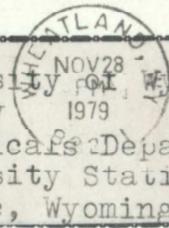


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Wyoming Writers is planning an exciting new anthology about the Rocky Mountain region and is conducting a contest among its members to find an appropriate theme and title for the book.

The winner of the "Theme and Title Contest" will receive a 1980 Writer's Market, a free Wyoming Writers membership for 1980-81 and an acknowledgement in the forward section of the published work which will include non-fiction, poetry and fiction.

Write the anthology title first and explain the theme in two paragraphs or less. Example: "Challenge of the Rockies," an insight into the problems, population growth and energy boom of the 1970's and 1980's.

Send all entries, typed (or printed) and double spaced on separate sheets of white paper to Anthology Acting Editor Lavinia Dobler, Dubois Route, Box 2721D, Riverton, Wyoming 82501.

Entries must be postmarked no later than February 1, 1980, and will be judged by the anthology committee (Lavinia Dobler, Gay Collier, Roberta Cheney, Charlotte Babcock, Barbara Ketcham and Jean Mead). The winner(s) will be announced in the March or April 1980 newsletter along with rules for manuscript submission for the anthology. No entries will be returned.

Bantam contest for a western novel by a beginner:
Deadline: March 30

Write to: Irwin Applebaum at Bantam for contest entry. Bantam Books Inc., 666 5th Ave., New York, NY 10019, (212) 765-6500.

Bess Becker of Bristol, Va., wrote thanking Barb Ketcham for the membership renewal extension. She reported she had sent a poem OH, WYOMING, I LOVE YOU, to the Wyoming Historical society. Two demonstration records were cut of songs Mrs. Becker wrote by Terry Tune Studio.

Last summer the lady was an honored guest for a program at the Asbury Methodist Home where she read some of her poetry. One selection shared was from a book written by Bess called HILLS OF HOME.

Paula DeCook, of Wheatland, sold a children's article to FRIENDS publication about the story of the silkworm. She not only received a nice check for her article but collected over \$45 from the Authors Ink "publication incentive" kitty.

GENERAL TIPS FOR ANY WRITER

1. Know your market.
2. On your manuscript head, include not only name, address and zip code, but also phone number and social security number.
3. Lots of people know how to write but very few do it.
4. David Hellyer's Rules for Free Lancing:
 - a. Have something to say
 - b. Know how to say it
 - c. Sell it after you have said it
5. Write what people are interested in.
6. Beware of the term "No unsolicited mss.". You may QUERY these markets but they do not want a complete manuscript.
7. Do not use erasable bond paper -- not only because it smudges, but often an editor will erase it, then on second thought want to go back to it, only it isn't there to go back to.
8. Tip from Linda Price of Bantam - use a 2-pocket folder with query letter in one pocket, synopsis, sample chapters, etc. in the other pocket. Sounds like editors really like this idea. Also, use different colored paper from the original for revisions for the editor. You can do every draft in a different color.
9. Richard Huttner (adamantly) "Don't deal with an agent who charges a reading fee."
10. Pick the right lead or opening paragraph.
11. Don't use exclamation points unless in dialogue.
12. Don't use cliché adjectives.
13. Don't break words at the end of the sentence.

Thanks to Midge Swartz of Gillette for compiling and sharing notes she took during the National Writers Club workshop in Denver, Colo., which was held in October. Wyo Writer will print more of the tips and guidelines in future issues.

Peg Layton Leonard and Lee Ann Seibken gave an informational workshop on greeting card writing to 10 members of Authors Ink who traveled to Douglas Nov. 15. Verse writing is now flooding Wheatland!

**Mail news items to editor
by the 15th of each month. Black and white
photos of group activities welcome.**
