

# Short Story Writing Workshop for Gays and Lesbians

By Robert Blair

A new six-week writing workshop focusing on Gay and Lesbian short story writers will begin Wednesday, May 16 at 7pm and is presented by Karen Dale Wolman. The cost is \$125.

Wolman, who is an award winning author and former college professor, teaches a series of writing workshops for new and continuing short story writers and novelists, marketed exclusively to the gay and lesbian community.

Wolman said, "This series is a more structured class for people who want to write short stories and is open to anyone

interested."

She stated that many aspiring authors in the gay and lesbian community have, at times, found it frustrating to write their short story without making the characters' sexuality the central focus.

The workshop promises to give the participants informative feedback just as a student would in a writing class.

Classes are held in a private residence in Pompano Beach. Classes are small, so registration is on a first come basis.

Wolman also holds a series of writing critique workshops where students commit on a monthly basis for as long or as short as

they like. The critique workshop meets every week for the first three weeks of each month. This series costs \$55 per month.

She said, "People can come in and out as much as they want. It is for people who have some experience." This series is kept on a month-to-month basis so that when a writer completes a project they're not committed for a longer duration than they require.

For students, writers and business people who need more individual attention, she offers writing, editing and teaching/coaching on an hourly or per project basis.

For more information call 954.957.9818 or e-mail: kdw954@mindspring.com.



Karen Dale Wolman

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work of Dorothy Parker. Presented by the Fort Lauderdale Players at the Library Theatre located on the first floor of the Main Library on the corner of Broward and Andrews. For information and tickets call (954) 760-7171.

**Fridays: "Separate Checks"**- This Comedy Improv Troupe performs every Friday night at 10:30pm at the Hollywood Playhouse, 2640 Washington St., (954) 922-0404.

### MUSIC

**Friday & Saturday, May 11 & 12: "The Screens"**- Legendary composer Philip Glass and West African griot and kora virtuoso Foday Musa Suso will perform their work, "The Screens" at the Lincoln Theater in Miami Beach on May 11 and 12 at 8pm. The program is co-presented by Miami Light Project and the Rhythm Foundation, in association with the New World Symphony's "Sounds of the Times" series. Tickets are: VIP \$50, \$35 and \$25. Miami Light Project box office (305) 576-4350.

**Thursday - Saturday, May 17-19: "Judd on Bernstein"**- A full program of music by one of the world's greatest musicians, Leonard Bernstein, conducted by FPO Music Director, James Judd. These works are being recorded live. Tickets are \$18-\$85. For information and tickets call (800) 226-1812.

**Mondays: Dancing in the Moonlight Series** - Swing to the rhythms of big dance bands at the Hollywood Beach and Broadwalk on Johnson Street. Music for Dancing, 7:30-9:00 p.m. every Monday, year round - weather permitting. Free Admission/Metered Parking. For further information call (954) 921-3404.

**Tuesdays: Dancing in the Moonlight Series**- An eclectic mix of music and dance appears at the Hollywood Beach and Broadwalk on Johnson Street each Tuesday. The entertainment ranges from Big Band to line dancing or a musical fun show with audience participation. Free Admission/Metered Parking. 7:30-9pm. For further information call (954) 921-3404. **April 10: Jimmy Jam Prods.**

**Wednesdays: Dancing In The Moonlight Series**- Features some of the area's best known rock and roll, country, rhythm and blues and pop bands. This is a great family night out for dance enthusiasts from 1 to 90. Free Admission/Metered Parking. 7:30-9pm. For further information call (954) 921-3404.

**Sundays: Jammin'**- Bluegrass, folk and mountain musicians are invited to join an old-fashioned jam session. The second Sunday of the month through May at Fern Forest Nature Center from 2-5pm. (954) 970-0150.

### ART EXHIBITS

**Through June 3: "Burn: Artists Play with Fire"**- Organized by the Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach. (561) 832-5196.

**Through September 3: Hollywood International Juried Print Exhibition**- An ongoing exhibit at the Art & Culture Center of Hollywood. Tuesday-Saturday from 10am - 4pm and Sunday from 1-4pm. \$3.00 non-member admission. (954) 921-3274.

### T.V.

**Queer as Folk**- This popular series follows the lives and loves of three gay men. Sundays at 10pm on SHO.

**Buffy the Vampire Slayer**- Two witchy yet flaky lesbians are a constant part of the featured cast in this supernatural, action, teen/young adult show. Tuesdays at 8pm on the WB.

**Dark Angel**- A smart, sane, in your face fem-dyke steals scenes in this futuristic dystopia. Tuesdays at 9pm on Fox.

**That's My Bush!**- They're threatening to portray the Bush twin daughters as partying lesbians in the future. Until then, it's still more entertaining than watching the real 'W'. Wednesdays at 10:30pm on Comedy Central.

**Out & About TV**- South Florida's Number one Gay Television Show! Bill and Terry bring you weekly entertainment, interviews, event coverage and much more. Brian Harmon will excite you in the gym and Lee McCall will spark your interest in Gay Tech. *The Express Update* provides weekly highlights of local news. Available on DSS and The Dish Network Thursday nights at 8pm on the GTV Channel. Visit [www.outsofla.com](http://www.outsofla.com) for more information.

**Will and Grace**- This outstanding comedy follows the lives of Will and Grace, Karen and Jack. You know the rest.... Thursdays at 9pm on NBC.

**Xena: Warrior Princess**- The first show to feature a strong woman kicking ass without spraining her ankle also shamelessly panders to its lesbian audience. Saturdays at 1pm on the WB.

### RADIO

**The Alternative, a GLBT Radio Talk Show**- Tune your dial to WAXY, 790AM from 9-10pm every Thursday for talk, comedy, call-in, events and gossip with Mary, Lizzie and Dane. Live on the web at [www.radioalternative.com](http://www.radioalternative.com)

**"Pride Radio"**- PGFL will be low-power broadcasting on 104.7FM. The station's transmitter will be located in *Oh! What a Basket* in the *Shoppes of Wilton Manors* on Wilton Drive and will begin broadcasting a few days prior to this year's *Stonewall Street Festival and Parade* (June 24). Tune-in to the broadcast, which can be heard up to a two mile radius from downtown Wilton Manors, for information concerning festival and parade events. If you can't make the festival this year, you can still tune us in and enjoy "South Florida's Largest Gay/Lesbian Street Party."

### WEB LINKS

**curvemagazine.com**- Women's entertainment magazine.

**expressgaynews.com**- Read *The Express* on-line!

**gfn.com**- Gay Financial Network. Professional services directory, business and finance information and gay-related business and advertising news stories.

**girlfriendsmag.com**- Lesbian culture, politics and entertainment.

**glccfl.org**- Community center information, meetings and events.

**lesbianation.com**- News, entertainment, chat, health and wellness, business and finance, shopping, sports and travel information for women.

**planetout.com**- Entertainment, personals, news and politics, money and careers, shopping, etc.

**womeninthelife.com**- News, interviews, dialogue and entertainment for women.

### INSTRUCTION

**Wednesdays, Through - May 30: "Plotting the Story of your Life"**- Writers workshop with Joyce Sweeney. Wednesdays, 6:45pm-8:45pm at *Imperial Point Library*. \$60 in advance, \$65 at the door. To register call (954) 357-7401.

**Saturday, May 12: "Practical Creativity for Writers"**- Dr. Kathleen Donnelly will "whack" you with some practical ways to bring more creative thinking into your writing. 10am-1pm at the *Bienes Ctr. of the Main Library*, (954) 357-7401. \$40 in advance, \$45 at the door.

**Saturday, May 19: "Writer's Block and the Creative Process"**- This training activates each of the five senses to move writers away from self-made frustrations and worries, eliminating writer's block from your life. Richard Ryal teaches this workshop from 10am-1pm at the *Bienes Ctr. of the Main Library*, (954) 357-7401. \$40 in

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**Falun Dafa**- An ancient Chinese Cultivation/Meditation/Qi Gong system that includes five sets of low-impact exercises. Saturdays, 12:30-2pm at the *Exhibit Hall at Secret Woods Nature Center*, 2701 W. State Rd. 84, Dania Beach. For more information call the Nature Center at (954) 791-1030.

**Living Large**- This is a four-week workshop with one group meeting per week. It is designed to bring Real change to the lives of people of all sizes who struggle with their body image and self worth. Reservations are required for this Free workshop. All are welcome. Call Stephanie at (561) 335-0491.

**Yoga**- Weekly yoga classes will be held at the GLCC at 3pm on Saturdays. Please bring a yoga mat or large towel, and wear loose, comfortable clothes. The fee is only \$5 per class and all proceeds will be donated to the GLCC. Three instructors will alternate from week to week. For more information, please call Mark at (954) 928-0916 or Steve at (305) 947-9115.

**"Southern Country"**- Country music and Line Dancing instruction by *Southern Country South Florida*. Every 1st and 3rd Saturday from 7-10pm and Thursdays at 8pm at *The Saint*, 1000 W. SR 84, (954) 525-7883; and Every Tuesday from 8-10pm at *Mankind*, 219 N 21st Ave, Hollywood, (954)922-1144.

### FOR WOMEN

**Friday, Girlz Club**- Presented by Julie Garrity at *Club 5922*, located at 5922 S. Dixie Hwy at the corner of US1 and Sunset. For information call: (305) 661-0917.

**Saturday, Ultra Sea Monster** - Presented by *Girlworld Productions* at *Sea Monster*, 2 South New River Dr. West, Ft. Lauderdale. (954) 463-4641. No cover charge until 10 pm, breakfast buffet at 2 am.

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