



## The Quill

### From the Editor

#### Critique Deadline Approaching

It's hard to believe, but September 1, 2009, is less than 30 days away. Writers who want their work critiqued at the upcoming SCWW conference will need to mail and e-mail their works soon.

Have you registered for the conference yet? Did you add a critique? If not, there's still time. To add a critique to your registration, contact Conference Chair Carrie McCullough at [conference@myscww.org](mailto:conference@myscww.org) or 706-564-7998 or Conference Co-chair Lateia E. Sandifer at [lateia.sandifer@gmail.com](mailto:lateia.sandifer@gmail.com) or 803-671-1664.

*For more information on the South Carolina Writers' Workshop and its upcoming conference, please visit the SCWW blog, <http://southcarolinawritersworkshop.blogspot.com>.*

### Carrie McCray Memorial Literary Awards Extension

*Contest Chair Kim Blum-Hyclak has good news for writers still polishing their Carrie McCray entries.*

Attention all poets, essayists, novelists . . . hmmm, procrastinators?

The deadline has moved back a week for submitting to the 2009 Carrie McCray Memorial Literary Awards. Submissions must now be postmarked on or before **Saturday, August 22**.

We all have our reasons for holding onto our work until the last possible day, The Deadline Dance. Is it because our characters have taken the story in a direction we never anticipated? Maybe we're waiting for just that right word . . . to replace the one making our ear twitch. Sometimes it's that voice of doubt making us question whether our writing is really good enough for anyone else to see. Whatever the reason, this extra week allows for that last minute rewrite or that final fine-toothed comb edit, or listening to that Muse saying, "You can do this. Be brave and send in that manuscript."

And do send in your manuscripts. The Carrie McCray Memorial Literary Awards is open to anyone attending the 2009 SCWW Annual Conference in October. Entries are accepted in poetry, nonfiction, short fiction and novel/first chapter. Complete submission guidelines are posted on the SCWW website at [www.myscww.org](http://www.myscww.org) To read more about The Deadline Dance , check out SCWW's blog at

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