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Abstract

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This is the last issue before the Tolkien Centenary Conference, being arranged under the auspices of the Mythopoeic Society in Oxford, England. This will also be the 22nd Mythopoeic Conference. For those of you who are planning to go, writing workshops are being planned and should be well worth the attendance – further details below. If you had not thought of going but are interested, write to Lynn Maudlin, North American Booking Officer, P.O. Box 394, Altadena, CA 91001 for details, but hurry: bookings are selling out quickly.

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WRITERS' WORKSHOP

The J.R.R. Tolkien Centenary Conference, Oxford, England, August 17-24, 1992.

Among the many other delights on offer at the conference there will be writers workshops: small, closed sessions where fellow writers will discuss your work, and vice versa. We hope that, additionally, some published authors and some editors will be able to join in these sessions.

Works should have a fantasy/mythic element, but need not be inspired by Tolkien. They should fall within one of the following categories:

Short stories (max. 5000 words);

Extracts from longer prose works (max. 5000 words, plus 100 word summary of preceding material);

Up to three poems (combined length not to exceed 300 lines).

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SONNET FOR STAR-EYES

*"twinkle, twinkle in the skies,
like the tears in Grandma's eyes"*

by David Lenander

Grandma's story, star-spangled high,
Or so she promised, when she told the tale
Of Pegasus, but every night we'd fail
To find his constellation in the sky.

At times we may overlook the great
While searching for the small. Such a case
Was this; and plain as the nose upon my face
Came the end to half a summer's wait;
For Grandma gestured, as if pinning up the
clothes,
And suddenly we both beheld, that summer's
night,
The patterned stars, set in plain sight.
"There it is!" she cried, and drew me close.

And now I can remember our surprise:
Discovering a baseball diamond in the skies.

Please submit six copies of your typewritten, double-spaced manuscript (near-letter-quality dot matrix is acceptable). Include name, address, telephone number and facsimile number (if possible), and leave plenty of margin space for comments. Enclose a check for £5.00 to help with the expense of postage (non-UK residents may pay at the Conference, to avoid the hassles of international money transactions). Copies will be sent to all participants well in advance of the conference. Closing date for receipt of manuscripts: June 30th, 1992.

Send your manuscripts to:

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