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MARCH 2008 NEWSLETTER  
IDAHO WRITERS' LEAGUE, CALDWELL CHAPTER

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7. Approach to the Inmost Cave
8. Supreme Ordeal
9. Reward or Seizing of the Sword
10. The Road Back
11. Resurrection
12. Return with the Elixir

Going all the way back to the Greek and Roman Myths, this story structure is used often in Fantasy and Quest novels. Give it a try if you're stuck whatever your genre.

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## March's Meeting Agenda

March 20, 2008 at Caldwell Public Library

- Call to order** at 7:00 p.m.
  - Reading of last meeting's minutes
  - President's Report
  - Reading of treasurer's report
  - Publicist's Report
  - Historian's Report
  - Introduction of new Members & Guests
- OLD BUSINESS
- Fundraisers
    - Farmer's Market Stall
    - Collected works of Caldwell Chapter
  - Mini conference 2008-call for vote
  - Caldwell website - dismantle
  - Book in the Round - Return to originator
  - Lending Library

### NEW BUSINESS

- Schedule of State Responsibilities

### MEMBER UPDATES

- Presentation by Elaine Leppert, Librarian
- Writing exercise if time allows
- Adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

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## February Meeting in Review

Last month we heard Angie Abderhalden, our resident newly published author, explain the "Hero's Journey" story structure as presented in The Writer's Journey, illustrated by the movie version of Star Wars: A New Hope. All of the elements must be in the story though not in the same order. A quick list includes

1. Ordinary World
2. Call to Adventure
3. Refusal of the Call
4. Mentor

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## March Meeting Speaker

Elaine Leppert of the Caldwell Public Library will speak about selling your publication to libraries. She will discuss the library's selection processes and what she looks for when purchasing small press titles. The library has many resources for writers; she will address access to library databases and interlibrary loan.

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## Book Launch Party Reminder

*Questionable Ethics*, the first in the Mel Addison Mystery Series, will be released March 15 at Rediscovered Bookshop in Boise. Come join Angela for a fun filled evening. She will do a book reading and question and answer session starting at 5:30. There will be food and a slide show of her home town where the book is based. At seven join her and her family for a meal at Eddie's Dinner across the parking lot from the book store. Come have fun! If you need directions contact Angela at [popchik@cablone.net](mailto:popchik@cablone.net) Read the first chapter on her web site [www.angelaabderhalden.com](http://www.angelaabderhalden.com)

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## Armchair Adventurer

By Eileen L. Davidson, Vice President

I look at writing (and reading) as a way to go on all the adventures I wish to without missing a meal or fully experiencing the extremes of weather the characters are subject to. I do occasionally wonder how realistic it is for the fate of the entire world to hang on the decisions of one untried adventurer but then I remember that it wouldn't be dramatic or fiction if it was too realistic, would it?

The mundane facts are that I am old enough to know better, too young to have burned my bra/draft card, still have my first car, have joint custody of an old

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farmhouse with the bank, share living quarters with four furry dependants (not counting the mice) and I love run on sentences! The old house is 60 years old and the car is 40. Keeping either one whole and in working order is a job all by itself but add in full time work designing things from buildings and landscapes to furniture and lighting, a position on the Caldwell Historic Commission and my days have less and less time for adventuring. Time to buy a lottery ticket!

**Many Hats for Angela**

By Angela Abderhalden

My name is Angela and I have been a writer now for fifteen years. I love writing and always have. On March 15, 2008, my first book, *Questionable Ethics* will be published. It is the first of the Mel Addison Series. The Series was delayed when I was diagnosed with, and subsequently fought, cancer. Life has a funny way of working itself out and I used the long hours of treatment that would have otherwise been mind-numbingly boring to develop and finish the series. The second book, *Unintentional Victim*, is due to be published in the Fall of 2008. When I'm not writing, I serve as President of Partners in Crime, the local chapter of Sisters in Crime and Member-at-Large of the Popular Fiction Association of Idaho, which is a non-profit organization that promotes fiction in Idaho. I am also a member of the Caldwell Chapter of the Idaho Writers League and Coeur du Bois, the Romance Writers of America chapter. I live with my wonderful husband and children and a rascally beagle name Kaya.

**Published Author**

By Colleen Skaggs

The editor of the San Diego literary magazine, CITYWORKS, emailed me and said that my short story, HUGH'S DAUGHTER, is being published in the magazine in May.

Also, I received an honorable mention award in IDAHO MAGAZINE'S fiction contest for a story in the adult fiction category. I attended the awards presentation on March 8th at Barnes and Noble in Boise.

My story, Hugh's Daughter, is about a woman, Stacy, in her early thirties whose father, Hugh, abandoned Stacy and her mother when Stacy was eight years old. Now Hugh is dying and living in a trailer on Gringo Beach in the remote fishing village of La Puebla Bonita, in Baja. Hugh's fishing and Scuba diving friend,

Rick, thirty-four years old, has written Stacy a letter in San Diego informing Stacy of her father's imminent demise and Stacy with unforgiving bitterness and anger in her heart arrives at Gringo Beach to confront her father on his death bed.

**Conference Updates**

There are updates to the website (<http://www.idahowritersleague.com>). We have information on the hotels in Idaho Falls for the conference. We will keep you posted as more information concerning the conference arrives.

Remember to work on your submissions for the writing contests.

Check out the info on the Coeur d'Alene page on their Local Events page. Randy Ingermanson, physicist turned fiction writing guru is putting on a writing seminar in Coeur d'Alene April 25 & 26 and will be conducting writing and website consultations on April 27.

IDAHO WRITER'S LEAGUE TEN YEAR ROTATION SCHEDULE				
YEAR OF TRANSITION	CONFERENCE HOST	NEWSLETTER	CONTEST 1	CONTEST 2
	Assisting Co-host	Editing Chapter	Assigned	Open
2006	Caldwell Twin Falls	Coeur d'Alene	Idaho Falls	Sandpoint
2007	Sandpoint Coeur d'Alene	Pocatello	Twin Falls	Idaho Falls
2008	Idaho Falls Pocatello	Caldwell	Coeur d'Alene	Twin Falls
2009	Twin Falls Caldwell	Sandpoint	Pocatello	Coeur d'Alene
2010	Coeur d'Alene Sandpoint	Idaho Falls	Caldwell	Pocatello

2011	<b>Pocatello</b> <i>Idaho Falls</i>	Twin Falls	Sandpoint	Caldwell
2012	<b>Caldwell</b> <i>Twin Falls</i>	Coeur d'Alene	Idaho Falls	Sandpoint
2013	<b>Sandpoint</b> <i>Coeur d'Alene</i>	Pocatello	Twin Falls	Idaho Falls
2014	<b>Idaho Falls</b> <i>Pocatello</i>	Caldwell	Coeur d'Alene	Twin Falls
2015	<b>Twin Falls</b> <i>Caldwell</i>	Sandpoint	Pocatello	Coeur d'Alene

**Writer's Digest Contest**

**Submit your manuscript** for a chance to win a trip for you and a guest to New York, where you'll spend three days and two nights in the publishing capital of the world. While you're there, a *Writer's Digest* editor will escort you to share your work with four editors or agents. Plus, you'll receive a free Diamond Publishing Package from Outskirts Press.

**Compete to Win in 10 Categories:**

1. Inspirational Writing (Spiritual/Religious)
2. Memoirs/Personal Essay
3. Magazine Feature Article
4. Genre Short Story (Mystery, Romance, etc.)
5. Mainstream/Literary Short Story
6. Rhyming Poetry
7. Non-rhyming Poetry
8. Stage Play
9. Television/Movie Script
10. Children's/Young Adult Fiction

**The deadline to enter is May 15, 2008.**

For full information see the website: [WritersDigest.com](http://WritersDigest.com)

**Northwest Literary Agents**

**ANNOUNCING:** Boise now has a literary agency. **Northwest Literary Agents** is accepting queries only of novels, creative nonfiction and practical nonfiction.

Queries consist of cover letter (including writer's background), outline of book, and first three chapters. Send to P.O. Box 44810, Boise 83711. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Critiques are available for books of both poetry and prose.

**Book Exhibition**

**IDAHO CENTER FOR THE BOOK TOURS 'BOOKER'S DOZEN' BIENNIAL EXHIBITION THROUGHOUT IDAHO** -The Idaho Center for the Book, housed at Boise State University, is presenting its biennial "Booker's Dozen" exhibition in libraries throughout the state. "Booker's Dozen" is a juried exhibition featuring books that have been designed, written, illustrated and bound by Idahoans. The books were selected by Idaho artists, bookmakers, gallery owners, writers and publishers. [www.lili.org/icb](http://www.lili.org/icb)

**The tour schedule includes:**

- March: University of Idaho Library (Moscow)
- April: Coeur d'Alene Public Library
- May: East Bonner County/Sandpoint Library
- June: Boise Public Library
- July: Ada Community Library (Boise)
- August: Marshall Public Library (Pocatello)
- September: College of Southern Idaho Library (Twin Falls)
- October: Eli Oboler Library/Idaho State University (Pocatello)
- November: Idaho Falls Public Library
- December: David O'McKay Library/BYU-Idaho (Rexburg)

**THE IDES OF MARCH**

**CALLING ALL BOOK GROUPS** - Who's reading what? Each spring, **The Cabin** hosts a gathering of book club members throughout the Treasure Valley at an event called **The Ides of March**. To submit your book group reading list, email to [info@TheCabinIdaho.org](mailto:info@TheCabinIdaho.org). The Cabin is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to inspire and celebrate a love of reading, writing and discourse.

**Towne Square Library**

**Towne Square Library is closed** - Boise Public Library announced the closing of its small Towne Square Library operation, effective March 1, 2008. The library was removed from sites available to customers for picking up reserved materials at the

beginning of February. The last open day for the facility was February 29.

### Free Writing Advice

**BOISE NONFICTION WRITERS - Rocky Barker**, environmental writer for the *Idaho Statesman* and author of *Saving all the Parts*, *Reconciling Economics and the Endangered Species Act* and *Scorched Earth: How the Fires in Yellowstone Changed America*, will share advice for aspiring nonfiction writers. **Wednesday, March 5th, 2008**, 6:30 pm, Rediscovered Bookshop, 7079 Overland Rd., Boise, <http://www.rdbooks.org>, 208.376.4229. This event is FREE and open to everyone. Boise Nonfiction Writers meet on the first and third Wednesdays to learn from guest speakers and from each other. First Wednesdays at Rediscovered Bookshop, [www.rdbooks.org](http://www.rdbooks.org), and third Wednesdays at The Cabin, [www.thecabinidaho.org](http://www.thecabinidaho.org). For more information contact [csalo11@yahoo.com](mailto:csalo11@yahoo.com) or visit [www.sageecosci.com/Writers.html](http://www.sageecosci.com/Writers.html).

### Women's Poetry Reading

**Second Annual International Women's Day Poetry Reading, Friday, March 7 at 7 p.m.** Join us at this celebration where local women of all ages present poetry by writers who have influenced them, then read poems of their own. You will enjoy a diverse range of voices and styles, all joining together to honor women in every season of life. Featured poets are: **Anna Eaton-Merkle, Fran Finkbeiner and her daughter Jenn, Cheryl Maddalena, Trisha Nelson, Susan Richardson, Betty Rodgers, Ruth Salter, Judith Steele, Marti Stephen, and Trudy Woodworth.** Admission is free. Call 938-3011 for information.

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Hyde Park Mennonite Fellowship,  
1520 N. 12th Street, Boise, ID 83702

Sponsored by a group of women who believe poetry is a necessity of life.

### Call for Submissions

**IDAHO Magazine** [www.idahomagazine.com](http://www.idahomagazine.com) is interested in your non-fiction stories on Idaho topics. They offer one-time rights to buy those stories. Send queries with specific details in the "Subject" line to Kitty Fleischman, publisher/editor at [kfleisch@idahomagazine.com](mailto:kfleisch@idahomagazine.com). Then be sure to let me know when your story is published so we can announce it here.

### Shakespeare on Sundays:

Join Boise State University English Professor **Matthew Hansen**, students, and community members in collaborative read-throughs of Shakespeare's most famous plays. Bring a copy of the play and be ready to take part in a fun, fast table-reading of the play. These events are free and open to the public. For dates and times contact [MatthewHansen@boisestate.edu](mailto:MatthewHansen@boisestate.edu).

### Poetry Workshop

**in Downtown Eagle - Beginning April 28. The Conjunction of Sense and Sound...The Cognitive Joins the Energy of Noise.** Six-session workshop and lecture with Ken Rodgers, MFA, ([www.kennethrodgers.com](http://www.kennethrodgers.com)) at True North Creative Learning Center, 150 E Aikens, Eagle. Monday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. Discover and explore phanopoeia, melopoeia, logopoeia, rhythmic patterns and sensual details meeting sound properties, the alphabet--hither T and whence C, and onomatopoeia. \$110.00. [www.truenorthclc.com](http://www.truenorthclc.com), or call 939-0385 for information or to register.

### Idaho Prize for Poetry 2008

**Lost Horse Press** is now taking submissions for **The Idaho Prize for Poetry 2008**, a national competition offering \$1000 plus publication by Lost Horse Press for a book-length poetry manuscript. All U.S. poets are eligible. Entries must be postmarked by **15 May 2008**. The winner and finalists will be announced on 15 August 2008. The final judge for the fifth annual poetry book contest sponsored by Lost Horse Press will be announced at a later date. A reading fee of \$25-check or money order only, please-and a SASE (for notification of winners only; manuscripts will be recycled) must be included with the manuscript. For guidelines or additional information about the Idaho Prize for poetry, please contact Lost Horse Press at 208.255.4410, email [losthorsepress@mindspring.com](mailto:losthorsepress@mindspring.com) or check online at [www.losthorsepress.org](http://www.losthorsepress.org)