

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

### Beverly Brannan



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**Beverly Riley Brannan** became a member of SLWG in 2007. She's been writing for a number of years. She was a technical writer for a sub-contractor of General Dynamics, a writer for the Torch (a St. Louis newsletter for the American Society for Training and Development), the writer/editor for the Jefferson Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, which won an award for outstanding articles on 'Teachers as Researchers,' and a grant writer for Northwest R-1 School District.

Bev also wrote for the Jefferson County Suburban Journals. She wrote the "Cook of the Week" column as well as contributed articles on church and religious activities. In addition, Bev authored High School Reading and Study Skills, published by the University of Missouri - Columbia. However, she considers a coloring book to be her highest achievement. "It was designed to bring the people of Missouri and Para, Brazil, together. Para is our sister state in South America. I worked with my counterpart to include what we considered compatible for both areas; Washington University Art Department did the drawings. It can be accessed through ParaMO.org. Many companies as well as the State Department use our little book in a variety of ways."

Bev enjoys gardening, sewing, cooking and teaching for St. Louis Community College - Wildwood. Yet, she is happiest when around her seven grandchildren, two boys and five girls. She's started a blog spot, "Granny's Diaries." Look for it on "MomsLikeUs."

She likes to read mystery, science fiction and historical romance. "I've taken classes through St. Louis Writers and started a mystery novel last year. No one mentioned the depth of commitment writing the first novel requires. I've written a few short stories and one stage play while working on the novel. Surprisingly, Leonard Nemo is my inspiration. He wrote the original '3:10 to Yuma' and over 50 westerns, as well as mysteries and Star Trek scripts. Leonard starts every morning around 5:30 am writing two pages and then goes to work. His plan fits my schedule; it works."