



## Alaska Writers Guild

Dear AWG Members and Friends!

The Alaska Writer's Guild is proud to announce registration is open for the 2012 Alaska Writer's Conference. This conference will be the biggest and best we have ever produced and includes more than a half dozen writing and publishing professionals dedicated to assisting you in your writing and publishing efforts. The enclosed brochure highlights the accomplishments of our guest speakers and will give you great insight into the material knowledge they will be sharing with you.

The conference opens Thursday with a tour of the large printing plant at A.T. Publishing & Printing in Anchorage. Drinks and snacks are provided in this tour where you will get to see first hand how books are made. Then on Friday evening we shift to the Coast International Inn for a meet and greet with our guest speakers and three special workshops (free - with limited space available). Saturday and Sunday include two full days of seminars and exciting events. Saturday morning, our keynote speaker, Jerry Simmons, will address How to Profit from Trends in Publishing. In all, you'll be able to choose from more than 20 seminars.

We are also beginning a new tradition, the annual Alaska Writer's Guild Awards. Nominated members will be selected by a committee to receive awards for milestones in writing and publishing as well as for efforts in promoting writing and publishing in our communities. Please contact us if you or someone you know has achieved a writing or publishing milestone.

The awards will be ceremoniously handed out at the Awards Banquet held Saturday evening. This year, conference attendees can bring a guest to the dinner. Simply check the box on the registration form and include the extra cost for the meal with your registration. You can add a guest as late as August 15, but space is limited.

We're also planning a special book fair with readings by Alaskan authors, more special guests, free tickets to an Anchorage comedy show and much more. In short, this year's conference will be informative, fun and exciting like never before.

Please take a moment to fill out the registration form and mail it back in the enclosed envelope, or go online to [alaskawritersguild.com](http://alaskawritersguild.com). Discounts are available for early registration.

On behalf of the Alaska Writers Guild, I truly look forward to seeing you at this year's event. Please contact me directly with any questions, or contact any board member via our website.

Sincerely,

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