

DeSilva's News

...a tool writers rely on to meet their creative needs

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In the Spotlight

From the Editor's desk...

Welcome to another edition of DeSilva's News and if this is your first experience...I hope it's a good one!



August already? Hard to believe that fall will arrive next month.

On the upside, the kids will return to school and peace will settle on the land once again. My grandson took precedence over my writer's life this summer, time I was glad to give. He will be starting first grade which will allow me to return to writing and completing those dreaded edits LOL

I need some input from you. Let me know if the content of this newsletter is still meeting your needs. What would you like to see added or deleted? Remember...this is your newsletter so you should have in it that which will help you create!

Lea Schizas is hosting The Muse Online Writer's Conference this October 13th through the 19th. I had the pleasure of attending last year and believe me...you will never find a better online conference anywhere! The presenters are all professionals from authors to agents to publishers; lots of handouts and a workshops. This conference is free of charge but you must hurry **registration closes on**



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September 1st.

To register, please visit:

[The Muse Online Writers Conference](#)

There is a lot to cover in this edition so grab a tall, cool glass of your favorite something and get to it. As usual...I'll meet you at the end with some Final Thoughts.

Write Right

by Bill MacWithey



Look for Bill's column to resume in the Fall.

Connections

By Myrna Lou Goldbaum

WHAT IS PALMISTRY AND WHY WOULD YOU NEED A READING?



Myrna Lou Goldbaum

Palmistry renders each of us unique. Every line and symbol on the hand can be analyzed because they are the servants of the human system; things that affect the system affect them too. Hands are the immediate servants of the brain and the mirrors of the soul. Hands express by gesture, asking, invoking, and promise by dismissal. Hands express by threatening, embracing showing fear, pity, joy and grief.

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All Things Publishing

By Carolyn Howard-Johnson

Seven Easy Ways to Keep Dialogue

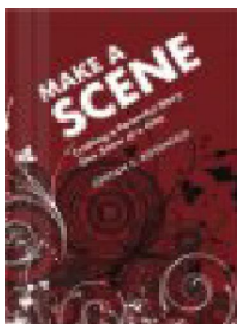
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Make A Scene

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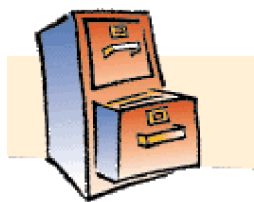
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1. Keep it simple. "He said" and "She said" will usually do. Your reader is trained to accept this repetition.

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Articles



There were so many articles piling up that I decided they needed a permanent home. Check the drawers for new articles each month.

A Write to Brag

Norman S. Smith says: I entered three chapters of my work-in-progress novel **Inner-City Blues** into a competition...[read the results...](#)

Where to Publish

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