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# League Lines

The League of Vermont Writers Newsletter

*Join us for our Fall Program!*

**SEPT. 27, 2014**

**Town & Country Resort**

**876 Mountain Road**

**Stowe, VT 05672**

**9:00am—2:30pm**

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**PRESENTATIONS** *(continued on page 3)*

**CHRISTINE MORIARTY FROM MONEYPEACE,  
“ON THE MONEY: ENJOYING THE FRUITS OF  
YOUR LABOR”**

Yeah! You have the first check (or the tenth J ). Now what do you do? An MBA is not what you need, but you do need to be practical about your freelancing—the fundamentals of deductible expenses, tax issues, and basic accounting—and how this knowledge can improve your freelance life. Learn how to handle money with ease as soon as it comes in the door. Enjoy pointers on how to have fun, save, and plan ahead.

Ms. Moriarty is a financial speaker, author and coach. She has been quoted extensively in publications including *USA Today*, *Good Housekeeping*, the *Boston Globe* and *Fidelity Focus Magazine*, as well as the book *Living Your Joy*. She has a monthly financial column in *Vermont Woman* and has been published in several periodicals and on-line publications. In 2010, Ms. Moriarty co-authored *Practical Freelancing: The Manual* with Tim Brooks. She earned a BS in Finance, MBA in Entrepreneurship and a Certification in Financial Planning. She is dedicated to empowering others around their money so they can achieve their dreams. She is living her dreams by residing in the Green Mountains and helping others make peaceful, practical, prosperous financial choices. [www.moneypeace.com](http://www.moneypeace.com)



**COLIN THOMPSON, FILM WRITER, DIRECTOR  
AND STAR OF LOSER’S CROWN**



Colin Thompson grew up in Chittenden County and then transplanted himself to LA to follow his dream of screenwriting. His first movie, *Losers Crown*, according to VPR’s Mitch Wertlieb and Melody Bodette, “digs deep into the conflicted feelings many young Vermonters may have about whether to seek a life and career far away from the familiar Green Mountains or embrace the place that, in many ways, will always feel like home.” Colin wrote, directed and stars in the film, which although fictional, definitely has some autobiographical overtones. Colin is now knee deep in production on his next movie, which will be shooting in October. Thompson will talk about the process of writing a screenplay and bringing it to life on the screen, the pros and cons of making the move to LA, and how to build your neuroses into a really funny scene in a movie!

**Writers Meet Agents Recaps (Summer Program) and 'You and Your Credits'  
will be available online at [www.leagueofvermontwriters.org](http://www.leagueofvermontwriters.org)**

## Letter from the President

In my last two letters I have focused quite extensively on those goals that the board had determined nearly a year ago. This letter will be no different. I believe that the frequent updating of our executive actions is better than appearing as though we are doing nothing. The whole purpose of having a board is to see that we act in accordance with this League's founding principles and purpose, including making improvements and adjustments to the various tenets of the organization, as needed.

One of our primary focuses has been on membership, particularly in expanding and diversifying it. Our organization would have long-ago folded had it not been for our dedicated members. There would be no history, no 85-years strong, if it weren't for active members continuously renewing, or new members joining. We cannot sustain this organization or guarantee its future without members. I am not fond of numbers, or even word problems, that often require doing the math, but this equation is simple: No members = no League.

I would even take this one step further to say, unhappy members = leaving/non-returning members = no League.) In short, we would not be here if it weren't for you.

The membership committee is aware of the profound significance the League's constituents have on this organization. And, they are also aware that it is time they hear your voices. Historically (as far as we can tell) there has been no membership outreach or survey performed to truly determine: why people join LVW and then continue to stay; what members receive from the League as benefits beyond those we market as such (i.e. discounted rates on programs quarterly newsletter, critiques); how the League can best serve its members. Certainly if we are failing you, the League

is also failing. (See equation above.)

It is with this prevailing idea of sustainability and the future of our beloved organization that the membership committee has decided to initiate a survey. In the immediate weeks following the September program, members of this committee (Tommy Walz, Mary Muncil, Wendy Heilig, Kerry Skiffington, and myself) will be calling League members and asking them to provide open and honest feedback on a handful of questions. The committee will make all feedback available to you once the outreach has been completed, with feedback remaining anonymous to the rest of the members. Most importantly, feedback will be used to shape upcoming goals of the board, overall operations of the League, and even more importantly, the future of this organization. Remember, no members = no League. Happy members = Great League.

Allow us to best serve you all by helping us to understand how you see the LVW, why you love it, what you get from it, what you want from it, and how we can make it a better organization for you and future generations of writers.

Should anyone wish NOT to participate, you may opt out by sending an email to [lvw@leagueofvermontwriters.org](mailto:lvw@leagueofvermontwriters.org) and stating you wish not to participate. Please put in the subject line: Opting Out of Survey

For the good of the cause,

**Alyssa Berthiaume**



Visit the League's table at the Fletcher Free Library on College Street at the

## 2014 Burlington Book Festival

September 19 - 21, 2014

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
January 31st  
Annual Meeting and  
First 2015 Program

### Northern Woodlands Writers' Conference

"The Once and Future Northern Forest"

**Oct. 17 – Oct. 19, 2014**

Hulbert Outdoor Center,  
Fairlee, Vermont

"Enjoy a weekend at the Hulbert Outdoor Center on beautiful Lake Morey, while engaging with well-known writers and editors. The event will include writing workshops, readings and presentations, a nature illustration workshop, an editors' panel discussion, and plenty of time for informal conversations over meals and around the campfire."

Sponsored by The Trust for Public Land

For more information and workshop selection, please see:  
[northernwoodlands.org/writersconference](http://northernwoodlands.org/writersconference)

**To register:** [alohafoundation.org/hulbert-outdoor-center/NWWC](http://alohafoundation.org/hulbert-outdoor-center/NWWC)

**EDITOR PANEL WITH CINDY BARNES, LINDA BLAND, PAT GOUDEY O'BRIEN  
KIM MACQUEEN, AND ANGELA PALM**

Panelists will discuss the client-editor relationship as it relates to the publishing process, how an editor can help you put your best work in front of an agent, the different types of editing lingo you'll need to be familiar with as a writer, and much, much more. (Below left to right). **Editor bios will be provided as handouts at the September Program.**

Cindy Barnes, MacQueen & Barnes Publishing

Linda Bland, Cahoots Writing Services

Pat Goudy O'Brien, PGO Editorial Resource and The Tamarac Press

Kim MacQueen, MacQueen & Barnes Publishing

Angela Palm, Ink and Lead Literary Agency



## Registration Form

### League of Vermont Writers 2014 September Program

Register online at [www.leagueofvermontwriters.org](http://www.leagueofvermontwriters.org) or make check payable to:

*LVW September Program* and mail to:

League of Vermont Writers Registrar, PO Box 172, Underhill Center, VT 05490

Registrar: Alyssa Berthiaume, [info@leagueofvermontwriters.org](mailto:info@leagueofvermontwriters.org)

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Members: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$49 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Nonmembers: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$55 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

[Students, ask about our student discount]

Tax deductible donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have special dietary needs? \_\_\_\_\_

**September 27, 2014**

**Town & Country Resort  
Stowe, VT**

9:00am-3:00pm

Coffee, juice, and pastries  
provided in the morning

**Hot lunch buffet provided**

### Schedule at a glance:

**9:00** Registration, Meet n' Greet &  
Refreshments

**9:30-10:30** Christine Moriarty

**10:30- 10:45** Break

**10:45-11:45** Colin Thompson

**11:45-12:00** Break

Lunch

**1:00-2:00** Editor Panel

**2:00-2:30** Roundtable Discussions  
by Genre

### Visit

[www.townandcountrystowe.com](http://www.townandcountrystowe.com)

**for more information on our  
venue and for directions.**

**LVW Board:** Alyssa Berthiaume, president; Pat Goudey O'Brien, vice-president; Deb Fennell, secretary, past president; Elizia Meskill, treasurer; Amy Kolby Noyes, Paula Diaco, Mary Muncil, Wendy Heilig, and Kerry Skiffington, at large.

Membership: Tommy Waltz; Critique service: Sharon Putnam.

**LVW Volunteer Opportunities:** Pat Goudey O'Brien is looking for an editor with graphics skills to help out with (and eventually take over) the workings of *League Lines* and the League's web site. If you'd like to put your skills to use for the League (or work with Pat to learn new skills), drop us a line at [lvw@leagueofvermontwriters.org](mailto:lvw@leagueofvermontwriters.org).

In general, the League needs volunteers for marketing and publicity, as well. Please email the same address to let us know if you're interested.

League Lines is published four times per year, in January, April, July, and September. Questions or information can be emailed to us at [lvw@leagueofvermontwriters.org](mailto:lvw@leagueofvermontwriters.org)

**WE WILL BE DOING A MEMBERSHIP SURVEY!  
READ THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER (page 2) TO FIND OUT MORE!**

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