



## February 2010 Newsletter

Welcome to 2010! As this is the Katharine Susannah Prichard Writer's Centre's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, this year promises to be full of excitement, so stay tuned for news about upcoming events and celebrations. From what I've heard of the ideas flying around lately, the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary program will be a big one.

Last December we had the annual birthday party for Katharine, in which a fantastic time was had by all. With great food, great company and wonderful talent, what more could you want from an afternoon? Thanks to all those who came along and made it such a fun day.

The calendar of events for 2010 is quickly filling up, including a visitor from China later in the year and a visit from poet Les Murray. There will also be all sorts of workshops, and other visiting writers and awards, all of which will be guaranteed to keep all of you literary types on your literary toes.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of February we'll be welcoming our new Writer in Residence, Lisa Lang. Lisa hails from Melbourne and is currently working on an existential mystery novel, so I'm sure her workshop and literary dinner will prove to be very interesting and thought provoking.

I hope 2010 turns out to be a productive and enjoyable year for everyone. Stay tuned for more news next month.

With kind regards from the new newsletter editor,  
Danika.

### Events in February

**Saturday, 20 February 2010, 1pm – 4pm**

**Writing an Effective Synopsis workshop with Julienne van Loon**

**Saturday, 27 February 2010, 1.30 – 3.00pm**

**Poetry reading with KSP guest Anna Soter**

# *What's been happening @ KSP*

## **Katharine's Birthday**

On the 6th of December last year, members and friends of KSP gathered to celebrate Katharine's birthday, and were entertained by awards, speeches, performances and some wonderful food.



Among the guests were Minister John Day, from the Department of Culture and the Arts, and local MPs Ms Roberts and Ms Moylan, and representing the Shire of Mundaring was the Shire President Helen Dullard.

The Karen W. Treanor and Short Fiction Awards were presented, demonstrating just how much talent there is in Australia, which was further shown by some interesting readings from a number of people.

After the awards and eating, many guests joined the tours or sat around digesting and enjoying the lovely surrounds and company.

A special thanks to all those who came and enjoyed themselves, and especially the volunteers who ran the tours, brought food, helped in the kitchen and generally made it a successful and fun day. Also a huge thanks as usual to Katrin, for all her hard work.

## **Retreats**

The new KSP retreats were well used during the Christmas break, with Anna Bennett, a professional playwright and producer, writing a novel and enacting her plays at the Thursday Night Group.

Deborah Pike, last year's emerging writer in residence from Sydney, was completing a final edit of her novel.

Finally, Jennie Morcombe was progressing her novel based on her extensive travels.

## **Garden**

Denise is doing a magnificent job watering the 200 plus plants that were planted at the beginning of winter, and are now up to half a metre high. If she can win the battle against the heat, we expect to have a fine array of native flowers next spring.

We are still applying for grants to pay for a landscape gardener to map out for us how best to restore Katharine's garden to match the heritage listing of the site.

Could anyone donating plants to us please wait until the next rains come.

### **A visit from China**

From July to September this year, KSP will be hosting a guest from China. Ms Xu Shibo will be one of translating Katharine's works, either Coonardoo or one of the Gold Fields Trilogy, into Mandarin.

Ms Xu comes from Heilongjiang Province, and has a BA in English and an MA in American Literature and has published a number of articles. She is also a member of the Australian Studies Centre at Mudanjiang Teachers' College.

Ms Xu and all of us here at KSP look forward to her visit, and I'm sure the experience will be enjoyable and interesting.



### **Another Thursday Night Group success story**

Congratulations to Kathleen Evans, who has recently published an anthology of short stories titled *Dancing in Darkness*.

The book was launched at the Thursday Night Group on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December.

### **A new Non-Fiction facilitator**

Glad McGough is the new facilitator for the Non-Fiction Writers Group, so congratulations to you Glad and many thanks to Salamah Pope for your work in the past.

### **Our Writer's in Blood Orange**

A website edited by former Writer in Residence Heather Hummel has included in its current issue a selection of poems from KSP members, as well as a description of the centre.

If you would like to check it out, go to <http://www.bloodorangereview.com/> and click on current issue.

# *What's been happening @ KSP*

## **A visit from Australia's leading poet**

Poetry fans keep July free in your diaries, as we are delighted to announce Les Murray will be visiting KSP. As well as staying in one of our retreats, he will be doing readings and a presentation. More news to come in later issues.

## **KSP Library**

Many of you will be familiar with the library by now, but judging by questions asked at Katharine's Birthday Party there are some who have not yet discovered this little gem. Situated in one of the back rooms beyond the dining/sitting room, it offers a wide selection of books and a comfortable place to browse the shelves or simply read.

The books are divided into categories e.g. Reference, Writing, Poetry, Short Stories, Plays, Fiction and Non-Fiction to name a few.

In the Reference section we have The Australian Handbook 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ed. 2008, The Australian Writer's Market Place 10<sup>th</sup> ed. 2009/10 and Style Manual. 6<sup>th</sup>ed. 2007.

There is a large poetry collection and a good selection of plays, scripts and monologues.

There are books published by various writing groups at KSP, by individual writers at KSP and books donated by visitors to the centre or writers in residence. You'll be surprised at what you'll find.

There is also a Literature section filled with books donated by Professor Brian Dibble as well as back numbers of magazines such as Westerly.

Apart from the Reference section all books can be borrowed by KSP members. The library works on an honour system, so simply write your name in the book and cross it off when returning.

To answer another question – the books in the dining/sitting room are The Katharine Susannah Prichard collection, and enquiries about them must be made at the office.

Happy browsing, Brenda Berrisford.

# *What's on in February*

## **Emerging Writer in Residence**

**February 20th to March 21st,**

Lisa Lang is a Melbourne writer. For the last five years she has researched and written about the life of eccentric entrepreneur and humanitarian Edward Cole, of Cole's Funny Picture Book fame. This has resulted in a novel, *Utopian Man*, which won the 2009 Vogel Literary award and will be published by Allen and Unwin in 2010, as well as the non-fiction



*E.W.Cole: Chasing the Rainbow*, published by Arcade Books in 2007. Her short stories have won prizes at Eastern Regional, Boroondara and Shoalhaven literary awards. She is currently writing her second novel, an existential mystery exploring the nature of the creative mind, set largely in Darwin.

She will be presenting a workshop, a literary dinner and providing one mentoring opportunity.

## **Writing an Effective Synopsis workshop with Julienne van Loon**

**Saturday, 20 February 2010, 1pm – 4pm**

Got the book or the book idea sorted, but wondering how to pitch it to a publisher, agent or funding body? This workshop focuses on synopsis writing. We begin by discussing aspects of the marketplace and then discuss how to 'wow and woo' interested parties by developing a succinct, stylistically appropriate synopsis for your great idea. Our first workshop in our 25th Anniversary Year will be conducted by former KSP Writer-in-Residence Julienne van Loon who is a Senior Lecturer in Creative Writing at Curtin University of Technology in Perth, Western Australia.

Julienne's first novel, *Road Story* won the prestigious Australian/Vogel Award in 2004. She has since published *Under the Bloodwood Tree*, a novel set in the Pilbara. Don't miss Julienne's Author Talk in March!

## *KSP Events in February*

### **Poetry reading with KSP guest Anna Soter**

**Saturday, 27 February 2010, 1.30 – 3.00pm**

Anna Soter is originally from Perth, but now based in the USA where she is currently working as a Professor of English Education/Adult and Young Adult Literacy at the Ohio State University. Anna is an Award-winning poet, a recipient of various grants and an experienced workshop presenter. Join the Poets@KSP and hear some of Anna's great work. Afternoon tea will be provided.

## **Competitions**

### **The Best of Times short story competition.**

This competition closes 31 March 2010 and is open for humorous short stories (any theme) of up to 2500 words. There will be cash prizes for first, second and third place. You may enter as many times as you like, and each story must be written in English and be your own original work. For more info, go to the competition webpage: [http://spiky\\_one.tripod.com/comp9.html](http://spiky_one.tripod.com/comp9.html)

### **Aeon Award short fiction contest**

*Albedo One*, Ireland's magazine of Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror, is proud to announce the fifth *International Aeon Award short fiction contest*. Grand prize is 1000 euro and publication in *Albedo One*. Second and third place stories win 200 and 100 euro respectively, alongside publication in *Albedo One*.

It will be open to stories of up to 8000 words in any speculative genre, including science fiction, fantasy, horror, or anything in between or unclassifiable, and is also open to writers of all nationalities.

The contest is open from 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2010 until November 30<sup>th</sup> 2010, and runs in four rounds, at the end of which the judges will announce on the *Albedo One* website a shortlist of those entries they feel worthy of further consideration. The 1<sup>st</sup> round ends March 31<sup>st</sup>, the second round, June 30<sup>th</sup>, the third round September 30<sup>th</sup> and the final round November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Full details may be found at the following link: [http://www.albedo1.com/html/aeon\\_award.html](http://www.albedo1.com/html/aeon_award.html)

### **PressPress Chapbook Award 2010**

The PressPress Chapbook Award is for an original manuscript of poetry between 20-40pp. The winning manuscript will receive \$600 and chapbook publication with PressPress. The Award is now open, and the winner will be announced in July 2010 on the PressPress site: [www.presspress.com.au](http://www.presspress.com.au)

The manuscript must be unpublished and not on offer to another publisher in Australia or elsewhere (except that individual poems can be already taken or on offer to journals, sites or anthologies where you keep the copyright).

## **Opportunities for Writers**

### **A Writing Marathon in February**

A Writing Marathon will be held at Tom Collins House, on Saturday the 6th of February. Well-known Perth poet, Kevin Gillam, will be leading the session which will run from 1.00 to 5.00 p.m. at a cost of \$22 only

The FAWWA Marathons run for 4 hours (with tea break), and writers compose to given lines, physical cues eg. leaf, shell, pieces of music, a specific theme, or a particular form. The sessions are a great way to discover freedom in creative writing, and also generate some new starting ideas for prose or poems. Suitable for writers of all skill and experience levels

### **Writing Away Retreat: Australia**

Writing Away is a Retreat taking place in Melbourne in June, with places likely to be booked quickly.

As a writer at Writing Away, you'll receive feedback from a number of people involved in writing, publishing and editing on over 7,500 words of your manuscript. Throughout the history of Writing Away, over 65% of writers who have attended have been placed with publishers, editors and agents. Further info on [www.writingawayretreats.com](http://www.writingawayretreats.com).

# 2009 KSP Short Fiction Awards

## Open Section

First Place	“Bibi’s Tree.”	Kathleen Noud, Bald Hills, QLD
Second Place	“The Sad Feminist.”	Erica Woolgar, Lilli Pilli, NSW.
Third Place	“Piggy.”	Ken Moore, Claremont, WA

## Commended (in alphabetical order by authors’ surnames)

“Her Mother’s Daughter.”	Sally Clark, Lesmurdie, WA.
“another chance.”	Jonathan Hill, Old Erawal Bay, NSW.
“Two Hands and One Right Foot.”	Catherine Titasey, Thursday Island, QLD
“The Secret Cure.”	Nike Bourke, Palmwoods, QLD.
“Nuns and Seagulls.”	Dorothy Dellaway, Subiaco, WA.

## Youth Section

First Place	
“A Rainbow of Dancing Colours.”	Breanna Hollow (14), WA.
Second Place	
“The Controller’s Vengeance.”	Rohan Navani (14), VIC.



## Commended (in alphabetical order by authors’ surnames)

“Mr Darcy Grows Up.”	Holly Ambrose (15), Gymea Bay, NSW.
“Inferno.”	Emily Green (14), Leeming, WA.
“Shift Happens.”	Monty Harding (16), York, WA.
“Fowl Play.”	Griffin Putland (16), Northam, WA.
“Fast Cars.”	Raeden Richardson (14), Mulgrave, VIC.

## Under 13s

“Welcome to Friday Street.”	Kathy Stockwell (12), Nedlands, WA.
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# Karen W. Treanor Poetry Awards

## Open Section

First Place; Roland Leach  
Second Place; Frederick Mackay  
Third Place; Danielle Monique

*The Middle East Sonnets*  
*The Artist's Painting*  
*In a Dark, Dark Castle*

## Commended

Peta Leiper  
Carmel Durbidge  
Clancy McGowan (Dorothy Dellaway)  
Melanie Daniel  
Mrs Joan Steele

*Gimlet*  
*A Wife's Lament*  
*Voices: Murujuga/Burrup Penin-  
sular*  
*Goodbye Cancer*  
*The Life of Crows*

## Youth Section

First Place; Taylah Howard  
Second Place; Matthew Andreotta

*Aussies*  
*The Last Question*

## Commended

Kieren McRobert  
Siobhan Deacon  
Amelia Quaife  
Hollie Pablo

*The Design of All*  
*A Revolution*  
*Goalie*  
*The Dream*

## Under 13s

Nathan Holbrook  
*A Cold Emotion*



# PERTH WRITERS FESTIVAL - Feb 26 – Mar 1

A wonderful array of speakers are scheduled to speak at the Perth Writers Festival. See you there! The full program can be found at:  
<http://www.perthfestival.com.au/perth-writers-festival>

AC Grayling, Barry Lopez, Adrian McKinty, Alex Miller, Amanda Lohrey, Andrea Goldsmith, Andy Griffiths, Angie Sage, Anita Heiss, Anzon Cameron, Anthony Buckley, Archie Weller, Colin McClaren, Craig Silvey, David Carlin, David Finkel, Dianne Wolfer, Don Watson, Donna Mulhearn, Eleanor Catton, Elizabeth Kostova, Emily Maguire, Evelyn Juers, Garth Nix, Goldie Goldbloom, Helen Oyeyemi, Hugh Mackay, Irvine Welsh, Jack Heath, James Roy, Jon Doust, Judith Lanigan, Ka Bedford, Kalinda Ashton, Kerry Greenwood, Kirsty Muray, Larissa Behrendt, Lenny Bartulin, Linda Javin, Liz Byrski, Marele Day, Marina Endicott, Mark Tredinnick, Mark Walden, Michael Adams, Michael Cathcart, Michael Goldfarb, Michael Koryta, Morris Gleitzman, Neil White, Nicholas Rothwell, Patrick Gale, Patrick Ness, Paul Kelly, Richard Newsome, Richard Rissiter, Robert Forster, Robert Gray, Robert Macklin, Robyn Mundy, Salley Vickers, Shani Mootoo, Stephen Scourfield, Tasma Walton, Thomas Keneally, Tom Cho, Wendy James, William Dalrymple, William L. Fox.

## LITERARY DINNERS AT KSP

Join us at Katharine's Place for a lovely evening with delicious food, interesting conversation and – last, but not least – meet our Writers-In-Residence and hear some of their incredible work.

### **Lisa Lang on Tuesday, 9 March 7 – 9.00pm**

Lisa is a Melbourne writer. For the last five years she has researched and written about the life of eccentric entrepreneur and humanitarian

Edward Cole, of Cole's Funny Picture Book fame. This has resulted in a novel, *Utopian Man*, which won the 2009 Vogel Literary award and will be published by Allen and Unwin in 2010.

### **Suzanne Ingelbrecht - Tuesday, 27 April, 7 – 9.00pm**

Suzanne is a writer and playwright based in Perth. She has written a number of full-length plays, including *Fragmented* and *The Quiet Country* (a dream play), and several shorter works including *Hard Ware* and the 2008 Maj Monologues' finalist *Blusher*, performed *Downstairs* at His Majesty's Theatre. Suzanne was the 2009 Vancouver Arts Centre/Stages playwright-in-residence in Albany during the Sprung Writers Festival. She is currently a PhD scholarship student of writing at Edith Cowan University.

### **Dr David Reiter - Tuesday, 8 June, 7. – 9.00pm**

David Reiter is an award-winning poet and writer of fiction, and Director of IP, an innovative print and digital publishing house. His previous books include *The Cave After Saltwater Tide* (Penguin, 1994) for which he won the Queensland Premier's Award and *Kiss and Tell*, *Selected and New Poems 1987-2002*. He's completed a feature film *Hemingway* in Spain and a short film *A Simple Tale* based on a Stephen Oliver poem.

### **Andy Jackson - Tuesday, 17 August, 7 – 9.00pm**

Andy Jackson's poetry explores the emotional, cultural and political dimensions of embodiment and identity. He has been published in a wide variety of print and on-line journals, and featured at events and festivals. His most recent collection of poems, *Among the Regulars*, is scheduled for release by papertiger media. He blogs (rarely) at [amongtheregulars.wordpress.com](http://amongtheregulars.wordpress.com).

Costs: \$20 for KSP-members and \$25 for non-members. Booking and payment in advance essential. Ph. 9295 6147.

# Regular Writing Groups

Open for Everyone to Join

Poetry Writing Group	2nd, 4th Mondays 12.45pm
Karibu Women's Group (Midland)	1st, 3rd Wednesdays 9.30am
Writefree Women's Writing Group	Wednesdays 9.45am
Young Writers Two Groups	Thursdays 4.00-6.00pm
Home Schooler Group (9-13s)	Thursdays 11.00am
Thursday Night Group	Thursday 7.30pm
Non-Fiction Writers	Monthly 1st Saturday 10.00am
Past Tense (Social History)	Monthly 2nd Saturday 10.00am
Script Writing Group	Monthly 1st Sunday 10.00am
Speculative Fiction/ Fantasy	Monthly 2nd Sunday 10.00am
Avon Valley Writers Group	Wednesdays 10am & Thursdays 7.00pm

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