

Getting published, that's the problem

The Detroit Women Writers, a well-established group of professionals, has always made it a point to share their talents and experiences with those who aspire to such creativity.

One way is via the creative writing conference held annually at Oakland University. This year's will be Oct. 16-17.

But now something new has been added that's much closer in time — a two-day event March 10-11 called "Seminars on Book Proposals." It will be held at the Detroit Public Library can co-sponsored by the library and the Detroit Women Writers.

The March seminar is "one step more," said Carolyn Hall of Birmingham, president-elect of the writers group.

She said this seminar is really aimed for those ready to be published as compared to the Oakland University conference, which attracts not only those who are publishing but many "who come and want to start" as well.

"Editors," said Mrs. Hall, whose fifth book, "Soft Sculpture," will come out late this spring, "aren't giving much guidance these days. They like to know you're able to do it. Guidance is money and time is money. The publishing world is in a turmoil right now. It's not too easy to get published."

Specialties, she said, are a factor in getting published. Mrs. Hall is an example of the specialist who is a successful book author.

"I came into it through art," she said. "All of my books have something to do with art."

Those on the program for the seminar in addition to Mrs. Hall are: Patricia Berens, literary agent and vice president of Sterling Lord Agency Inc. of New York City; Lee Butcher, former editor of "Florida Trend," "Texas Business" and "The South," and author of two books; Bruce Cook, book editor of the Detroit News, author of four books; Julia Grice, author of six paperback novels; Cynthia King, author of a novel, "Beggars and Choosers," and three books for children; W.E. Sears, director, University of Michigan Press and former editor-in-chief, college division, Harper & Row; and Vivian Stephens, editor, Candlelight Romances, Dell Publishing Co.

The cost for all events, including dinner at the Detroit Press Club, is \$52, without dinner, \$45.

With or without a proposal, writers can register for the program by contacting Louise Heck-Rabi, 537 Riverbank, Wyandotte 48192, or by calling 284-9712. Enrollment is limited to the first 80 people.



Ryckman-Bingel

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ryckman of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter Jan Michelle to Brian Craig Bingel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Bingel of Ann Arbor.

The bride-to-be is a student at University of Michigan. Her fiancé is a graduate of Ferris State University.

A March wedding is planned in Ann Arbor.



Stafford-Pike

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stafford of Farmington announce the engagement of their daughter Diane Lynn to Jeffrey David Pike, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pike of Detroit.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Farmington High School and Word of Life Bible Institute, employed in the central accounting department of Montgomery Ward. Her fiancé is a graduate of Henry Ford High School and Word of Life Bible Institute employed by 3 P.M., Inc. in Livonia.

A June wedding is planned in Covenant Community Church in Redford.

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