

## ***Quarried: Three decades of Pine Mountain Sand & Gravel Literary Journal***

Abstract: A project of the Southern Appalachian Writers Cooperative, *Pine Mountain Sand & Gravel* has given voice to a wide range of Appalachian writers since the mid-1980s. It has no institutional support, but rather is a grassroots effort of writers, editors and activists from the region. *Quarried* is collection of poetry, fiction and nonfiction spanning more than thirty years of literature from Appalachia's 13-state sprawl. It is edited by Weatherford award-winner Richard Hague and includes writing by Jim Wayne Miller, Lee Howard, Bob Snyder, Silas House, George Ella Lyon, Chris Holbrook, Ed McClanahan and Jane Hicks, among many other well-known and emerging Appalachian writers from across the region. Current and past editors of the journal (Pauletta Hansel, moderator; Richard Hague, Scott Goebel, Gurney Norman and Jim Webb) will be joined by contributors for a lively and enlivening reading and conversation about the history and future of this literary journal with grit.

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**Pauletta Hansel** (Moderator) is managing editor of *Pine Mountain Sand and Gravel*. Her poems and prose are widely published regionally and beyond. She is the author of five books of poetry, most recently *Tangle* (Dos Madres Press, 2015). She has been active in both rural and urban Appalachian community movements since the 1970s.

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