



November 2007

# Katharine Susannah Prichard Writers' Centre



11 Old York Road, Greenmount WA 6056 Phone/Fax: (08) 9294 1872

Email: [kspfevents@inet.net.au](mailto:kspfevents@inet.net.au) Website: <http://kspf.inet.net.au/>

## Thank You Chris

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing Committee Member, Christopher Oakeley for his outstanding work as Treasurer at KSP along with the many other duties that Chris has undertaken for KSP, way too many to fit on this page! Although Chris is no longer on the committee, he will still be involved with KSP through the writing groups. Thanks Chris, and we hope you enjoy a well earned break. KSP also welcomes Sarah Ryan to our Management Committee, and Lara Mackie who has taken over as Treasurer. We are also pleased to advise that our new Chairperson is Lynn Gumb and thank Collin O'Brien our outgoing Chairperson, who will remain as Vice-Chairperson.

## Welcome to Lee Koffman

KSP Welcomes Lee Koffman as our Emerging Writer in Residence in November. Lee moved from Russia to Australia in 2000. She is the author of three fiction books (published in Israel, in Hebrew). Since 2002 her short fiction, non-fiction and poetry in English appeared in Australia, Scotland and USA (Island, Griffith Review, Etchings, The New England Review, Chapman The Scottish Literary Magazine and more). Lee is currently writing her first book in English for which she received the Australian Council grant 2004, and is completing a Master of Creative Writing at the University of Melbourne. During Lee's residency she will be a special guest at a literary dinner on Tuesday 20 November and will deliver a workshop on Saturday 24 November entitled "Find you own Voice"

*What makes a literary work truly original is not the degree of its polishing, but the writer's voice: his or her particular joy, angst, humor, credo, the word choices and the worldviews expressed. The emotional truth of the voice is everything in writing. Even the best story won't work if you don't get the voice right. Come to explore what YOUR voice is like. This workshop will provide the participants with an opportunity to explore their inner world: thoughts, dreams and emotions, and learn how to make use of them for their particular literary projects. Lee will be drawing upon examples of writers with distinct and very different voices: Robert Dessaix, Erica Jong, Brian Castro, Helen Garner and Paul Auster. M\$25 NMS\$35*

Please call Julie or Helen to reserve your place for these events.

## Author Talk with Faye Davis

Faye Davis will also be visiting KSP on Saturday 10 November between 10am and 12 noon, as part of KSP's Author Talk series. The talk will take place at KSP's Past Tense (Social History) Writing Group, however everyone is welcome to attend. Faye will talk about her script "The Life of Matthew Flinders". She will discuss the challenges on writing historical work, and how writers can turn their own historical work into fiction. Call KSP to reserve your space.

# News from KSP's Writing Groups

## Non- Fiction Writers Group

"The Non-Fiction Writers' Group is collecting pieces for the publication of its 2nd annual anthology, *Bricolage*. Primarily for its members to showcase the two best of their pieces from their writings over the past year, the group is open to including other pieces from other writers if there is space. If you think you have a suitable non-fiction piece to offer, please send to its facilitators Salamah Pope [abdandsal@ozemail.com.au](mailto:abdandsal@ozemail.com.au) or Glad McGough [glad@webace.com.au](mailto:glad@webace.com.au)

## Past Tense

At our October meeting we welcomed W-I-R Dan Disney as our guest. Dan's specialty, the prose poem, added a new possibility to our genre. Thanks for sharing your skill and time with us, Dan. The Past Tense group is looking forward to our author talk by Faye Davis in November. (details on newsletter cover page). Everyone welcome.

## Poets@KSP

Our poetic horizons have been broadened by visits to our group by Writer-In-Residence, Dan Disney. Dan's skill is the prose poem, which was for me, the missing evolutionary link between prose and poetry. Thank you Dan for the delight of your visit, and we wish you well with the publication of your current collection.

## Speculative Fiction Group

The KSP Speculative Fiction group meets at Katharine's Place on the third Sunday of every month between 10:00 am and 12 noon. If you write science fiction, fantasy or horror come along. At our meetings we run writing and critiquing sessions so anyone looking for a chance to mix with other writers in the genre, to write or to be part of an active crit group, is welcome. We also run a Yahoo! group mailing list so don't be put off if you can't make it to every meeting as we use the list to keep in touch, critique and share information.

## Thursday Night Group

Firstly, apologies to the members of TNG who were part of the winning Book in a Day team. Unfortunately the Hills Gazette's article read as if there were only two winning members when in fact the winning team comprised of **Phil Mayne, Debra Ratcliffe, Tim Nelson, Nigel Barker, Sarah (& baby Bethany) Ryan.**

*Well done to you all!*

Two members of TNG are off to Denmark for a one week residential writing retreat with Barbara Vesselago. It is possible that this model of retreat may be applicable to future retreats at KSP.

## WriteFree Women

The Writefree Women's group held the well attended launch of their 11th anthology on Sunday 28 October. The book was launched by published author Michele Drouart, and the day was a great success with various members reading from the anthology, and Pam Wilson composed and played the WriteFree Waltz, followed by a scrumptious spread of food.



## KSP Play Group

Dissection of member's 'plays in progress', with readings, review of current City plays, and theatre topics leads to lively discussion and coffee. For the KSP December Open Day some members are writing 5 minute 'Famous Duo' playlets with twists on known stories. Topics to date include takes on Romeo and Juliet, Adam and Eve, and Mickey Mouse and Minnie! Anyone feeling like having a go at other five minute topics are welcomed to join us and add their work to the list!

*The play is the thing!*

# KSP Noticeboard

## **KSP Needs You!**

There is lots of activity at KSP, and we need your help. Tasks include gardening and office assistance, home maintenance, and volunteer managers, to name a few! If you can spare any time at all, please call Julie or Helen for information.

## **Around the Block**

We now have power and hot water in our new writers retreats, which are almost complete. All that remains is for the airconditioning and broadband to be fitted and furnishings to be in place. Thanks for donations received to date. We need three of everything, which includes beds, dressing tables, desks, chairs, etc. All donations are greatly appreciated. The last fling at the painting will be on Friday and Saturday 3 & 4 November, so please join us if you can from 9.30am both days. The official opening of the cottages will take place at Katharine's Birthday Party on Sunday 2 December. All members are warmly invited to come along and celebrate!

Again, many thanks must go to Chris Oakeley who has done an incredible amount of work on this project. Chris has received valuable assistance from Clive Aldridge, John Puchase, and Jim Arthur.

## **Farewell to Dan**

Dan Disney, our October Writer in Residence has now returned to Melbourne. Dan's Literary Dinner and Poetry Workshop were both well received, and he was a pleasure to have at KSP. Dan will continue his work on his PhD, and after that will contemplate some more travelling. We at KSP wish Dan all the best, and hope he keeps in touch.

## **Shire of Mundaring Seniors Week**

The Shire of Mundaring are hosting Seniors on the Move as part of Seniors Week, The event will be held at Brown Park Recreation Complex on Friday 2 November between 10am and 3pm. The day will be themed around transport. There will be guest speakers, displays and have a go opportunities as well as eats, drinks and entertainment. There will also be a look at transportation from the past and for the future as well as novelty activities such as bike and camel rides! KSP will have brochures on display on the day.

## **Mentoring Opportunity with Lee Koffman**

As mentioned earlier in our newsletter, Lee Koffman will be our Writer in Residence in November and is available to mentor two selected KSP members. Each member would receive two hours mentoring from Lee. The cost for the two hour session is \$25.

## **KSP Security**

Unfortunately during our AGM, two cars were broken into and property stolen. This incident has highlighted the need to remind everyone not to leave any valuables in their vehicles.



*If you have anything that you would like to see on our noticeboard, please email details to Julie at [kspfevent@inet.net.au](mailto:kspfevent@inet.net.au) or call 9294 1872. This is your newsletter, so please keep us informed of any news you may have.*

# Writing Information

## Sunday Times Big Book Club

Bestselling author Monica McInerney will be starting the first of The Sunday Times Big Book Club Literary Event's "Meet & Hear" series at Gerry Leeuwangh (Morley) Public Library on Wednesday, 17 October, 10.30am.

Monica will talk about her new book *Those Faraday Girls*. The first book chosen for this new monthly state-wide book club, *Those Faraday Girls* is described as a captivating, funny and moving story spanning several countries and thirty years in the life of a complicated, unconventional family.

The Sunday Times Big Book club is a state-wide initiative sponsored by The Sunday Times and is a collaboration of The Big Book Club Incorporated, the State Library of W.A. and participating publishers. The Sunday Times Big Book Club serves to promote the love of reading, support Australian authors, and facilitate the coming together of publishers, authors, libraries, booksellers and communities.

Monica's visit to the Morley Library will include the opportunity for Q&A and book signing. Dymocks Morley will be selling her books in the library during the event.

All are welcome to this free event - morning tea included. Bookings are essential and can be made by telephone 9375 1766 or email [morleylibrary@bayswater.wa.gov.au](mailto:morleylibrary@bayswater.wa.gov.au).

Date: Wednesday, 17 October

Time: 10.30am - 12.00pm

Venue: Gerry Leeuwangh (Morley) Public Library - 7 Dewar Street, Morley.

For more information about other events around the state and the chance to win copies of this month's book, visit [www.thebigbookclub.com.au](http://www.thebigbookclub.com.au)

## How to Do Things

How To Do Things.com is a web site that presents unbiased, authoritative information on a wide range of topics. They have a large category devoted entirely to a wide variety of writing topics. Some of their most popular articles are on subjects like "How to Write a Theatrical Review", "How to Find Writing Jobs", "How to Self Publish", and "How to Write a Press Release". Writers can learn about topics ranging from finding a writing space, to dealing with writer's block, to how to promote your article or book. Maybe you too can share your expertise?

The Site link is:

<http://www.howtodothings.com/hobbies/c1112-writing—poetry.html>

21st Anniversary Commemorative Rose Garden kindly donated by:  
Guildford Town Garden Centre, Jarrahdale Roses and the Swiss Rose Garden & Nursery  
Ceiling/Roof Insulation kindly donated by AIS Home Insulation



Let's make it happen

