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**Hudson Valley Writers Guild Newsletter**

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**I. Guild Announcements:**

**Thanks to Lisa Christopher**

The Guild's board would like to acknowledge the hard and valuable work done by Lisa Christopher, our intern from Sage over the past semester. Lisa was invaluable in helping set up the new workspace, in helping with logistics for the annual Guild meeting and in assisting with programming. We wish her all the best with her studies and future endeavors.

**Newsletter Submissions**

New board member Bob Sharkey will now be compiling information for the Guild newsletter. You can send your announcements to his attention by email to: riverrun at nycap.rr.com. (Note that we are using "at" in place of @ in the newsletter to avoid hotlinks.)

**II. Member Announcements:**

**Marion Roach Smith** has brought memoir to the web. Her new memoir blog can be reached directly at her website by going online at [thesisterproject.com/roach/side-dishes-lets-write-it-all-down](http://thesisterproject.com/roach/side-dishes-lets-write-it-all-down). She invites everyone to leave comments and begin talking about memoir on the web.

**Alan Catlin** has several recent collections of his poetry out in publication. They are:  
*Men in Suits* from Madman Ink Press @ \$9.  
*Effect of Sunlight in the Fog* from Bright Hill Press @\$8 ([brighthillpress.org](http://brighthillpress.org).)  
*Only the Dead Know Albany* from sunnyoutside @\$10 ([sunnyoutside.com](http://sunnyoutside.com).)  
*Self-Portrait of the Artist Afraid of His Self-Portrait* from march street press @\$9 ([marchstreetpress.com](http://marchstreetpress.com).)

**Diane Cameron announces Writing for Caregivers:** Tuesday, January 13, 2009, 2:00-4:00 pm. Venue: Colonie Senior Service Centers at the Beltrone Living Center, Six Winners Circle, off Wolf Road/Metro Park Drive in Colonie.

Are you a caregiver? This fun two-hour workshop will help you tell your own story or the story of the person you care for. Your work may be intended for publication or as a gift to your family. You will learn about keeping a journal, starting a memoir, and using fiction and poetry in your work. The class will also explore writing as a therapeutic and stress-relieving tool. And you will learn how to make time to write when you are so very busy. This is for those who have never written and those with some experience.

The workshop is free, but you must register at 518-456-2898. Final date for registration is January 6. Facilitated by Diane Cameron, Executive Director of Community Caregivers and an award-winning writer.

**Dan Wilcox announces a Holiday Special Offer from A.P.D. (A Party Downtown):**

Place your order between now & New Years Day & receive FREE! shipping -- pay only for the books, CDs, tee-shirts, pins, cassette tapes (what's that?) -- Anything from the complete, extensive & cheap A.P.D. (Accept Proletarian Dictatorship) catalog. This offer will not be repeated (until maybe next year, if we're still in business!)

New in 2008:

*To the Husband I Have Not Yet Met* by Mary Kathryn Jablonski, \$8.00 (intense poems threaded with humor by the Saratoga Springs poet & artist)

Previously published by A.P.D. (Annotated Poetry Dictionary):

*Distant Kinships* by Anthony Bernini, \$12.00 (a full-length book of poems by the great local poet)

*Three Sides to the Looking Glass* by Rachel Zitomer, \$5.00 (the long poem performed from memory at her legendary reading at Changing Spaces Gallery)

*Suddenly Sapphires* by Dina Pearlman, \$8.00 (poems by the Hudson Valley artist, published in conjunction with Shivastan Publishing, Woodstock)

*For the Birds* by Maureen Kowsky, \$5.00 (like it says, poems by this unknown Florida poet)

*Having Lunch with the Sky* by Joan Mc Nerney, \$3.00 (a chapbook by the NYC/Ravena poet)

*Baghdad/Albany & Other Peace Poems* by Dan Wilcox, \$1.00 (the popular & imitated anti-war poem)

*Meditations of a Survivor* by Dan Wilcox, \$5.00 (a "science fiction poem" about a survivor of a nuclear war living in the ruins of the WTC)

Also available:

3 Guys from Albany tee-shirts, black only (of course), with white logo (medium, large, extra large), \$12.00

3 Guys from Albany CD (full 1-hour program), \$10.00 -- (cassette tape version only \$5.00)

3 Guys from Albany genuine logo pin \$1.00

*Volume* -- CD compilation of Albany poets (from Grrr Records) \$10.00  
*Open Mic: the Albany Anthology* \$10.00 (still some left of this legendary collection of spoken word poets)

Email your order to apdbooks at earthlink.net with your mailing address & I will mail them right away to you, with information about where to send your check, or use real mail & send your order & check made out to "A.P.D." to:

A.P.D. (A Possible Disaster)  
280 South Main Ave.  
Albany, NY 12208

### **III. Area Announcements:**

#### **The Social Justice Center**

The monthly Third Thursday Poetry night on December 18<sup>th</sup> hosted by Dan Wilcox promises to be a gala event. **Alan Casline**, local poet and promoter of literary events, will not only be the featured reader but will bring along some free and new publications. He will also share results from the Local Poets Survey he conducted last spring. In addition, local poets will have perhaps their last opportunity this year to read one of their poems out. As if that was not enough, Sanity Claus is expected to make his annual visit with his bag of poetry goodies for those brave enough to read. In Albany at the Social Justice Center at 33 Central Ave (next to Shalimar restaurant.) Reading begins at 7:30.

#### **Voorheesville Public Library**

Noted environmental leader and poet, **Stephen Lewandowski** will appear at the Voorheesville Public Library on Sunday January 4, 2008 at 2 pm. He will discuss his bioregional and watershed interests as well as read a selection of his poems. An informal question and answer session will immediately follow his presentation. For more information contact Alan Casline at 475-7781.

#### **Capital Flip Call for Submissions**

**Liam Sweeny** announced that the Capital Flip ([thecapitalflip.com](http://thecapitalflip.com)) will be launching in January as a cyber-publication (a.k.a. 'zine), and will contain a section called *Vice & Verse*. V&V will feature four Capital Region poets, and will include their picture, bio and one or more poems, space permitting.

Submission Guidelines:

- One picture of the poet.
- A brief (100 words or less) bio, including any up-coming events.
- 24 line limit on poetry (not including breaks)
- 300 word limit on experimental prose.

To be considered for submission, please send the following as attachments with the heading 'V-n-V Submission' to: editor at thecapitalflip.com. The deadline for each publication is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the previous month. Due to the expected volume of submissions, we cannot guarantee a spot on a given month, but we can try. We do not judge on content or style; that's for our readers to judge. For any further questions, write 'Question (V-n-V)' in the subject heading to the above address.

A note from the newsletter editor: A fresh crew of volunteers is on board for the Guild newsletter, and this is our first time around. We are curious to know if the formatting "worked" (appears neat and tidy) in your email or if it caused issues (is difficult to read). Send feedback and suggestions regarding any formatting issues to hvwginfo (at) gmail (dot) com. News items should go to Bob Sharkey as stated above. Thank you!

**The Hudson Valley Writers Guild offers space in its newsletter for submission and program opportunities but does not endorse any programs or publications that are not offered through the Guild.**