

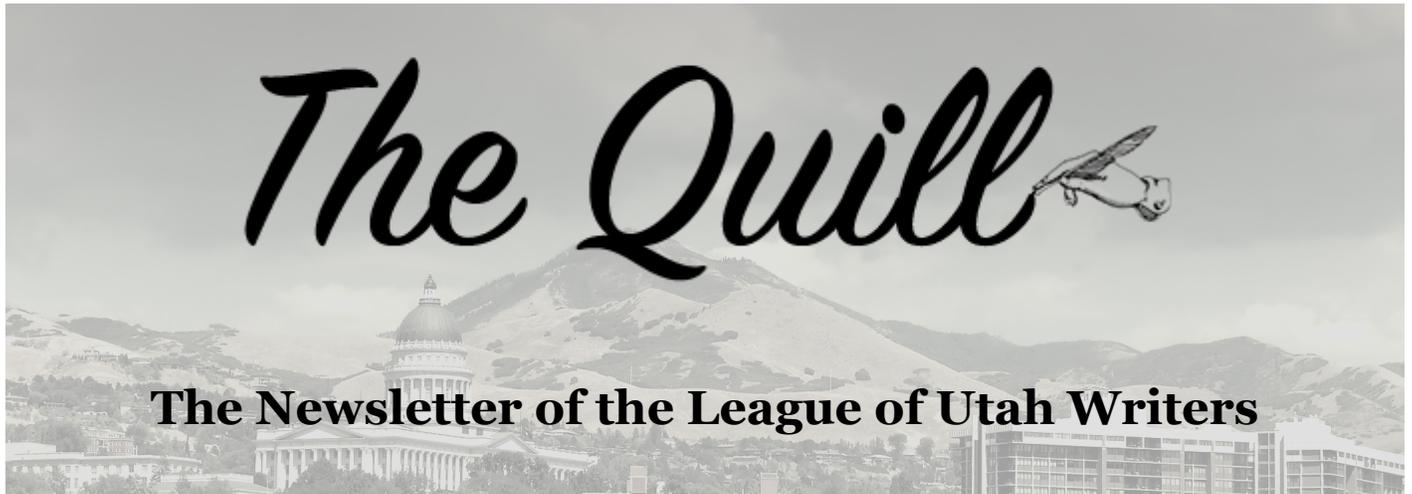
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## August Quill Newsletter

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**A Message from the President**

Dues are going up next year. Currently they're at \$25 for your first chapter and \$15 for any chapters after that. In 2020 they'll be \$30 for your first chapter and \$15 for other chapters. So it's going up just a little.

When people ask me what the League can do for them, what they get for their dues, I can rattle off the concrete benefits, like conference discounts, contest discounts, promotional opportunities, but those are shallow things compared to what the League really is about. It's about bringing people together. It's about support. It's about learning and teaching, taking and giving back. Some in LinkedIn-speak may call it networking, others who just wish to share their journey, know it simply as community, or possibly, family.

If you want to go quickly, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.

Pulling people together is what the League is about. And the big event is coming up this month. Quills, 2019 is August 22-24 and there are still tickets available, but know that they'll be a lot more at the door than they are now online.

<https://www.leagueofutahwriters.com/quills-conference-2019>

I'm so excited for Quills, for seeing my family, to learn and play and chill with the gang, those I know, those I'm looking forward to meeting. How excited am I? I'm as excited as greased weasel in a ball pit. That means I'm really excited. Excited a lot. A whole lot. Greased weasel ball pit lot.

Thanks to a dream team of effective excited volunteers, Quills 2019 is on track and humming. The schedule is up on the web site, the guests are all booked, the food is being ordered. The only downside is that there isn't actually a ball pit the hotel. Can't win them all. Instead of that greasy diversion, we'll have to make do with classes on plot development, character creation, marketing ideas, audiobooks, nonfiction writing, craft honing interviews, exposition intuition, professional critique sessions, pitches with literary agents, buffets with New York Times best selling authors and contest

winners, a cocktail party, games, mingling with like minded writing fanatics and hanging out with everyone.

I'll see you guys there. I'll be the one with a perma-grin in tie-dye.



Live In Letters,  
Johnny Worthen  
President League of Utah Writers

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### From the President-Elect

We have a new Membership chair! Join me in welcoming Kenny Smith to the board. She's been trained by our outgoing Membership chair, Ann Gordon, and is ready to jump in. I also need to give a great big thank-you to Ann for all her hard work over several years to keep track of league memberships and newsletters. It's one of those jobs that almost nobody notices when everything works. It's a big job and she's done wonderful things for us.

If you have any questions on membership, dues, or all that multiple chapter membership fun, you can email Kenny ([membership@leagueofutahwriters.org](mailto:membership@leagueofutahwriters.org)) to get your answers.

In other news, the annual Quills conference is upon us once again. It's been interesting to learn the ropes from Jared and Johnny over the past year, and we have an amazing conference planned. I'd like to point out some of the super-heroic efforts that go into planning a conference.

Classes are the big thing you'll notice because that's why you go. We had to turn down half of our class proposals due to lack of room since there are only so many hours in the day. We've done our best to give you a wide selection of

subjects and instructors. (“We” means mostly the conference committee. I attend and offer my opinions. Have I said lately that we have an amazing conference committee?)

Venues are a constant battle as we balance the cost, size of the space, locations, accommodations, and the number of attendees. Last year, we considered changing the location for Quills, but had an opportunity to negotiate a better deal this year without moving. The Executive Committee, the Conference Committee, and some board members stepped up to make it work, lining up some amazing guests.

Our chapter presidents and our newsletters are the main path for information as it flows from the board to the members. We rely on chapter leadership to get the word out on conferences and other events, as well as opportunities to help out through volunteer work. We couldn’t do what we do without the support of our chapter presidents and members.

So, what’s the point of all this? The League of Utah Writers is a volunteer organization, and everyone I’ve mentioned volunteers their time to make the League successful and strong. If you ever find yourself thinking, “Wouldn’t it be cool if...” then we want to hear from you. We depend on our members. We have room for everyone who can volunteer some of their time and get things done.

What can you do? Attend chapter meetings and events. Volunteer at conferences. Learn the ropes. Help out in your chapter. Talk to committee chairs to see what they do. Get involved, even if it is in small things because even the small things can make a big difference. Everything in the League gets done because someone stepped up to do it.

And you’re someone.

John M. Olsen  
President-Elect,  
League of Utah Writers



**August 22nd - 24th, 2019**

Marriott Hotel  
University Park  
[480 Wakara Way](#)  
Salt Lake City, UT 84108

**Register at:**  
<https://www.leagueofutahwriters.com/quills-conference-2019>  
**with code MEMBERS10Q19LIL**

## 2019 Quills Conference Info

Quills Conference is just around the corner, on August 22-24th in Salt Lake City, and the Conference Committee is working tirelessly to make it a success. There are two things that are significantly different than in previous years that we wanted to make you aware of.

First, in an attempt to improve our on-site check-in processes and streamline the experience when attendees arrive to check in, we need a few days to print and prepare. Additionally, the food order must be finalized the week prior with the hotel. Having solid numbers for attendees helps keep costs controlled and keep prices low. Because of these two factors, **pre-registration will close on August 16th** - the Friday before the conference. If you are planning to attend but have not registered yet, be aware that waiting to register the week of means you will be impacted by this change. Registrations after August 16th will be an at-the-door registration, your costs will be higher, and tickets with food options will be extremely limited.

Second, this year we have implemented an event app which is available now to registered attendees. This gives you early access to research presenters, view the class descriptions, and build your schedule before the conference. This app is available to download in the app store (Apple and Android) and is also a website to access anywhere you connect to the internet. The app will allow you to take notes within the app to download later, and allows you to get presenter materials for classes you can't make it to when you have several in the same block that you wish to attend. The value that this app adds to the conference experience cannot be understated. Many thanks to the Marketing Committee, led by Rachael Bush, in tackling the development of this product and working with our event vendor to make it available this year.

The Marriott University Park Hotel has extended their spectacular room rates until August 9th. At just \$134 per night, this is the perfect opportunity to stay where everything is happening. Find a friend and split the cost! [Click here to reserve your room now.](#)

We hope to see all of you at Quills. If you have questions, feel free to email [events@leagueofutahwriters.org](mailto:events@leagueofutahwriters.org) for more information.



Best,  
Terra Luft  
Conference Committee Chair

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## #LUW19 Quills and League Social Media Posts

Hello all of you amazing writers out there, and salutations! This is a quick message from your friendly neighborhood Past President of the League of

Utah Writers. We have had the tremendous fortune to have some of the most incredible people working with the League in its 84-year history, especially when it comes to our annual conferences. This year is no exception with the amazing lineup of presenters, agents, and editors.

As you have probably already seen the League marketing team has been hard at work promoting the conference in conjunction with the special guests. We would like to invite you to share in the same social media recommendations we have passed along to our special guests, so that we can all be on the same page and ensure that everyone is able to see what is going on with the League.

When using these social media outlets please add the following to your posts and pictures.

**Facebook:** @League of Utah Writers @Quills Conference

**Instagram:** @LUWriters #liveinletters #quills2019 #luw2019 #amwriting #writingcommunity #writingtips #quills19 #luw19

**Twitter:** @LUWriters #liveinletters #quills2019 #luw2019 #quills19 #luw19

You are all amazing and I am looking forward to seeing you online and at the Quills Conference!

Thank you for everything,



Jared Quan  
Past President of the League of Utah Writers

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## Chapter Chatter

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### **Brigham City Writers**

Brigham City Writers has released its first anthology titled Spirals: A Collection of Poetry & Prose from Utah's Northern Edge. The collection features authors from the Northern Utah writing community including E.B. Wheeler, Keri Montgomery, Betti Avari, Alice M. Batzel, Kathy Davidson, McKel Jensen, Rachael Jessop, Dede Mattix, Mike Nelson, Valerie Odenthal, and Steve Odenthal. The anthology is currently available on Amazon and will also be available at the Quills Conference bookstore.

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### **Heritage Writers Guild (St. George)**

Heritage Writer's Guild will host the 2nd annual St. George Literary Arts Festival in St George, Utah from October 8th through October 12th.

The Festival will open on Tuesday night, October 8th with a keynote speech from best selling author Terry Tempest Williams. Ms. Williams will be launching her newest book—"Erosion: Essays of Undoing."

The Festival will present speakers all week at the Book Bungalow, a local book store. We will also have associates reading children's books at local schools all week.

The week will culminate with an all-day conference on Saturday, October 12th. The conference will consist of a keynote speaker at 10 a.m., and hourly presentations by various authors until 4 p.m. AND: We will have a puppet show at lunch! How cool is that?

Oh yeah, all of the presentations throughout the week are free to the public!  
Also cool.

We'd like to give a shout out to one of our members, Russ Estlack, who has a book of non-fiction coming out early next year. It is called "Please General Custer, I don't want to go."

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### **Salt City Scribes (SLC Chapter)**

Mystery writer Michael Norman recently returned from a book tour with stops at Op. Cit Bookstore in Taos, New Mexico, the Angel Fire Public Library in Angel Fire, NM, and the Payson Book Festival in Payson Arizona.

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### **The Usual Suspects (Mystery/Crime)**

Do you have what it takes to save the President? How about solving a murder? If you do, the League's newest chapter may be for you. THE USUAL SUSPECTS chapter is all about mystery/crime fiction/thriller/suspense. It meets online so you can join wherever you are in Utah! Our meetings are the third Thursday at 7:00 pm. The next meeting is September 19 when Johnny Worthen will present "The History of Mystery". To join us, point your browser to <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/craigkingsman>. There will be a small download. You can also find us on Facebook in the Utah Mystery Writers group.

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### **Get More Involved!**

The league is always looking for energetic, enthusiast volunteers for all kinds of things, from conference help to leadership positions, committee appointments and help in more ways than we know.



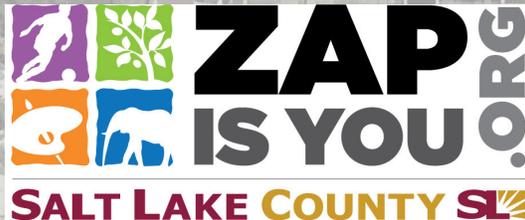
If you have time and skill and interest, please contact [president@leagueofutahwriters.org](mailto:president@leagueofutahwriters.org) and let us know.

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