



Midwest Writing Center

Fostering appreciation of the written word, supporting and educating its creators.



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The Writer's Block E-Newsletter

November 2011



PERSONNEL CHANGE

Stop by to say, "Hi" to MWC's new Operations Manager, **Lauren Nigri**. Lauren is a University of Iowa Graduate and is an artist. She recently constructed the set for Davenport Junior Theater's "Wizard of Oz" Production.

Jodie Toohey left the position to pursue her writing and editing business, *Jodie Toohey Writing Innovations*. Visit www.jodiet.com for more information.

Writing for Business: Crafting Messages That Cut Through the Clutter with Joe Taylor.

Learn how to craft messages in news releases, letters, emails and newsletters that will get noticed and read. This workshop will be interactive and offer customized information you need in your day-to-day business life. Wednesday, November 2nd; registration starts at 8 a.m. with the presentation from 9:15-10 a.m. at MWC; \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. Joe Taylor has been involved in professional business writing in one way or another for 34 years, as a newspaper reporter and tourism promoter. Go to www.midwestwritingcenter.org or call 563/324-1410 to sign up!



Join us for lunch with **Jennifer Chiaverini**, author of the Elm Creek Quilts Series

- On tour for her new book, *The Wedding Quilt*
- Noon on November 7, 2011
- The Radisson Hotel
111 East 2nd St.
Davenport, IA 52801
- Books will be available for sale and signing
- Door Prizes!
- Registration Due by November 4th



Looking for a critique group?

The Writers' Studio, next meetings - **November 5th & 19th at 11 a.m. at MWC.**

Out Loud Open Mic Night November 17th



Submissions will be accepted for the **Out Loud Poetry Anthology** until **January 15, 2012**. All who have previously participated in Out Loud events may submit!



Reservation Information

- Register online or via phone/email with Midwest Writing Center
- \$25 per person

Ghost Stories Writing Workshop On-line with Robin Throne November 5th-18th

Are you thinking about submitting a story to the LeClaire Ghost Stories anthology by December? This two-week online workshop is designed to help you refine your story for submission or to explore a creative hook to capture reader interest. Facilitated by Robin Throne, 918studio writer & publisher. Visit <http://www.midwestwritingcenter.org/RedesignedSite/Events/Other%20Events/ThroneGhost2.htm> for information about the anthology and system requirements. Cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members.

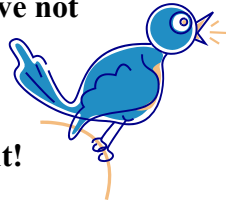
MWC MEMBER BUZZ...

Are you a member with news to share?
Email it to us at
mwc@midwestwritingcenter.org and
you may be featured here!



DID YOU KNOW?

MWC received over \$3,000 this year from Birdies for Charity. Thanks to all of our donors! This money goes a long way in financing programming and events. If you've not given before, please consider us next spring when pledge forms go out!



DO SOME HOLIDAY SHOPPING AT THESE LOCAL AUTHOR BOOK SIGNINGS!

Black Friday, November 25th, 7-9 p.m. Several authors will be on hand at MWC to sell and sign a variety of books so be sure to make them a part of your day after Thanksgiving shopping trips! Call 563/324-1410 or email mwc@midwestwritingcenter.org to participate. Preference given to members on a first come, first served basis. **FREE**

Saturday, December 3rd, 1-4 p.m. Mention MWC when you check out and MWC will receive a portion of the sale. Additional, several local authors will be there signing their 2011-released books. Call 563/324-1410 or email mwc@midwestwritingcenter.org to see if you are qualified to participate. **FREE**



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Should you wish not to receive e-mail information about upcoming events at the Midwest Writing Center, please send a reply with REMOVE in the subject line to: mwc@midwestwritingcenter.org

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