



WISE WOMEN WRITE™



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DIANE AMENTO OWENS BRINGS
WOMEN TOGETHER TO WRITE

Join a supportive writing community of women!

If you long to tell your story and share your truth with a group of supportive women, then consider joining one of the newly forming Wise Women Write groups. Through writing assignments and writing feedback, you'll share your story and become a better writer, all in a fun writing workshop format.

Visit the newly designed [Wise Woman Write website](#) to sign up for Diane's Weekly Wise Words.

Check out the information about [Wise Women Write groups](#) in Phoenix and Scottsdale, Arizona.

To read about the creator of Wise Women Write, Diane Amento Owens, visit [About Diane](#).

Read and subscribe to Diane's [Wise Women Write blog](#).

To read about some members of the writing community who are part of Wise Women Write, read about the featured Wise Women Writer, and see a sample of her work, visit [Words of the Wise](#).

Feel free to pass this newsletter along to all of your writing friends!

SPINNING A GOOD YARN

by Trish Dolasinski, Ed.D.

Welcome to the wonderful world of journal writing! Whether you are a newbie to personal written reflections or you've been a word-wise recorder for decades, a 30-minute weekly visit to the *knitting corner* will rouse your creative energy and soothe your soul.

If you think journal writing is only for the blissful teenage female, you are in for pleasant revelation. There are many reasons to keep a journal and many methods to record your thoughts. For now, however, we're simply going to take a walk down fantasy lane and turn those knitting needles into our writing implement of choice. Grab a notebook of your choice and let's begin....

Seasons signal change and autumn will soon descend upon us. But an old adage states that the only creation that appreciates change is a wet baby! Looking at our life place through the metaphor of seasons can conjure insights and even soothe angst. See yourself in the autumn season of your own life cycle. If you are not that far along the life spectrum, consider where you are now and how that will look when you do approach middle/late middle age. If you are wisdom-bound and in the chronological winter season of your life, hold tight—we'll be tapping into your insights soon. For now, consider how decisions you made five or ten years ago have impacted your life today.

Happy journaling!

Trish's new blog project, "Spinning a Good Yarn," will be up and running soon. Look for more information and new journal prompts here each month.

RETURNING THE FAVOR

by Susan Pohlman

This morning was one of those *put your coffee cup on the top of your car and drive down the street* sort of mornings. I kept thinking that the other drivers were unusually friendly, waving and pointing, and assumed it was because I was being recognized as the new author in town. One quick slam on the brakes at an intersection put an end to that fantasy. My new mug, too.

Publishing my first book has turned my brain to mush. The amount of information that I am consuming is unprecedented. And I love every scatterbrained moment of it. The process of finding an agent, to selling a manuscript, to seeing your book on the store shelf is both exhilarating and, at times, overwhelming.

When I look back at this journey, I think about all of those kind, patient souls who have helped me. The writers and industry people who have taken the time to share bits and pieces of their journey to help me visualize an action plan. I owe them so much.

I promised myself, that if I ever made it all the way to publishing, I would return the favor as best as I could. In the next few newsletters I will share my experiences with you in hopes that you, too, can arrive at a stoplight and see your favorite coffee mug go flying into an intersection because you were too overwhelmed by the publication of your first book.

Visit Susan's [website](#) for more information about her debut memoir, "*Halfway to Each Other*," available in bookstores everywhere.

Visit Susan's blog, [Moments That Matter](#), where "like-minded souls bump into each other and find solace in the simple act of sharing life's joys and complexities."

CORNER THE MARKET

by Windy Lynn Harris

Do you want to see your new short story, essay, or poem in print? Wonder where to begin? I'm here to help! Each month I'll bring you tips on how to get your creative writing published. We'll begin with a system I call **MARKETING MONDAY**. Here's what it looks like: I start each week searching the internet and combing through marketing books for magazine, anthology, and contest opportunities. Then I sit down at my computer, create appropriate query letters, and get my new pieces of writing out the door.

Each time I find a market that fits my type of writing, I record the information in a binder I call my "marketing file." Even if I don't have a piece ready for the contest or magazine yet, I add them to my list. Create your own "marketing file" this month and you will always have opportunities waiting for your finished prose. Here are a few places to begin your search:

[Recent Google PageRank order for FICTION](#)

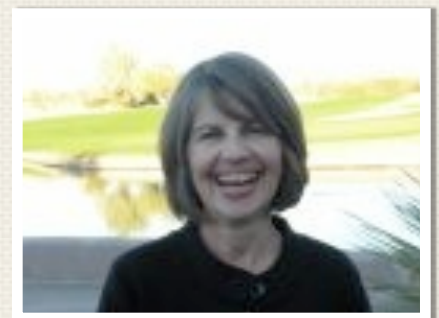
[Writers Remember's resource list](#)

[Writing for Dollars](#)

Want to know what great writing opportunities I find each week? Follow me on [twitter](#) for **MARKETING MONDAY** updates YOU can use!

FREE WRITING SEMINAR

DIANE AMENTO OWENS and WINDY LYNN HARRIS present **Say It, Share It, Send It** on Tuesday, September 15, 2009, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble Desert Ridge in North Phoenix. Join us for 90 minutes of fun and information that will give your writing some "S" power!



Diane will present the Say It/Share It portion of the program about journaling, blogging, and sharing your work with a writing group. Windy Lynn will present her success tips for submitting your creative writing to editors.



See Barnes&Noble.com for venue details.

NEWSWORTHY EVENTS

Wise Woman Write member LAUREN DIXON, best known for her ocean inspired poetry, earned 4th place in the 2009 Cave Creek Art and Film Festival with her short story, "Train Stop." Lauren read her award winning piece at the town's literary event, held at Harold's Cave Creek Corral.



CONGRATULATIONS, LAUREN!

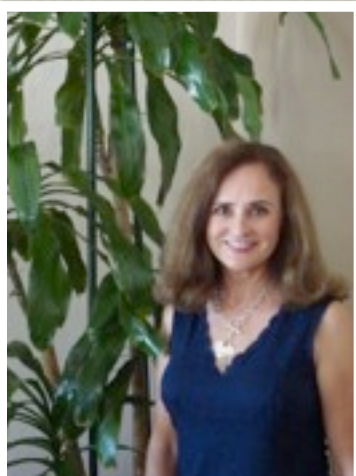


MARYANN MCCULLOUGH'S thoughtful essay, "Orphaned at an Older Age," will be featured in the November 2009 issue of U.S. Catholic Magazine. Visit [Maryann's website](#) this month to enjoy her previously published piece "A Slight Tilt of the Axis," and you'll understand why this talented writer has stacks of acceptance letters sitting on her desk.

Fabulous local author SUSAN POHLMAN was awarded the "GOLDEN SLIPPER AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE" this month. Susan's latest achievement comes for her debut memoir, "*Halfway to Each Other*," available in book stores now.



CONGRATULATIONS, SUSAN!



Freelance writer/editor Trish Dolasinski, Ed. D., will be facilitating the latest Wise Woman Write groups for those new to sharing their creative expression. Come join the fun. You'll love Trish as much as the rest of us do!

Trish is also the newest School Improvement Coach for the Arizona State Department of Education. In this capacity, Trish will facilitate school teams in their efforts to write and create school effectiveness plans.

****WISE WOMAN WRITE CLASS SCHEDULES****

The continuing THURSDAY Wise Women Write group will begin their fall season on September 17 with the theme "Minutes to Moments." The theme was inspired by Susan Pohlman's "Moments That Matter" blog and author Mary Pipher's observation from *Seeking Peace*: "Not all minutes are created equal and only a few become moments." In Diane's work with fearful flyers, she is constantly telling them to be mindful of the present moment as a way of moving out of their fear of the future. Now Diane will work with you to take that same concept of mindfulness and apply it to writing.

Starting in September, the WEDNESDAY Wise Women Write group will meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays to work on projects of your choice. Get feedback on your novel, non-fiction book, book proposal, short story, essay, poem, article pitch--whatever creative project you have in progress. Send up to five pages of prose to your teammates by the Sunday prior (first critique copy due Sept. 6th, first meeting Sept. 9th).

New classes starting soon! Contact [Diane](#) for scheduling information.

****RECOMMENDED RESOURCE****

DO YOU WRITE ESSAYS, SHORT STORIES, OR POEMS? WANT TO GET PUBLISHED?

MARKET COACHING FOR UNPUBLISHED WRITERS AVAILABLE

Award winning freelance writer Windy Lynn Harris will teach you:

- *Where to find thousands of markets for your work
- *How to find the right editor for each piece
- *How to format your manuscript for submission
- *How to write winning query letters

There is no magic wand needed to get your creative writing published, only a professional attitude toward the publishing industry and endless determination. Show editors that you deserve to be taken seriously as a writer by professionally presenting them your best work. When you submit an edited piece of writing and an interesting query letter to the right editor, you open the door to success.

Get the information and the confidence you need to submit your work today!

4-Week Coaching Session - \$100

Visit www.windylynnharris.com for more information.

****RECOMMENDED READING****

HALFWAY TO EACH OTHER

THE TRUE STORY OF A CALIFORNIA COUPLE ON THE BRINK OF SEPARATION WHO UNEXPECTEDLY FIND LOVE AGAIN ON THE ITALIAN RIVIERA.

a new memoir by Susan Pohlman

Tired, empty, and disillusioned with married life, Susan Pohlman was ready to call it quits. As soon as she and her husband, Tim, wrapped up a business trip in Italy, she planned to break the news that she wanted to end their eighteen-year marriage.

During their last day as they walked along the Italian Riviera, Tim fantasizes aloud that, perhaps, they could live there. Susan initially dismisses the notion as nonsense but is inexplicably overwhelmed with a desire to give the marriage another try. Defying all logic, the couple finds a school for their children and sign a lease for an apartment. Maybe a life in such a charmed setting could help them find their way back to each other.

Together with their fourteen-year-old daughter Katie and their eleven-year-old son Matt, they trade in their breakneck Los Angeles pace for adventure and a slower, more intimate lifestyle--slipping out of the constraints of the traditional American Dream into a dream of their own.

Instead of seeing each other for only fleeting moments in the mornings and evenings, the family starts to spend their days together rediscovering the simple joys that bring texture and meaning to all of our lives. Travel with them as they stumble upon new customs, explore medieval alleyways, browse street markets, befriend neighbors, learn to cook, and try a new language.

This is the remarkable story of an ordinary American family that inspires and offers hope that all of us who find the courage to listen to our hearts and follow our dreams can experience a new beginning.

This award-winning book by Arizona author Susan Pohlman is now available at your favorite book store! Visit www.susanpohlman.com for more information about the Pohlman family and a photo gallery of their adventure in Italy.

