

## SLWG Member Spotlight: *We're pleased to present...*

### Beth Holbrooke



**SLWG Member Since 2006  
2006 and 2007 SLWG Member of Distinction  
Secretary, SLWG Board of Directors 2007-2008**

**BETH HOLBROOKE**, who is currently serving as secretary of SLWG, has been a member since 2006, when she attended a workshop that looked interesting in the “*Get Out*” section of the *Post Dispatch*. She has participated in several SLWG Cycle critique groups and is now volunteering to coordinate submissions for The Big Write youth writing contest. Beth started her stint as SLWG Secretary after attending the first Volunteers Luncheon in 2007 and raising her hand.

Beth is also president of the Greater St Louis Daffodil Society and for the past five years has been the newsletter editor and show chairperson for their annual daffodil show. She has published several articles and photographs in the American Daffodil Society’s *Journal* and written for the now defunct *St. Louis Gardener*. She hopes to expand her garden related writing to other seasons and flowers.

Besides trying to restrain her ever expanding garden, Beth has traveled to Australia, New Zealand, England and parts of Africa and South America. She has climbed Kilimanjaro and hiked to the Gate of the Sun God in Machu Picchu (Peru). She had her empty wallet stolen in London, argued about birth control with a Masai warrior, snorkeled the Great Barrier Reef looking for Nemo (finding sea cucumbers instead),

and was drunk at breakfast after eating mangos soaked in muscadine. (This was back when she had spare time and an understanding boss.)

In her current ordinary, boring daily existence, Beth has a full time job while also attending school full time as an accounting student. She manages to squeeze in SLWG lectures and workshops and gives talks to garden clubs whenever time permits. Sleep deprivation is her newest hobby, and she firmly believes that a cluttered desk is a sign of genius. If she ever loses her datebook/calendar she will truly feel that she has lost her mind. At this point she is maintaining her equilibrium, but just barely.