

UMWWP Fall Newsletter

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Continuity Meetings

October 24, 2006
January 23, 2007
February 27, 2007
March 27, 2007

NWP/NCTE Conference in Nashville

November 17-19, 2006

Note: All newsletters are sent by email also. If you are not receiving my emails, then please let us know your new email address. We want to stay in touch!



Scholarships Available for NWP/NCTE

The UMWWP is offering three \$300 scholarships to attend the NWP/NCTE National convention in Nashville. Requirements are that the winners attend the Friday NWP Opening Session and at least one Saturday NWP strand workshop at NCTE workshop. Registration is not required for NWP, but NCTE registration is required for NCTE sessions. The winners will receive a check for \$300 to offset conference expenses. The catch - the winners must agree to present at a Spring Continuity meeting!

How to apply - Write a letter of application and intent describing how you might use the conference information to strengthen both classroom teaching and UMWWP leadership roles. Send/email the letters to Ellen at the UMWWP office by October 15.

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Fourth Tuesdays Continue!

We just held our first Continuity Meeting for the year, and what a success it was! WE want you to join in the festivities, so mark your calendars now and plan to join us in New Albany. We will meet at McAlister's from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 24th. (McAlister's is located just to the left after Hwy 30 crosses over Hwy 78.) This meeting is very casual and gives us the opportunity to keep in touch with each other.

Lee Benoit is planning a fabulous year of teaching ideas and teacher renewal. If you are interested in presenting an idea at our meetings, please call her at the office and let her know.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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Rural Voices Radio Still Going Strong

Tune in to Mississippi Public Broadcasting (MPB) Radio to hear *Rural Voices Radio* from Monday, January 2nd through Friday, January 20th. *Rural Voices Radio*, a two-minute statewide program produced by MPB and the Mississippi Writing/Thinking Institute (MWTI) of the Mississippi State University College of Education, airs daily at 8:19 am and 12:49 pm daily on MPB.

Emily Nobel, the coordinator of the program for MWTI, is still looking for student writing.

Contact Emily Nobel at en22@colled.msstate.edu or 662-325-7777

UMWP Writers in Print!

"Finding Center: How Learning Centers Evolved in a Secondary Student-Centered Classroom" written by Allison Movitz and Kerry Holmes will appear in the January 2007 edition of the *English Journal*.

Get Involved!

We had a busy 2005-2006 year: New Teacher Mentoring, Summer Institute, Professional Development Workshops, MWTI Summer Conference, Back-to-School Bootcamp, Young Writers' Workshops, YW Reading Day, and so much more!

However, to keep expanding, we want you!

Some areas where you might get involved:

- Communications and Reporting
- Project Outreach
- Professional Writing Retreat—March 2007
- 20th Anniversary of the first UMWP Summer Institute—Reunion—June 2007
- Rural Sites Workshop—Summer 2007
- Back-to-School Bootcamp—August 2007
- MWTI Summer Conference—June 2008
(we are hosting so we need to be planning soon)

We have so much many opportunities for you here at UMWP! Get involved!

"Nothing is more satisfying than to write a good sentence. It is no fun to write lumpishly, dully, in prose the reader must plod through like wet sand. But it is a pleasure to achieve, if one can, a clear running prose that is simple yet full of surprises. This does not just happen. It requires skill, hard work, a good ear, and continued practice." — Barbara Tuchman