

SCBWI Spring Conference
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Story Soar!

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Conference
May 2, 2009

In Grand Rapids
at Calvin College's
Prince Conference Center

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Presenters

Henry Cole grew up on a dairy farm in Virginia, and later taught science for many years at the Langley School in McLean, Virginia, before entering the world of children's books with *Jack's Garden*. Since then, he has illustrated over 70 picture books, authored six, and is putting the finishing touches on his first novel, *A Nest for Celeste*. Henry divides his time between Virginia and Florida.

Kathy Landwehr began her career in marketing and publicity before ascending the ladder to become vice president and associate publisher at Peachtree, where she supervises acquisitions, development, and production of all books, among her many other duties. Before her time at Peachtree, Kathy also worked for Susan Hunter Publishing and the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*. Visit www.peachtree-online.com for more information.

Nancy Butts is a former newspaper reporter and freelance writer who went on to publish two YA novels, *Cheshire Moon*, and *The Door in the Lake*, which was an ALA Quick Pick for Reluctant Readers and also a Scholastic Book Club Selection. She has written five educational books for Pearson Publishing, and also teaches classes for the Institute of Children's Literature. Nancy is a graduate of Duke University, and now lives in a tiny town in rural Georgia where she is trying to steal enough time to work on two more novels.

Yvonne Healy likes to say that she didn't just kiss the Blarney Stone, she swallowed it! A professional performer for forty years, she has acted in New York for soaps and on stage, written most of her own material, and worked in improvisation. When not involved in college courses, conference workshops, or artist residencies, she has also served on the boards of numerous storytelling organizations. Yvonne lives on a Michigan lakeshore with her husband, two teenage daughters, and two fluffy dogs. Visit Yvonne's website at www.yhealy.com.

Nancy Hull teaches writing and children's literature at Calvin College, has published numerous articles, and writes book reviews for the *Grand Rapids Press*. Last year, she had her first novel for young people, *On Rough Seas*, published with Clarion Books. When she is not writing or teaching, Nancy runs in marathons with "thousands of people, so I can fade into the crowd and be assured that someone will probably come in after me." Learn more about Nancy at <http://nancyhull.net>.

Sarah Shumway is Senior Editor at Katherine Tegan Books, an imprint of HarperCollins. A graduate of William Smith College, Sarah worked at Dutton, where some of her books included *Oh, My Gods*. By Tera Lynn Childs, *Gamer Girl* by Mari Mancusi, and *Lester Fizz: Bubble-Gum Artist*, by Ruth Spiro. She moved to HarperCollins in November and looks forward to acquiring primarily middle grade and YA fiction.

What You Need to Know

Schedule of Events

8-9	Registration & continental b'fast
9-10	Nancy Butts
10:15-11:15	Kathy Landwehr
11:30-12:30	Henry Cole
12:30-1:30	Lunch
1:30-2:30	Nancy Hull
2:45-3:45	Sarah Shumway
4-5	Yvonne Healy
5-5:15	Door Prizes

Calvin College's Prince Conference Center

The Prince Conference Center is located at Calvin College, 1800 E. Beltline SE, Grand Rapids.

Overnight accommodations are available for \$75 per night if you register by April 2, and mention that you are with SCBWI.

For directions or to reserve a room, please call the Prince Conference Center directly at (866) 526-7200 or (616) 526-7200, or online at www.calvin.edu/prince.

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Paid Critique Lotteries

A limited number of manuscript and portfolio critique slots are available, and will be filled by lottery. The fee is \$35 and will be returned if you are not chosen. Please see policies (next column) for eligibility requirements. **Postmark deadline for critiques is March 28, 2009.**

For either critique, please include:

- A separate check for \$35 payable to SCBWI-MI.
- SASE with sufficient postage for return of fee and MS if not chosen.
- PB: send complete MS.
- MG/YA: one complete chapter (10 pp. max) and a 2-3 pp. summary
- Magazine/short story/non-fiction: complete MS.

For portfolio critiques, please bring your portfolio to the conference. If you have questions, please email Janice Broyles at conanthe3rd@charter.net.

Send all required lottery items to:

SCBWI Critique Lottery
c/o Janice Broyles
682 Ski View Trail
Gaylord, MI 49735

Policies

Refunds are not available after the postmark deadline. Before the deadline, a refund request may be sent to Monica Harris at monicaharris24@sbcglobal.net. The Advisory Committee will respond within two weeks.

Paid critique lotteries are available only to SCBWI members. You may register for either critique, but not both. In addition, if you had a critique at the Fall 2008 conference, you are not eligible for the same type of critique in spring. For example, if you had a manuscript critique in fall, you are only eligible for a portfolio critique this spring, and vice versa.

SCBWI-MI will partner with Pooh's Corner to offer several of our speakers' books. We will also have SCBWI merchandise for sale. If you are planning to purchase something, please bring cash or a check. SCBWI-MI is unable to take credit cards at this time.

Questions?

If you have questions, contact Kris Remenar at krisis2cool4u@yahoo.com or Mindy Krasner at mkrasner@greenhillsschool.org.

Registration

Mail the form with a check payable to SCBWI-MI to the address below. Include your email for registration confirmation. **Postmark deadline is April 15, 2009.**

Name

Address

City State Zip

Phone

Email

Check appropriate boxes:

- Member \$100
- Non-member \$120
- I require a vegetarian meal
- I have registered for a portfolio critique

Please send completed registration to:

SCBWI Conference Registration
c/o Gail Flynn
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Kalamazoo, MI 49009

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