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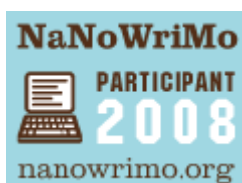
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Oasis Writers

(Pahrump, NV) Gregory will present **Internet ACE: Online Self Promotion**.



The big news this week, my poem, *Shifting Sand*, has been selected for publication in the upcoming issue of the literary journal *Mused*. This is the second poem they've chosen and I have to give some credit to Laudably Tarnished, the poetry workshop I participate in each month. Workshops are a great way to improve your writing. If there isn't a group near you to join, why not start

one? That's how our poetry group came to be.

We're into week three of NaNoWriMo. My plot needs some work, but I'm going strong at over 35K words. Plus, I'm back into the daily writing habit which is more important than anything else.

Anyone who knows me knows I love technology. This week's issue is filled with online writer and

technology resources you might find helpful for brainstorming and building a stronger online presence. Plus, Joyce Brennan takes the 18Q.

There won't be an issue of the Fabulist Flash next week. Happy Thanksgiving (a little early!)

Keep Moving Forward!

~Gregory

Fabulist Flash Recommends



Creating Your Online Media Kit explains what elements authors should include in your online media kit and why.

Includes helpful tips for building an online media kit that journalists and bloggers will love.

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Free Tech Resources by Gregory A. Kompes

LinkedIn can be a great way to build your online presence and make sales. Jill Konrath has a free eBook “Can LinkedIn Increase Your Sales?” Download your copy at www.sellingtobigcompanies.com/linkedin

Doodle (www.doodle.ch) is a free online scheduling tool. Avoid creating those email storms when trying to schedule group activities. Doodle allows people to indicate if they’re available at the dates/times you offer as options. This site can also be used to create polls.

PayPal (www.paypal.com) now offers single-use credit card number for your online purchases. PayPal’s Secure Card plug-in — it’s a small download and install adds a PayPal icon to your browser tool bar. When you’re shopping at a site, the plug in generates a one-time credit card number to

pay for the purchase. This way, your own credit card is never displayed and you are 100% protected by PayPal from an unauthorized purchase.

Cliché Finder Website (www.westegg.com/cliche) is super for brainstorming article ideas. Over 3300 indexed clichés.

SnipURL.com (www.snipurl.com) allows you to create a short URL. This works the same as TinyURL (www.tinyurl.com), except that you have a free account at SnipURL, which means you can manage those shortened URLs you create.

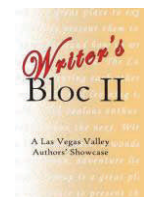
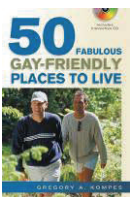
Audacity (<http://audacity.sourceforge.net>) is a free, easy-to-use audio editor and recorder for Windows, Mac OS X, GNU/Linux and other operating systems. You can use

Audacity to: Record live audio, Convert tapes and records into digital recordings or CDs, Edit Ogg Vorbis, MP3, WAV or AIFF sound files, Cut, copy, splice or mix sounds together, Change the speed or pitch of a recording, And more!

Course Lab (www.courselab.com) is a free, powerful, yet easy-to-use, e-learning authoring tool that offers programming-free WYSIWYG environment for creating high-quality interactive e-learning content which can be published on the Internet, Learning Management Systems (LMS), CD-ROMS and other devices.

Have you found a free service or tool online? Share it with me for the next list. Email your tech item to Gregory@Kompes.com

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Writer Resources by Gregory A. Kompes

Articles on Writing

Looking for some fresh perspective? Check out the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America website (www.sfwawriters.org/writing).

There are dozens of articles geared for writers in all stages of their careers, from beginner to advanced.

Looking for Love?

Romance Writer's of America offers information on what makes a good romance story and an explanation of the various romance genres. Visit www.rwanational.org and click on "The Romance Genre."

Poetry Foundation

Without a doubt, one of the most comprehensive resource sites for poets is the Poetry Foundation. Visit www.poetryfoundation.org for articles, interviews and inspiration. PF also provides audio & podcast, an online journal, and lots of programs for poets.

Call for Submissions

Patchwork Path: Friendship Star, Choice Publishing Group is seeking stories and essays about friends and friendship.

Submission Deadline:
March 31, 2009.

Submission Guidelines:
<http://patchworkpath.com>

Patchwork Path: Wedding Bouquet, Choice Publishing Group is seeking stories and essays about weddings.

Submission Deadline:
August 31, 2009.

Submission Guidelines:
<http://patchworkpath.com>

Patchwork Path: Treasure Box, Choice Publishing Group is seeking stories and essays about special treasures and things.

Submission Deadline:
March 31, 2010.

Submission Guidelines:
<http://patchworkpath.com>

Grendel by John Champlin Gardner



Grendel is a beautiful and heartbreaking modern retelling of the Beowulf epic from the point of view of the monster, Grendel, the villain of the 8th-century Anglo-Saxon epic. This book

benefits from both of Gardner's careers: in addition to his work as a novelist, Gardner was a noted professor of medieval literature and a scholar of ancient languages.

Joyce Brennan Takes the 18Q



1. Did you choose the writing profession or did it choose you?

It choose me.

2. What is your background? (education, work, etc.)

Attended a business school. Worked for American Airlines. Have volunteered for many non-profit organizations.

3. When did you 'know' you were a writer?

After reading one of my short stories to a group of other writers, it clicked. I'm a writer too.

4. How would you describe your style of writing?

Detailed, descriptive, weaving characters together in a small town setting.

5. What is your writing process?

I write four hours every night. I attempt to write 1000 words a day.

6. What was your path to publication?

I started with short stories.

7. What is your favorite self-marketing idea?

I tell the people that buy my book, to tell ten others, if they enjoy reading it. Also, I encourage them to pass it around, to get my name known.

8. What are the biggest surprises you've encountered as a writer?

That my characters take on a life of their own. I'm surprised at what they do and where they go.

9. How do you inspire yourself? What are your sources of creativity?

I read every day. I listen to people's conversations.

10. What is your proudest writer moment?

When a famous published author told me, "I liked your book. I read it through without stopping.

11. What's the best advice you were given about writing?

Write what you know, whether it's fiction or non-fiction.

12. What is your most embarrassing writer moment?

Finding typo's in my self-published book after going over it many times.

Are you a published author?

Take the award winning

Eighteen Questions!

www.EighteenQuestions.com

Joyce Brennan Takes the I8Q



13. What business challenges have you faced as a writer?

Marketing. It definitely is not my strong point.

14. What is your writer life philosophy?

Write every day, even if it's not something you plan to publish.

15. When you're not writing what do you do for fun?

I play domino's and canasta. I have two yorkie's that love to walk.

16. Who do you like to read?

Everything. I like romance, mystery and non-fiction books.

17. What's your advice for new writers?

Put all of your thoughts down on paper. Don't try to

edit as you go.

18. What are you currently working on?

My third romance novel

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[Love Undecided](#)

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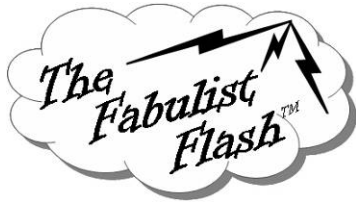
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