

# *Manzanita Writers Press*

Manzanita Writers Press is a literary press serving writers and readers of the Mother Lode and Sierra region, and is an affiliate of the Calaveras County Arts Council, a nonprofit arts organization in Calaveras County. Contact us at our web site: [manzanitacalifornia.org](http://manzanitacalifornia.org) and email: [mrosemanza@jps.net](mailto:mrosemanza@jps.net)

Our purpose is to support a thriving literary community in our economically and culturally diverse area, networking with writing communities in our region to form a vibrant, publishing community of writers. We hold workshops, readings, critique group meetings, and as our press grows, we will publish books by emerging and seasoned writers of our foothill and Sierra region and beyond.

***Writers Unlimited***, the original writing critique and feedback group for writers in our area, meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month in the Calaveras County arts Council Gallery and office at 6:30 PM. Email Monika to confirm that you are coming, at [mrosemanza@jps.net](mailto:mrosemanza@jps.net) as new members are welcome any time. We have a protocol for members, though, so please read the posted guidelines on the web site. There are definite manuscript considerations for presenting your work for the workshop and for editing/conducting of the critique session.

## 2011 Meetings

September schedule for meetings has changed: We will be meeting Sept. 20 and 27 - ditto for December due to holidays -- Dec. 12 and Dec. 19 will be meetings held at 6:30. No meeting Dec. 26, the day after Christmas.

***Manzanita Voices!*** Author Radio Interview Program hosted by MWP editor and events coordinator, Linda Field! Go to 1340 AM on your radio if you're in the Mother Lode area (very strong in Jackson and Valley Springs) or audiostream it on your computer at [www.kvgcradio.com](http://www.kvgcradio.com) every Sunday morning at 9:00 A.M. Guests are writers who have valuable insights into the writing process, publishing, and other subject matter. Email Linda Field for questions, information, and feedback on the programs!  
[writers@kvgcradio.com](mailto:writers@kvgcradio.com)

***Manzanita Series of Anthologies!*** We will continue publishing the popular *Manzanita: Poetry and Prose of the Mother Lode and Sierra* volumes for California readers, with volume 7 slated for compiling in 2012 and release in 2013.

**New anthology in the works!** A wonderful anthology in the works is a new project, *Wine and Cheese and Chocolate---A Taste of Literary Elegance*, is forthcoming with a meal of literary food! Slated for 2012 Fall release, we are inviting wineries, fromageries, chocolatiers, and fine restaurants and gift shops, as well as public sponsors to host the writers by sponsoring 2-page spreads, with the host prominently displayed in an artistic 2-inch banner across the spread. Or, community donors pledging 25.00 or more to be included in the exclusive listing of sponsors prominently displayed.

### **Writing Contest for Wine, Cheese, and Chocolate!**

For our writing contest, we invite submissions of artistic and literary flash fiction, poetry, as well as elegant photographs, and art from the public, about these three culinary areas of wine, cheese, and chocolate -- or any one of these. So get out those wine tasting terms and have some fun. We would like to combine good literature and good food imagery. Deadline is Dec. 31, 2011, so get your work polished and sent it in electronically! For guidelines, see web site: [www.manzapress.com](http://www.manzapress.com)

The contest will award cash prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> awards in each genre, and gift items in each area, along with publishing in the new anthology and free book copies to those who get into the anthology . Runners-up and honorable mentions may be published as well. Address queries to Linda Field, Events Coordinator, for more information, [writers@kvgcradio.com](mailto:writers@kvgcradio.com) or using the [mrosemanza@jps.net](mailto:mrosemanza@jps.net) email. Contest entry forms will be emailed to you upon request. See: Wine, Cheese, and Chocolate Guidelines page at [www.manzapress.com](http://www.manzapress.com).

*Manzanita* is a printed (and soon e-book) as well, a literary collection of poetry, prose, art and photography of the Mother Lode and Sierra regions of California, and we welcome work that appeals to the sensibilities of readers in our area, including work from writers and artists across the U.S. Purchase the latest *Wild Edges* copy now. For a sample copy of prior issues, please contact the editor by email: [mrosemanza@jps.net](mailto:mrosemanza@jps.net) We will gladly ship these. Vol. 6 is \$20.00 including shipping/tax. Volume 5, the same. Volume 4, the same.

## **Publishing History:**

The press formally cut its teeth on its first book in 2008, by publishing a collection of essays and poems by author Glenn Wasson, titled *Tales Mark Twain Would Have Loved To Steal*, which was a success in our region, mainly due to Glenn's witty style and content. Glenn's book has just won a major humor award as a notable book and is now being looked at by several agents across the U.S. We are planning on publishing more authors and invite people to become involved with our collaborative press.

## **MWP books released or forthcoming in order of publishing:**

Glenn Wasson's *Tales Mark Twain Would Have Loved to Steal*. A collection of humorous poems, tales, and ditties based on the Mother Lode, military life in the Air Force, and other topics. \$18.00. Send \$25.00 for taxes, shipping and book cost to Manzanita PO Box 632, San Andreas, CA 95249 - and we will direct it to Glenn, who will communicate with you directly!

Ted Laskin's *George A. Custer, Please Come to the White Courtesy Phone*, a wry and humorous collection of short fiction about the law, horse racing, life, writing, and more. Book release, Dec. 2010. \$17.50 - with tax, shipping, 24.00.

Monika Rose's *River by the Glass*, is released, a large collection of poems that encompass rural mountain living and relationships to family and friends. It was published May of 2011, by GlenHill Publications, a Mother Lode publisher under the editorship of Ron Pickup and a friend of Manzanita Writers Press. Ron's photographs of the Clavey River and Tuolumne River throughout the book are stunning, as is the cover. \$21.95 plus shipping/pkging - \$28.00 - make check payable to Monika Rose and send to Monika Rose/Manzanita PO Box 632, San Andreas, CA 95249 -

Dave Self's *Copper Dawn*, a collection of poetry and essays forthcoming, with publication end of September and book release in October 2011. Be watching for the readings and flurry of activities! - presales through MWP address. 18.00 plus tax, shipping, send \$ 25.00 to MWP. We will ship your book when it is released.

Please order your books by sending a check to Manzanita, PO Box 632, San Andreas, CA 95249

## Manzanita Writers Press Information

Formation of the Manzanita Writers Press, a nonprofit press affiliated with the Calaveras County Arts Council, formulated to do the following:

- Facilitates Writers Unlimited critique group, and an affiliate of the Calaveras County Arts Council. Organizes readings and workshops. Networks with writing communities across the state.
- Publishes local, regional, and other area writers, whether launching a career, or nurturing a more experienced writer. Assists selected project writers in procuring funding, editing and promotional services, and other needs of the publishing process.
- Trains Volunteer Editors and staff members. Staff needs at present: Grant writers, fiscal editor, as well as advertising and sponsorship staff members. Stipends may be paid for services as funds are made available. Please contact us.
- Presents, hosts, and promotes literary events in several counties, but mainly in Calaveras County.
- Maintains an extensive writer network of communications across the US, and in particular, California. Liaison with Poets and Writers as well as other entities, such as the Squaw Valley Community of Writers, San Francisco Writers Conference, Red Fox Underground, Medussa's Kitchen, Sacramento Poetry Center, Starry Nights Poets in Lodi, Amador Fiction Writers Critique Group, and other Mother Lode and neighboring county writers' organizations.