

## **Spotlight: *We're Pleased to Present...***

### **Donna Volkenannt**



**Author, Management Consultant,  
President of the Missouri Writers Guild**

**Topic: “How to Get the Most  
Out of Writing Conferences, Contests, and Critique Groups”**

**Saturday, January 7, 2006, from 10 AM to noon.  
Barnes & Noble, 9618 Watson Road, in Crestwood.**

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Workshops are FREE to SLWG members; cost to non-members is \$5.

**Donna Duly Volkenannt** lives in St. Peters with her husband Walter, and their grandchildren, Cari and Michael O’Donnell. Donna currently serves as the 2005-2006 president of the Missouri Writers Guild, is past president of Saturday Writers, and former secretary and board member of the Ozarks Writers League.

Donna got bit by the writing bug while attending St. Alphonsus (Rock) High School in North St. Louis, where she was sports editor of the high school newspaper (*The Rocket*) and a reporter for *Prom* magazine. Donna grew up in North St. Louis, but moved to the suburbs and began working for the Department of the Army a week after high school graduation in June, 1966.

She married Walter in July, 1968 while he was stationed at Scott Air Force Base. She has lived and worked in Missouri, Illinois, Massachusetts, Arizona, Germany, and Texas. In 1986 she graduated summa cum laude from the University of Maryland University College (European Division) with a Bachelor of Science in Business and Management. During her federal career she won numerous awards, including the General Mark Clark award for outstanding manpower and force management intern, which was presented to her in Washington DC by the deputy undersecretary of the Army for Reserve Affairs. She took an early retirement as a management analyst from the Department of Defense in September 2003.

She resumed her passion for writing in 1997, and since then her writing has won numerous awards, including: the Dan Saults Award, the Storyteller's People's Choice Award for Fiction (Mar 05), and Honorable Mention in the National Steinbeck Center's annual short story competition. Her work has appeared in: *The Storyteller* magazine, *Mid Rivers Review*, *Cuivre River Anthology*, *St. Louis Events*, *A Cup of Comfort for Christmas*, *A Cup of Comfort for Women*, *Mysteries of the Ozarks (Vol I)*; *Murder, Mystery, Madness, Magic, and Mayhem (Vol I)*; *Echoes of the Ozarks Anthology*, *Writing on Walls Anthology*, *ByLine* magazine, the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* and other publications.