecosci.com/Writers.html> Join successful and aspiring nonfiction writers as we learn from guest speakers and from each other through discussion and critique.

BOISE NONFICTION WRITERS' Speaker Series. MAKING A LIVING WITH YOUR BOOK: Dave Lakhani is a marketing expert, trainer, and author of *Subliminal Persuasion: Influence and Marketing Secrets They Don't Want You To Know*, and *Persuasion: The Art of Getting What You Want*. Join us as Dave unveils the plan he has used to sell tens of thousands of books in 13 languages. **Wednesday June 4, 2008**, 6:30-8 pm (but come at 6 to browse books and visit with other aspiring writers), Rediscovered Bookshop, 7079 Overland Rd., Boise, <http://www.rdbooks.org>, 208.376.4229. This event is FREE and open to everyone. For more info: cindysalo@hotmail.com.

Other events at Rediscovered Bookshop during June:

- Thursday, June 5, 6-8 pm Knit Night
- **Thursday, June 5, Book to Movie Night with David Morrell at Hotel 43 7:30**
- Monday, June 9, Science Fiction Book Club 6:30
- Thursday, June 12, Boys Only Book Club 4 pm - reading Ender's Game
- **Saturday, June 14 Wendy Matson, music for children 1 pm**
- Monday, June 16 Manga Night 6:30
- Thursday, June 19, Speculative Writing 6:30 and Knit Night 6:00 p.m.
- Monday, June 23 at 6:30 p.m. Eclectic Reader Book Club reading Last Chinese Chef
- Thursday, June 26 GASP 4 pm. Reading Un Lun Dun
- Thursday, June 26 Christian Fiction Writers 6:30 pm

Rediscovered Bookshop, "Where books and people meet." 208-376-4229 www.rdbooks.org

Boise Poetry Slam, June:

\$100 Poetry Slam Delux

Monday, June 16

Doors/Sign-up 7:30, Show at 8

Neurolux

113 N. 11th St.

\$5

-- Hiphop battlers score an extra point, open poetry slam as usual, and \$100 to the winner!

"Poetry Cake" House Parties to benefit Big Tree Arts

Saturday, June 14

7 PM start, 8 PM poetry performance

2609 Madison Ave., Boise 83702

Contact: Jen Cashman, 1-858-220-1927

Saturday, June 28

7 PM start, 8 PM poetry performance

1636 Reinhart Dr., Boise 83706

Contact: Tara Brenner, 208-539-1206

Big Tree Arts is a 501(c)3 nonprofit founded to promote performance poetry in Boise and beyond. This "Poetry Cake" house party will help send Boise's "Team Poetry Cake" to the National Poetry Slam in Madison, WI, in August. "Team Poetry Cake" will be the first all-woman team to compete at Nationals in 3 years! Donations will be accepted and also shares in the team will be sold. There will be music all night and poetry performances by the team.

The Popular Fiction Assn. of Idaho announces the annual **Murder on the Grove** June 6 and 7. See their website at www.murderonthegrove.com for complete details.

BOISE NONFICTION WRITERS' Writing Group meets to share critiques and ideas in a supportive and helpful atmosphere. **Wednesday, June 18, 2008, 7-8:30 pm.** Contact jancarpenter12@hotmail.com for location.

Norm Weinstein will be offering a combined poetry reading and talk **June 20th** dealing with the roots of his poetry in Jamaican and Cuban music, jazz, and alchemy at **Veritas Fine Books & Coffeehouse**, 3500 Chinden Blvd., Garden City, ID 83714. PH: 208-345-8670. The poet will be reading selections from a number of his published books from the last three decades. 7 p.m. Admission is free.

Writer's workshop with Ken Rodgers, MFA: Lyric Essay, Where the wild meets the personal. Six weeks, June 30, July 7, 14, 21, August 11 and 18. 7:00 P.M. Cost: \$110.00. **True North Creative Learning Center, Eagle.** Embrace the personal and the lyrical where personal essay meets the music and the imagery of poetry. In six weeks of two-hour meetings on Monday evenings we will create and discuss fresh new essays in a fresh new genre that will appear on the page like nothing you have ever created--a melding of the essay and the poem--a different sense, something more than the words of how and why, but words compelled by supercharged language and imagery. We will break limits, examine associative leaps, experiment. And we will **write, write, write**. Register at www.truenorthclc.com or call **939-0385**.

BOISE NONFICTION WRITERS' Speaker Series. SPEED GRAMMAR FOR CREATIVE WRITERS: Steve Flick, Writing teacher and author of both fiction and nonfiction, will share his secrets for making good grammar easy and fun. **Wednesday July 2, 2008, 6:30-8 pm** (but come at 6 to browse books and visit with other aspiring writers), Rediscovered Bookshop, 7079 Overland Rd., Boise, <http://www.rdbooks.org>, 208.376.4229. This event is FREE and open to everyone. For more info: cindysalo@hotmail.com.

BOISE NONFICTION WRITERS' Speaker Series. GUERILLA PUBLISHING: Bruce Raisch, adventurer, ghost town hunter, photographer, and author of *Idaho Ghost Towns*, will tell us how to maintain control of our published work. **Wednesday July 9, 2008, 6:30-8 pm** (but come at 6 to browse books and visit with other aspiring writers),

Rediscovered Bookshop, 7079 Overland Rd., Boise, <http://www.rdbooks.org>, 208.376.4229. This event is FREE and open to everyone. For more info: cindysalo@hotmail.com.

BOISE NONFICTION WRITERS' Speaker Series. LANDING A PUBLISHING HOUSE, LAUNCHING A CAREER: **Jana Kemp**, author, facilitator, and conference speaker, will share her stories of publishing five books, making speaking and writing pay, and succeeding in the ongoing quest to appear in print. **Wednesday August 6, 2008**, 6:30-8 pm (but come at 6 to browse books and visit with other aspiring writers), **Rediscovered Bookshop**, 7079 Overland Rd., Boise, www.rdbooks.org, 208.376.4229. This event is FREE and open to everyone. For more info: cindysalo@hotmail.com.

BOISE NONFICTION WRITERS Special Event. Courtney White, cofounder and executive director of The Quivira Coalition (<http://www.quiviracoalition.org>), will share stories of ranchers and environmentalists who crossed enemy lines to preserve the land they love. He will read from his new book, *Revolution On The Range: The Rise of a New Ranch in the American West*. **Tuesday, August 12th, 2008**, time and location to be announced. For more info: cindysalo@hotmail.com.

IDAHO CENTER FOR THE BOOK TOURS 'BOOKER'S DOZEN' BIENNIAL EXHIBITION

THROUGHOUT IDAHO -The Idaho Center for the Book, housed at Boise State University, is presenting its biennial "Booker's Dozen" exhibition in libraries throughout the state. "Booker's Dozen" is a juried exhibition featuring books that have been designed, written, illustrated and bound by Idahoans. The books were selected by Idaho artists, bookmakers, gallery owners, writers and publishers. www.lili.org/icb

The tour schedule includes:

June: Boise Public Library

July: Ada Community Library (Boise)

August: Marshall Public Library (Pocatello)

September: College of Southern Idaho Library (Twin Falls)

October: Eli Oboler Library/Idaho State University (Pocatello)

November: Idaho Falls Public Library

December: David O'McKay Library/BYU-Idaho (Rexburg)

Albertsons Boise Open Tickets Benefit The Cabin. The popular golf event will be held **September 8-14**. 100% of proceeds from tickets sales go to The Cabin when you select The Cabin as your designated charity! For tickets, visit www.albertsonsboiseopen.com.

Readings and Conversations at the Egyptian Theater, sponsored by The Cabin: Tuesday, September 23, 2008



Mary Oliver

"Poetry isn't a profession; it's a way of life. It's an empty basket; you put your life into it and make something out of that," says Mary Oliver. Her first volume, *No Voyage*, was published in 1963. Her third book, *American Primitive*, won the Pulitzer Prize, and her *New and Selected Poems* (1992) won the National Book Award. Mary Oliver is among our very finest poets. Her work, celebrated for its precise imagery and evocation, conveys a deep connection with the natural world. Her poems are "...an excellent antidote for the excesses of civilization, for too much flurry and inattention. She is a poet of wisdom and generosity whose vision allows us to look intimately at a world not of our making" (*Harvard Review*). For tickets, www.thecabinidaho.org.

Barnes & Noble in Idaho Falls: In an effort to further address the interests of the writers in our community, we host a writer's group workshop at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month. We welcome anyone who would like to participate. Contact Maribeth Ernst, (208) 552-1463, crm2246@bn.com. Also, you can participate in their Poet's Open Mic night on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

IDAHO Magazine www.idahomagazine.com is interested in your non-fiction stories on Idaho topics. They offer one-time rights to buy those stories. Send queries with specific details in the "Subject" line to Kitty Fleischman, publisher/editor at kfleisch@idahomagazine.com. Then be sure to let me know when your story is published so we can announce it here.

IDAHO HUMANITIES COUNCIL - Read the latest "What I've Been Reading" book reviews on the Council's website: http://www.idahohumanities.org/news/what_read_08_01.php.

Boise Public Library invites avid readers to sign up for their e-mail book review service at www.boisepubliclibrary.org This free monthly newsletter reviews the latest books in a variety of categories.

The Scene in Moscow, ID, and Eastern Washington as reported by BookPeople:

Come on down to the Socrates Cafe, an event at BookPeople! When was the last time you could discuss your thoughts openly and honestly with others? Have you ever questioned society and its assumptions, or your own? Do you like to have a good discussion without fear of being attacked for having an opinion that is different? Then Socrates Cafe is here for you! The time is 6:00 pm, and the Cafe will meet every first and third Sunday of the month. Future meetings: **June 1st, June 15th, July 6th, July 20th**. For more information, find them on the web at www.philosopher.org.

Do you like books? Ever wanted to make one the old-fashioned way? The way the professionals of yesteryear did? Then we have some *great* news for you! **Jim Croft of Oldways** is hosting some classes on bookmaking! And let us tell you, Jim Croft knows his bookmaking; he's one of the very best! The classes:

Wooden Boards and Clasps - June 6th through 16th - Wherein you make two books, 9 days total.

Tool Intensive - June 24th through 25th - Wherein you learn all about making tools, knives, bones, awls, scrapers and more.

Or, for those of you who want to know everything there is to know:

Oldways of Making Books from Raw Materials - June 26th through July 11th. This gets you everything: tool making and sharpening, lessons on fibers hempen and flaxen, traditional hand papermaking and loft-drying, gelatin sizing and burnishing, and making a book with wooden boards and clasps.

Space is limited, so inquire today! For more information, for dates and times, or to register, contact Jim Croft and Melody Eckroth at oldway@imbris.com, or call 208-245-3043, or visit www.geocities.com/oldways_id

It's time once again (in fact, 104th again!) for the Moscow **Bloomsday!** celebration, now at recurrence number 104. On **Monday, June 16** meet at the **1912 Center** in Moscow from **6:30-10:30 pm**. There will be both rehearsed and impromptu audience readings from James Joyce's *Ulysses*, which takes place on a single day: June **16**, 1904. Anyone named **James, Augustine, Joyce, Nora, Barnacle, Stephen, Dedalus, Leopold, Marian, Molly, Tweedy, or Bloom** or anyone **born or married on June 16th** will get **FREE BEVERAGES** all night. So there's only a couple months left to get down to the Latah County Courthouse and have your name legally changed to Tweedy for those free drinks! Inquire at Bookpeople or e-mail Mirrorthheater@roadrunner.com. The event is sponsored by Bookpeople and the Mirror Theater. For all **Bloomsday** participants: On **Monday, June 9** there will be a rehearsal and assignment of parts for Bloomsday, so arrive at **6:30 pm** and be prepared to stay until **9:30 pm**.

The Third Annual Writer's Edge conference is being held in downtown Portland, Oregon from **July 25-27**. Writers will learn about edge, and its application in their writing, through five workshops on writing innovative fiction, two panels, a faculty reading, an open mic, and "myriad conversations about experimental prose." For more information or to apply to the conference, visit <http://fc2.org/edge/edge.htm>. Anyone with more questions about the conference please contact Idaho's own **Lance Olsen**, co-organizer of the conference at writersedge2008@gmail.com. Olsen, who taught at the University of Idaho for 12 years and directed the University of Idaho's Masters of Fine Arts program for two years, will be teaching a workshop entitled "The Mosaic Mind: Fiction as Collage."

WRITERS GUILD OF EASTERN OREGON - There's a lot of literary life just across the border. Click on www.wgeo.org to learn more.

Literary Links:

General--

<http://www.americanlifeinpoetry.org/>

<http://www.boisepoetry.com/>

<http://www.boisepubliclibrary.com/>

<http://www.cowboypoetry.com/>

<http://www.fishtrap.org/>

<http://www.arts.idaho.gov/> Idaho Commission on the Arts>Literature

<http://www.idahostatesman.com/>

<http://www.idahowritersleague.com/index.html>

<http://www.thecabinidaho.org/>

<http://www.loc.gov/poetry/>

<http://www.poetryfoundation.org/>

<http://www.copyright.gov/>

<http://www.pw.org/>

<http://www.awpwriter.org>

<http://www.poets.org/audio.php>

<http://www.partnersincrimeboise.com/>

<http://www.murderinthegrove.com>

<http://www.wgeo.org/> Writers Guild of Eastern Oregon

<http://www.paleomedia.org/> Reporting on the West and the World

<http://www.idahohumanities.org> Idaho Humanities Council

<http://www.sageecosci.com/Writers.html>

Idaho Authors--

<http://www.anthonydoerr.com/>

<http://www.humanophone.com/>

<http://www.joannepence.com>

<http://www.kennethrodgers.com/>

<http://www.lanceolsen.com/>

<http://www.dianeraptosh.com/>

Idaho Publishers--

<http://ahsahtapress.boisestate.edu/>

<http://www.caxtonpress.com/>

<http://cold.drill.googlepages.com/home>

<http://www.idahomagazine.com>

<http://www.limberlostpress.com/>

<http://www.losthorsepress.org/>

<http://www.NewWest.Net/Boise>

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<http://www.bookpeople.net/>

<http://www.rediscoveredbookshop.com>

<http://vistabookgallery.booksense.com>