Get Your Students Publishing in 2017!

REMINDER! The Scholastic Writing Awards for the Missouri Region will close this Friday, January 6. Submission guidelines can be found here. Direct questions to Katie Kline (kkline@ucmo.edu).

Do your students love writing stories? Have you read one of their stories that you believe the world needs to hear? Encourage your students to enter the International Short Story Writing Contest for ages 7-16. Deadline for submissions is February 15th. See specific contest details at http://www.kidsworldfun.com/short-story-contest.php

Encourage your students (ages 13 – 19) to submit a story about their teenage experience to One Teen Story, an award winning literary magazine. There are options for adult submissions, too. Check it out here: http://www.one-story.com/

Publically recognize your best high school writers by nominating them for a 2017 NCTE Achievement Award in Writing. Juniors in the current academic school year may be nominated by their school’s English department. Entries must be completed by teachers. Students will submit two pieces of writing: their best piece and a themed piece. The deadline for submissions is February 24. Find out more by visiting http://www.ncte.org/awards/student/aa

Youth Writing Festival (South)

GWP is partnering with Meramec Valley School district to offer a Middle School Youth Writing Festival for students in the southern and western areas of the Greater St. Louis Region (students from all area schools are welcome!).

WHERE: Riverbend School in Pacific, MO
WHEN: Friday, March 3

The registration brochure and additional info can be found on the GWP Website on or before Jan. 12. Online registration will open on Jan. 24 and close on Feb. 21 or when full. Hope to see you and your students there!

Summer Institute

June 5 – 29, 2017

Do you have fond memories of your summer institute? Did it impact your practice or your identity as a writer? Encourage your best colleagues to apply so that they too can experience all that GWP has to offer. Remember, we want teachers from all grade levels and disciplines, so please pass the flier on to all departments & schools.

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Teachers as Writers

- **Listen to Your Mother**
  Submissions for *Listen to Your Mother* open Jan. 13. You don’t have to be a mother—only have a story to share about mothers or mothering. Pieces should be 3-5 minutes when read aloud (about two pages). Click [here](#) for more information.

- **Write Across Missouri**
  Ever wanted to be part of an extended writing marathon? Join Ozarks Writing Project co-director Cathie English this summer to read and write your way across Missouri. Click [here](#) for more info.

- **GWP Monthly Writer’s Group**
  **When:** Last Tuesday of the month at 4:30
  **Where:** Fergie’s Bar & Restaurant
  Click [here](#) for more information.

GWP Cooks @ RMDH

Start the New Year off right! Join GWP TCs to cook and write with guests at the Ronald McDonald house on Saturday, Jan. 7. Click [here](#) for more information or to sign-up. Can’t make it? Save the date for the next event on Mar. 24.

Professional Learning

- **Educating for Change Conference**
  The 12th annual Educating for Change Curriculum Conference (co-sponsored by GWP) will be held at Maplewood Richmond Heights Elementary from 8:00 – 4:00 on Sat., Feb. 4. Registration is only $25. For more info and to register click [here](#).

- **Write to Learn Conference**
  Don’t miss out on this year’s Write to Learn conference at Tantara on Feb. 16 – 18 (co-sponsored by Missouri Writing Projects Network). Kelly Gallagher will be there—need I say more? Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

- **NWP and NCTE in St. Louis in 2017**
  The NWP Annual Meeting and NCTE’s Annual Conference will be held in St. Louis next November 16 – 19. As 2017-2018 budgets are being developed, remind your colleagues and administrators to set aside PD funds for teachers to attend. GWP will be highly involved in planning the NWP Annual Meeting so we will be looking for volunteers soon! The call for proposals for NCTE is open until January 12. Click [here](#) to submit a proposal.

Spotlight on...

... GWP TC John Dorroh

John’s story “Mom’s Secret Mission” was published in *Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Joy of Christmas*. Read more about his story and view a short video of him describing it [here](#). Congratulations John!

Do you know a GWP TC who should be spotlighted? Send info to Katie O’Daniels.