



Contributors' Notes



BRENDA ACKERMAN is a sophomore at OSU Marion. She is an English Major, wife and the mother of four children. She has a variety of interests, which include but are definitely not limited to: reading, writing, gardening, painting (walls and canvases!), good conversation and teaching. A non-traditional student, she says, "The return to college has been interesting and fun. Who says getting older is a negative thing? I think my age and experience help me to understand, appreciate and enjoy this experience more than ever!"

MIKE ANDERSON is a student at OSU Mansfield. He says, "If ignorance is bliss, than the people in front of him must be orgasmic."

ROSALIE BENET is a junior, majoring in English at OSU Marion. She transferred from Marion Technical College, where she earned an Associate Degree in Paralegal Studies. She attends New Vision Community Church in Marion. In the past she has been in Real Estate Sales and Property Management. She likes to read and is interested in writing.

WALTER U. BOLTON, JR. graduated from OSU Newark, having majored in English. He is currently in his fifth year of coaching baseball at that campus. He has published two books, *The Pitcher's Cookbook* and *If It's Farther Than a Bike Ride It Doesn't Exist*. He writes Op-Ed columns for *Our Town*, a local newspaper, and for WCLT radio. He has taught courses at OSU Newark and Ohio University-Zanesville, and was AMA in charge of Administration for Central Ohio's Census in 2000.

KRISTINA BRAUSE attends OSU Marion and works as a server/bartender/cook at Steve's Dakota Grill. She is a Psychology major with a minor in English. She enjoys fishing, camping, hiking, reading and writing poetry.

YOLANDA R. CASTILLO attends OSU Marion and is a hair stylist at Famous Hair. She is working on a double major in Psychology and Art, and says, "I love to make people laugh!"

JOANNE FITZGERALD is a fiction-writer-wanna-be. She has the part about starting a short story down pat. It is past page three when she gets into trouble; her ditzzy old-lady characters have by now bored the hell out of her, the plot is from the fifties and no longer pertinent and her grammar is strange and her sentence structure backward. Her former editor (when she was a whiz at non-fiction) used to blue pencil her work up one column and down another and yell, "You write backwards." Somehow he blue-penciled her into being a competent non-fiction writer. But it is fiction that is glamorous, academic, would give her an entree to the fame—maybe fortune—that she craves. So onward she goes—and backward she writes. She starts another story, great beginning, and gets along swim

swimmingly until halfway through page three. Right now she is hunting yet another fiction writing class to take at OSU-Marion, a different professor to fool for a while, or for at least through pages one, two, and three.

KRISTI GROLL is a sophomore at OSU Marion. She is an Animal Science major and hopes to continue her education at The OSU College of Veterinary Medicine after completing her Bachelor's Degree. She is employed by Dr. Klinefelter at the Waldo Animal Clinic.

CHRISTOPHER W. HOOVER is a senior at OSU Marion. He will be attending Main Campus in the fall as a Business major. He has been playing rugby since 1997 and is planning to play at OSU next year.

KELLY KRIDER attends OSU Marion and is majoring in Biology. She works at Video Connection in Upper Sandusky and enjoys reading, writing and drawing.

AMANDA MINOR is a freshman at Ohio State Marion. She enjoys poetry, drawing and spoiling my two labs, Chasen Tails and Cokomo Jo.

FRED MCKINNEY is a retired die maker after 34 years at General Motors. He is nominally an English major at OSU Mansfield, though he is not working toward a degree. He says, "Next to my wife, writing fiction is my first love." He has been writing for over 30 years, and his works have been published in *Immaculate Cauldron* and *Cornfield Review*.

DAN McMULLIN is a twenty-eight year old freshman at OSU Marion. His major is Human Resources. He has enjoyed poetry since he was a young age and imagines that is what led him to the hip hop culture before it was a trend. He served almost seven years in the United States Navy, and he finds that a lot of his poems are inspired by those experiences.

RHONDA NELSON is a non-traditional, full-time, graduating senior at OSU Mansfield. Any more descriptive titles might suggest that she is resistant to labels: so we won't mention that she is an English major and, outside the academic discourse community, a single mother of three children. After three years as a writer and editor of a small community newspaper, Rhonda decided to return to school in order to expand her potential as a writer. Her short story was her first venture into the field of creative writing, and she feels the endeavor's success may be attributed to the advice of a writing mentor. "Death of a Home" won first place in this year's Florence B. Allen Award in the Short Story category at OSU Mansfield.

HANK OSBORNE is a fourth year undergraduate at OSU Mansfield. He is working toward a double major in History and English.

SARA RESTA is a senior majoring in English at OSU Newark and works as a tutor in the Writing Lab. She is a “non-traditional” student, and her aspirations are to graduate before she needs to add the word “citizen” to her class rank. She writes because writing allows her to sit down, to live inside her head, to complain, and to justify her laziness by renaming it “creativity.” Her hobby is waiting for the Publishers Clearing House Prize Patrol to arrive at her doorstep. It’s past her time to “already be a winner.”

JOHNATHAN RIDDLE dedicates his poem to Margo Amanda Hinojosa. He says, “If people want to know that this is my second year as an art student as OSU Marion, or that I waste my writing and drawing skills on such meaningless drudgery as cartoons and comic strips, let them come and ask me personally. I say! I’m not the important one here. Those special people who serve as our muses deserve recognition as well. I’d like to thank the Academy.”

STEPHEN SPIEGEL is a student at OSU Marion. Writing has become a hobby for him and he especially enjoys the short story genre. He says, “I feel I can articulate about myself best in the short story.”


MONICA WINEGARNER is a senior at OSU Marion, majoring in English. She hopes to one day write a best seller to promote herself and tell all her secrets!

TIFFANY RENE WYRICK is a student at OSU Newark where she is involved in the creation of a literary magazine. She is acting in an improvisational theatrical club, *Scattered Thoughts*. She is studying English and German and has received the Literary Honor of Circle Award and has had her artwork reach the Regionals in the Governor’s Art Show. More of her artwork is displayed in an exhibit at The Knowledge Works Museum in downtown Newark.





THE EDITORS

An abstract artwork featuring dark, swirling patterns in shades of blue, black, and white. A central figure, possibly a person or a creature, is depicted in a reddish-brown hue, appearing to be in a dynamic, perhaps dancing or falling, pose. The background is a mix of dark, textured areas and lighter, swirling patterns.

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