



NEWSLETTER

“LIFE IS A HANDFUL OF SHORT STORIES PRETENDING TO BE A NOVEL.” –ANON.



Stay tuned to email for changes in dates and times. Contact moabpw@yahoo.com for info.

Dig

by Monette Clark

Dig
For that which
Eludes you
A Hole
Deep
As
Yourself
Earth
Is moist
- and waiting -
For you -
Dig
Into the
Hollow

Empty center
Earth-world-
Body
Dig
You will change
This to That
Things will never
Be
The same
After you loosen
What is firm
Digging
Builds a mountain
Behind you

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From The Newsroom

Moab Poets and Writers is pleased to offer two scholarships for Confluence workshops, one two-day (valued at \$325) and a one-day (valued at \$75). These scholarships are available to only Moab Poets and Writers. Given MP&W's modest size, you stand a good chance of being selected! Using no more than a single page of 12-point font, submit an explanation of what participating in Confluence would mean to you and how it might impact your writing. See their website for more about the workshops: www.moabconfluence.org. Applications must be received no later than October 1 and must be sent to Moab Poets and Writers, P.O. Box 675, Moab, UT 84532 or moabpw@yahoo.com.

On September 12th, local novelist and author Mylène Dressler led 15 participants through *Writing in Flash! How to write the super-short-short story*.



Flash fiction—also called “sudden fiction” or “short-short fiction”—is a wonderful, magnetic form of writing that strives to tell a story in 500 words or fewer. Participants examined excellent works of flash fiction and walked away with two pieces, some of which will surely be submitted to Moab Poets and Writers’ **Flash Your Fiction Short-Short Story Contest**. If the deadline hasn’t passed, you too can submit short works! The Grand Prize is a \$50 gift certificate to ABC/Back of Beyond Books! Pieces must be received by Moab Poets and Writers no later than September 30. Put your short fiction in the body of the email and submit to moabpw@yahoo.com. An independent panel will evaluate submissions. On October 9th, authors are invited to read their shorts or other work at the open mic (See reverse.), and the winner will be announced!

–The MP&W Board

Visit: www.moabpoetsandwriters.org

Submissions:

To submit a maximum 300-word prose piece or maximum 40-line poem to the Moab Poets & Writers Newsletter Editor, send an email to:

mcneild@grandschools.org

If your piece is accepted, you will be asked for a digital photo and short bio.



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A cave before you	In no time at all
Before you	You are
Down there	Swallowed
In the red Earth's heart	Tooth and toenail
A Dark Lord	For a season
Waits	You and
For his	The Dark Lord
Own	Alone.
Initiate	What comes up
Descend in a hurry	When you
Anoint	Go
Your own head	Down
With holy dirt	There?

Web Feature: Member Blog

Mylène Dressler's *American Stories NOW*

Don't miss this touching and powerful member blog that includes non-fiction (500-750 words), unique quotations, and bite-sized meditations on this human experience.

www.americanstoriesnow.blogspot.com




American Stories NOW accepts:

- Only **original, previously unpublished** work. Length: **between 500 and 750 words**
- Non-fiction (i.e., true) stories
- Stories that focus on a **recent** ("NOW") event, conversation, or encounter here in America
- Stories that focus **not** on the writer, but rather on another person (or on other people).

The genre is first-person flash-non-fiction, and the charge is to develop ourselves, both as writers and human beings, as people who listen closely and generously to the stories of others.

Please send your story in the body of an email to stories@mylenedressler.com. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Mylène at the address above.

 Do you have a blog or website to share with other members? Email us at moabpw@yahoo.com

Calendar

September

30th: Due date for short-short submissions. Send to moabpw@yahoo.com. See *newsroom* for more.

October

1st: Due date for Confluence Scholarship applications. Send to Moab Poets and Writers, P.O. Box 675, Moab, UT 84532 or moabpw@yahoo.com (See *newsroom* for more.)

9th, 6:30PM, The Good Place: As a follow up to the Short-Short Workshop, MP&W will hold an open mic for readings of short-shorts and other writings. The winner of the Short-Short Competition will be announced. Not to be missed!

November

Explore a new aisle in Arches Book Company!

December

3rd: Holiday Open Mic – Santa will do family-oriented readings. Join us for this festive celebration and bring your own writing to share. (Location to be announced on the MP&W website and via the email listserve.)

Locations:

The Good Place is located at 350 South 400 East, Moab, UT. Open Mics start at 6:30PM for socializing, 7PM for readings.

Visit the MP&W website for more dates & details:

www.moabpoetsandwriters.org

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