

Nebraska Writers Guild



SPRING CONFERENCE 2010

SCHEDULE

Friday, April 16

5:00 – 9:00 PM *Reception; Member readings (Sign up at door.); Free hors d'oeuvres, Cash bar*

Saturday, April 17

8:00 AM *Registration*
 8:30 *Welcome and Announcements*
 8:45 Joan Upton-Hall "Ready, Set, Publish-Top Three Self-Editing Strategies"
 9:45 *Break*
 10:00 Greg Kosmicki "The Real World of Poetry Marketing"
 11:00 Jill Hart "Social Media for the Writer" and Panel of Award Winning Authors "Expanding Inspirational Market."
 12:00 PM *Lunch on own (Lodge Restaurant available)*
 1:00 *Business Meeting*
 1:45 *Break*
 2:30 *Select Hands-On Workshop:*
Kim Louise "Get it Sold!"
Joan Upton-Hall "Help! Is there a Book Doctor in the House ?"
 4:00 *Evaluations, closing, Door Prize Drawing*

LOCATION

MAHONEY STATE PARK

All events will take place in the lower level of the Main Lodge. Mahoney State Park is located near Ashland, just North of I-80 at exit 426. Either a Nebraska state park entry permit or a day pass (\$4.00 payable at the entrance) is required. **There are vacancies at Mahoney in the Lodge. 402-944-2523**

AREA HOTELS

Northeast Lincoln

Lincoln North Holiday Inn Express
 3939 North 26 Street
 Lincoln, Nebraska
 1-888-890-0245

Lincoln I-80 Staybridge
 2701 Fletcher Ave.
 Lincoln, Nebraska
 1-800-970-4534

Southwest Omaha (LaVista)

Hampton Inn and Suites
 12331 Southport Parkway
 LaVista, Nebraska
 402-895-2900

Embassy Suites
 12520 Westport Parkway
 LaVista, Nebraska
 402-331-7400



Registration for Nebraska Writers Guild 2009 Spring Conference



Questions? Contact: Connie Crow, 3823 Coffey Ave, Bellevue, NE 68123
 Charlie Vogel at 402-630-2987
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Name _____
 Address _____

 Phone _____
 Alternative Phone _____
 E-mail Address _____
 Personal Website _____

Conference

Member \$55
 Non-member \$65
 Registered Student \$25
 After April 15 (Applies to everyone) \$65
 Vender Table (Free to members) \$25

Dues

Renewal or New Member \$35
 Student-Renewal or New Member \$20

TOTAL



Jill Hart is the founder of CWAHM.com and co-author of *SO YOU WANT TO BE A WORK AT HOME MOM* (Beacon Hill Press, 2009). Jill has written hundreds of articles that have been published both online and in print and has been featured in *THE WALL STREET JOURNAL*

and *FIRST MAGAZINE* for Women and is a featured blogger for Time/Warner's Momlogic.com.

Kim Louise has penned over fifteen novels & novellas, writing for BET Books, Genesis Press, and now Harlequin. She has been a lead author for Kimani Press/Arabesque and 3-time Emma Award finalist. Her novels garner top reviews from Romantic Times Magazine, Romance in Color, and RAWSISTAHZ



Book Reviews. Kim's 2005 presentation at the RWA National Conference on *FINDING TIME TO WRITE* was selected as one of the top 25 presentations. Her novel *SWEET LIKE HONEY* was a finalist for 2008 African-American Romance of the Year by Romantic Times Magazine.



Meredith Efken, author of the critically acclaimed *SAHM I AM* series (Steeple Hill Café/Harlequin) and *LUCKY BABY* (Howard Books/Simon & Schuster).



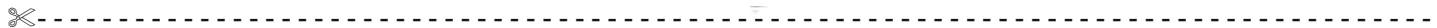
Joan Upton Hall, former English teacher, is now a full-time freelance writer and editor. Her manual and articles have helped hundreds of writers, she conducts writing classes, and many newsletters carry her columns. She has published short stories from Maine to Roswell, NM, and articles in magazines as diverse as *Texas Highways* and *American Jails*. Her book credits run from historical nonfiction to the paranormal and urban fantasy. <http://www.joanuptonhall.com/books.htm>.



Greg Kosmicki is a poet and social worker living in Omaha, Nebraska. He is also the Editor and Publisher of The Backwaters Press. His poetry has been published in more than a hundred magazines, both print and online, including *Paris Review*, *New Letters*, *Connecticut Review*, *Poetry East*, *New Works Review*, *The 11th*

Muse, *Kansas Quarterly*, *Cimarron Review*, *Whole Notes*, *Chiron Review*, *South Dakota Review*, *Paddlefish*, *Briarcliff Review* and *Lily*. He is a 2000 and 2006 recipient of the Nebraska Arts Council's Merit Award. He is the author of three books and 7 chapbooks of poems. Two of the poems from his book from Word Press, *Some Hero of the Past*, have been read by Garrison Keillor on *The Writer's Almanac*. *Marigolds*, his seventh chapbook of poems, was recently published by Black Star Press in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Carol Umberger, author of the award-winning *Scottish Crown* series (Integrity Publishers).



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