

*The 21<sup>st</sup> Year of*

# *A Rally of Writers*

a conference about telling the truth

**April 5, 2008**

West Campus, LCC

Lansing MI

**Keynote: Jack Driscoll**

16 Breakout Sessions

Lunch Speaker

Imprisoned Writer, Adriana Săvoiu-Thompson  
Schuler Books, Eastwood Mall, **April 4**

Registration \$60

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# A Rally of Writers, April 5, 2008, West Campus, LCC

8:30-9:00 a.m. **Registration** Conference Center

9:00-10:00 a.m. **Opening Session** (Free, open to public)  
**Keynote • Jack Driscoll**  
"The Five Things I Know About Writing and the Writing Life"

10:00-11:00 a.m. **Session 1**

- A. Historical Fiction • Lev Raphael**  
Researching, developing, and writing a historical novel.
- B. Starting Strong • Linda Peckham**  
For new writers: what you need to know about markets, manuscripts, resources, and ownership.
- C. Creative Nonfiction • J.D. Dolan**  
A close reading of the opening of a memoir for scene, character, description, pacing, and voice.
- D. Picture Books • Janet Mary Sinke**  
Using the power of simple words, great imagination, and insightful marketing strategies.

11:00-11:30 a.m. **Authors' Alley: Break and Books**  
(tables by reservation only)

11:30-12:30 p.m. **Session 2**

- A. Truth-Telling • Jack Driscoll**  
Lies, shadings, and the muse: the sweet revisions of memory for deeper accuracy in all fictive forms.
- B. Inspirational Writing • Diane Vogel**  
How to find and share the "zing" in your heart to inspire the reader.
- C. Poetry • Jeff Vande Zande**  
Developing the art of appropriate word choice and poetic language for memorable poetry.
- D. Outdoor Writing • Ann R. Miller**  
Turning ho-hum into wow: description plus current research equals dynamic nature writing.

12:30-1:30 p.m. **Feeding the Soul: Lunch and Speaker**  
**Judging the Caldecott • Nancy Bujold**

1:30-1:45 p.m. **Authors' Alley: Break and Books**

1:45-2:45 p.m. **Session 3**

- A. Truth-Telling • Jack Driscoll**  
Lies, shadings, and the muse: the sweet revisions of memory for deeper accuracy. (Repeat)
- B. Historical Fiction • Lev Raphael**  
Researching, developing, and writing a historical novel. (Repeat)
- C. Creative Nonfiction • Andrea King Collier**  
Exploring the differences in essay and memoir for various markets.
- D. Digital Photos/Self-publishing • Ed Noonan**  
Changes in formatting of digital photos for self-publishing because of advances in high-speed printing.

2:45-3:00 p.m. **Authors' Alley: Break and Books**

3:00-4:00 p.m. **Session 4**

- A. Poetry • Ken Meisel**  
Writing like Marc Chagall: writing poetry at the imagination's edge.
- B. Fiction • Jeff Vande Zande**  
The skill of line editing to produce a polished piece of fiction.
- C. Creative Nonfiction • J.D. Dolan**  
A close reading of the opening of a memoir for scene, character, description, pacing, and voice. (Repeat)
- D. TV Scripts • Mark Hoover**  
From ideas to screen: developing a treatment, finding backers, writing a script, and producing a show.

4:10 p.m. **Closing Session and Drawings**



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**Rally Warm-Up • 7 p.m., Friday, April 4**

**Adriana Săvoiu-Thompson, Writer**  
A conversation about her imprisonments during the 1980s in Communist Romania.

Schuler Books & Music, Eastwood Mall

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To register, send bottom section and check to:

**A Rally of Writers**  
2933 Tulane Dr.  
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<< For Lunch, Postmark by March 25 >>

For other information, contact Irene Dean at 517-372-4294

**I want to attend A Rally of Writers on April 5!**

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**Rally Warm-Up • Friday at Schuler Books** . . . . . NC \_\_\_\_\_  
A conversation with an imprisoned writer

**Rally Registration • Saturday Conference** . . . . . \$60.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
(\$70 at the door)

**Feeding the Soul • Buffett Lunch Saturday** . . . . . \$12.50 \_\_\_\_\_  
Postmark by March 25 for lunch

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