



The Owl's Hoot

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President's Corner



I Am, I Am Not

By: Diane Yates

Remember as children, we used to pick daisies and then pluck the petals one-by-one, "he loves me, he loves me not." For me, a writer's life

can be fraught with ups and downs. It's like picking that daisy and with the first petal, *I Am a writer*, the next, *I Am Not*. Navigating the sea of do's and don'ts in the world of writing and publication can make one seasick and, just when you think you have it figured out, the winds of publishing trends change again. Deciphering updates in technology and maintaining social media status boggles my aged mind. In other words, I think I can, I think I cannot. And, if I'm not careful, trying to keep up with all of it will rob me of the joy of writing, the reason I write in the first place.

Does anyone else feel like this, or am I the only one? I say, we need a support group. Someone to walk beside us and show us the way, sharing from their own experiences. Someone to calm the sea, simplify the technology, help us perfect our gift, and restore our joy. That's why OWL is so important. I'm thankful I can come together with you all once a quarter, to be encouraged, instructed, and inspired. In our fellowship, we learn from each other and receive valuable professional instruction from guest speakers. I am grateful for each of you and hope I may be of encouragement to fellow OWL's.

Diane is the author of *Pathways of the Heart*, (which can be found on Amazon.com) and the sequel, *All That Matters*.

May 19-20, 2017 Meeting

Guest Speaker: Deborah Reinhardt, on
"Taking Off with Travel Writing"

Pre-registration (Required):

Please register online via the registration tab on our website. Conferences are still free to members and \$10 at the door for non-members.

<https://www.ozarkswritersleague.com/registration>

Pre-Order Lunch (Required):

Lunch must be preorder. Options located on website.

<https://www.ozarkswritersleague.com/may>

Location:

Honeysuckle Inn & Conference Center, Branson, Missouri

Accommodations:

The Honeysuckle Inn & Conference Center is the feature hotel for OWL events! Book your room for an overnight experience to complete your conference weekend.

Website: HoneysuckleInn.com

Special OWL Rate - \$65 + tax

Includes complimentary breakfast

Make reservations with:

Honeysuckle Inn, 3598 Shepherd of the Hills

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