



Women's National Book Association Los Angeles Chapter

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**FIRST ANNUAL WNBA
WRITING CONTEST--**
check out the flyer!



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organization, or agency that
desires to make an initial or
additional annual contribution to
the chapter.

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Dates to Remember

Sept.22: Big Orange Book
Festival
Sept.30: WeHo Book Fair
Oct.22: National Reading Group
Month
June-Nov1: WNBA writing
Contest!
Nov.4 - WNBA Read It's Own

From our Interim President



Hello WNBA/LA Chapter Members,

I had a summer filled with grandkid visits, family reunions, birthday bashes, camping, reading...and the annual summer WNBA/LA board meeting to plan the year of WNBA events! Our hard-working and enthusiastic board discussed our website (www.wnba-books.org/la/), the West Hollywood Book Fair, National Reading Group, and WNBA/RIO which

is when our members get a chance to read their own work to other chapter members and the public. And those are just our autumn events! Please read on to get the details about these upcoming events, and to find out what volunteer opportunities there are for you!

Sincerely,
Ruth Light, Interim President

Writing Contest



FIRST ANNUAL WNBA WRITING CONTEST!

[Complete Rules Here](#)

After years of celebrating published authors, extraordinary book women and others in the field, we have decided it is time to celebrate emerging writers.

Full details about the contest and about the Women's National Book Association are available on the website: www.wnba-books.org.

2 BOOK AWARDS

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2013 BOOK AWARDS



The 7th Annual National Indie Excellence Awards is now open for submissions (www.indieexcellence.com) and I am proud to announce the very 1st Annual National Beverly Hills Book Awards (www.bhbookawards.com) which is open to all books in print, indie, mainstream, small press, etc. I look forward to hearing from you all!

Ellen Reid

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Chapter News



WNBA/LA RIO-Reads Its Own---

Come celebrate great writing in a beautiful environment by listening to your fellow chapter members read from their own work. Long-time chapter member, Lisa-Catherine Cohen, has, for the fourth year in a row, organized a delightful afternoon of readings that vary in scope from mystery to memoir, from non-fiction to science fiction, from poetry to the political, and from

award-winning bestsellers to works in progress.

LOCATION: Mystic Journey Bookstore

DATE: November 4th

TIME: 2:00-6:00 pm

[Click here](#) for the flyer with all the details!

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL READING GROUP MONTH

WNBA began and organized National Reading Group Month five years ago, and every WNBA chapter across the nation, all of them, celebrates this event. Our own celebration will be held at the famous Vroman's Bookstore in Pasadena on---

Monday evening, October 22nd at 7:00 pm

Rachelle Yousof, chapter vice president, has been working hard to make this an exceptional evening, and following are the four authors that will be speaking:

Hector Tobar---*The Barbarian Nurseries*
Naomi Benaron---*Running the Rift*
Attica Locke---*The Cutting Season*
Richard Kramer---*These Things Happen*

A flyer with complete details will be in your inbox soon, but be sure to mark your calendars for what promises to be a very interesting event.

WeHo Book Fair

The 11th annual West Hollywood Book Fair is being held on Sunday, September 30...and we will have a booth there for the 7th year in a row! Our presentation table has a new look this year----an upgrade with the help of chapter member, Alva Sachs, who worked with her suppliers for her own Three Wishes Publishing Company to get WNBA/LA pens and bookmarks. Stop by the booth to visit with our chapter members who have signed up to be featured authors.

And we have two featured author spots left if you would like to have 2 hours of FREE booth space--
10:00-noon
2:00-4:00

Email Ruth Light at ruthlight3@gmail.com if you would like one of these time slots.

See you at the fair!

Executive Board position filled!

We are pleased to announce that Ruth Garcia-Corrales, advertising/marketing manager of La Curacao, is the new recording secretary for the WNBA/LA chapter. Thanks, Ruth! Welcome to the board!



WE WANT YOUR VIDEO/AUDIO CLIPS!

We have a section on our chapter website (www.wnba-books.org/la) for member media clips, but we have only one there. Do you have a book trailer or a video that you'd like to put into the media section of the website? This is a free member benefit that is underused...please send your clip to webmistress-la@wnba-books.org and Terri will put it in!

Member News



Literary sparks flew! [Syrie James](#) starred as Jane Austen and Diana Birchall as Charlotte Brontë in a staged reading of the comedy playlet "You Are Passionate, Jane," part of JASNA-SW's "Jane Austen versus the Victorians." Included was a talk by Charles Lynn Batten. Read about Diana and Syrie's performance at the [Puget Sound JASNA chapter](#) last month. And don't miss [The Big Orange Book Festival](#), which also promises to be a wonderful event! Saturday Sept. 22, 9:00 AM, Syrie's on a panel discussing Austen and Romance Literature.

A.G.S. Johnson, author of *The Sausage Maker's Daughters*, a murder mystery and family saga, will make the following appearances in September:

- Pages, a Manhattan Beach bookstore, 7 pm Thursday September 20th, free sausages and beer to accompany book talk!
- West Hollywood Book Fair, Sunday September 30th, as panelist on "Women in Crime" 11:45-12:45.



Please save-the-date for early Christmas shopping on October 25th for an all-day shopping event at Saks Fifth Avenue, Beverly Hills. A.G.S. will be the featured author where all store sales will benefit The Council of the Library Foundation of Los Angeles to support the children's programs in all 73 public libraries in LA.

Cradle Songs



An Anthology of Poems on Motherhood

Sharmagne Leland-St. John co-editor with WNBA/VPRachelle Yousuf will be presenting their book *Cradle Songs: An Anthology of Poems on Motherhood* at Vashon Island Bookshop on Vashon Island, WA, September 8th from 5-6pm. Sharmagne will be featured poet at King's Book Store in Tacoma, WA, on September 14, and has been invited to be guest speaker at the Abilene Writer's Guild in Abilene, TX, on September 27th. Copies of *Cradle Songs* are available through the publisher [Quill and Parchment Press](#).

Barbara Schiffman has just written and self-published *The Akashic Muse: Collaborating With Your Soul and the Akashic Records for Writing and Other Creative Endeavors*. Designed for enhancing creativity, it offers exercises and meditations for tuning into your past life. *Akashic Muse* can be your collaborator for writing and artistic projects, releasing creative blocks, and business or creative project brainstorming. It's available at www.YourSoulSupportShop.com (book only for \$11.95; book plus guided meditations on MP3-CD for \$19.95). Barbara also teaches workshops on accessing the Akashic Records and offers private coaching to help you connect with your own Akashic Muse. Info: 818-415-3479, www.YourLifeandSoul.com.





Come meet **Alva Sachs**, award-winning children's author at the Orange County Children's Book Festival September 30, 2012- 9:30AM-4:30PM. She will be at booth #98 signing and selling books & also on the Story Teller's Stage at 2:00PM. Check out the Web site for more information on this FREE FAMILY DAY:
kidsbookfestival.com

Kelly Walden. In my work I encourage clients to step out of victim-mode and do their part to create the life of their dreams. I'm practicing what I preach by creating a web-tv show about dreams... and I'd love you to [join me!](#) I've partnered with CrowdFundingLive.com (an organization that supports women and their dreams) to fundraise for the production of five webisodes about dreams. If you feel moved to donate, that would be amazing! If you feel moved to [spread the word](#), I would be thrilled! And if you feel moved to do all of the above...I will do a cartwheel (seriously, I'll post it on youtube!)



On August 11th, **Lisa-Catherine Cohen** was one of three featured poets at the Mystic Journey Bookstore's second Poetry Night. Lisa-Catherine is currently busy putting together the many elements of WNBA/RIO-Reads Its Own-in that same bookstore, Mystic Journey, our home for the last two years, that she founded, produces and hosts, with the help from our wonderful "interim" WNBA/LA Chapter president, Ruth Light. You'll be

hearing all about it from Ruth!

Nationally Speaking

WNBA is a NGO/DPI, which means a Non-Governmental Organization within the Department of Public Information within the United Nations. As such, we support the UN in many ways. One thing we do is hand out Trick Or Treat boxes every autumn to collect money for UNICEF, which is the United Nations Children's Fund. UNICEF helps children in 190 countries and territories around the world. And another thing we do is circulate information about the UN and its activities.



With that in mind, you can [click here](#) to read the about the memorials of the August 6-9, 1945, bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Although these letters were written in honor of those who died in those bombings, people around the globe are seeking nuclear disarmament today, and hoping for a future without nuclear weapons.

WNBA supports both the UN and UNICEF, and please contact [Ruth Light](#) if you are interested in volunteering to help with our UN activities.

Look for us in your inbox in mid-November, and remember...

"Inspiration exists, but it needs to find you working." Pablo Picasso