

Western Pennsylvania Writing Project

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A YWI film by Andrew Halter

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Anita Byerly (WPWP Fellow 1992)

Happy New Year!

May 2010 be a year of great health, great teaching, and great learning for you and your students. 2010 - The Year of the Fellow - features new and familiar events for the WPWP. Please join us to write, reflect, inquire, and lead.



SUMMER INSTITUTE
FOR
TEACHERS
JULY 6-30, 2010

Planning for the Summer Institute for Teachers (July 6-30) is well underway. If you would like to nominate an exceptional teacher, please [let us know](#); we will send the teacher and principal an official letter of nomination from the WPWP. According to the National Writing Project, the most effective recruitment tool for the Summer Institute is the nomination process from other fellows. Don't be bashful. Send us your nominees!

A New Partnership Begins

On January 30th, the Young Writers Institute will offer its first winter session in partnership with the [Pittsburgh Cultural Trust](#). Spaces and

scholarship funds are available, so please spread the word. The application deadline has been extended to January 22nd. Details are available on our [website](#), which also includes a nifty YWI film by Andrew Halter (Fellow 2000.)



Advanced Institute 2010

The **Advanced Institute 2010** begins on Saturday, January 30th. Facilitated by Nancy Addy (Fellow 1998) and Cindy Biery (Fellow 1984), the AI will focus on developing exceptional professional development, based on current research of best practices. If you would like to join a group of excellent fellows, please apply by January 18th. Participants receive a **\$500 stipend** and **12 ACT 48 hours**. Feel free to call or email with questions.

Anita Byerly Memorial Fund and Reading



On November 21, 2009, the WPWP lost one of its beloved fellows. Anita Gevaudan Byerly (Fellow 1992) is the author of **Steam Rising**, published by MadBooks in 2009, **October Light**, published by Finishing Line Press in 2008 and a chapbook, **Digging a Hole to China**, published in 2001. Her work has appeared in numerous journals. Memorial donations in Anita's honor have raised nearly \$500 to support scholarships for the Young Writers Institute, a program Anita taught in and tirelessly helped to promote. Contributions can be sent to the WPWP office and St. Edmund's Academy.

A Memorial Reading for Anita will be held on **Saturday, January 23, 2010 at 1:00PM at St. Edmund's Academy** (Squirrel Hill), Hillman Auditorium, 5705 Darlington Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15217. Please join family and friends in a poetry reading as they remember Anita Gevaudan Byerly. This reading is free and open to the public. Reception and refreshments following with books available for purchase.

*Perhaps they are remnants
of unfinished dreams,
ions of untapped energy,
particles of poems
that surround us every day
waiting to be revealed.
- from "Dust Motes"*

*where the diadem of night,
embedded with cold light,
encircles my resting place,
and fire in the sky
melts my tomb of ice
- from "Iceman of Similaun"*



Writing Renaissance 2010

Saturday, February 13, 2010, 9:30AM - 12:30 PM, University of Pittsburgh, William Pitt Union, Lower Lounge

Please join poet, performance artist and longtime friend of the WPWP, **Vanessa German**, for the WPWP's annual Writing Renaissance. Indulge in writing, chances to reconnect with Fellows, light brunch, and chocolate. For additional details, please contact Mimi Botkin (mimi.botkin@gmail.com) or visit the WPWP website.

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