

New in 2008:

**If You Are an SCBWI Member
You Can Now Subscribe to Sprouts Magazine**

We would like to take Sprouts to the next level by putting out a full color professionally printed high-quality magazine in 2008. Starting January "Sprouts" will no longer be available on-line. It will be delivered free to all Premium Members of the New Jersey Chapter. The cost to subscribe is \$23.00 a year for an SCBWI Member. To kick it off, we will have an **Early Bird Special of \$21.00** if your registration is postmarked by **October 31, 2007**. Non-SCBWI Members cost is \$34.00 a year.

The \$23.00 will cover the cost of printing and mailing and also mailing to our subscribers, editors/agents and other industry professionals we want to impress. 2008 will have three issues – January, May and September. Each issue will consist of 24 full-color pages. It will showcase our members and other notable authors and editors. The books will be sold to SCBWI members for \$8.95 & shipping and \$10.95 & shipping to the general public. Any money made from this endeavor will go to providing lower cost functions for our members.

We welcome submissions for Sprouts from all our New Jersey and SCBWI members. If you would like to submit an article, a poem that will inspire or an illustration, please e-mail Leeza Hernandez Leeza@leezaworks.com and copy me, Kathy Temean kathy.temean@verizon.net. Please make sure Sprouts is in the subject line.

We are also aiming to provide a better and improved service to illustrators, so if you have questions about the industry, getting started or the business of illustrating for children's literature, please e-mail Leeza Hernandez at leeza@newjerseyscbwi.com

The following are the deadlines for Sprouts submissions:

October 15th for January issue

March 15th for May issue

June 15th for September issue

Illustrators wanting to submit their artwork for Sprouts, please e-mail them to Leeza using 300dpi resolution, RGB color and jpeg format, no more than 5MB in size.

Submission guidelines will be listed in [Sprouts](#) and on our website.

A poem for consideration in a new column called, Poetry Re-Wrapped. One poem will be chosen to undergo critique. Chetra Kotzas and a guest poet/editor will analyze your poem and write up their thoughts on what works and what could be changed. We feel this will help all our members revise their work. These submissions can be submitted by e-mail with Sprouts – Poetry Re-Wrapped in the subject line to Chetra Kotzas chetrae@aol.com with a copy to Kathy Temean kathy.temean@verizon.net.

In addition, we will do the same for First Pages. One will be chosen for each issue and critiqued by an editor in the industry called, "Editor Thoughts." Please send your first page submissions to Karen Haas along with the registration form at the end of this e-mail:

Frequently Asks Questions:

1. I can read Sprouts on-line, so why should I pay?

Only old versions of Sprouts will be available on-line in the future.

2. Is this something other chapters do?

Yes, most chapters charge for their newsletter.

3. Do I have to live in New Jersey to subscribe?

No, but you do have to be an SCBWI member.

4. When will I receive my first issue of Sprouts in the mail?

They will be mailed by January 15, 2008.

5. How do I buy an extra copy of Sprouts?

SCBWI members can request a copy of an issue of Sprouts by sending in a check for \$12.95 to:

Karen Dowicz Haas
3 Sloping Hill Terrace
Wayne, NJ 07470

Non-SCBWI Members can order an issue by mailing in a check for \$14.95.

Please include a note listing the issue or issues you would like to receive. Make checks payable to NJSCBWI.

This year we will have three first page sessions, in addition for the workshops and annual conference. The first one will be held on January 16th at the Princeton Theological Seminary. Please see website for details.

If would like to participate and have the time to commit to an online critique group, **please e-mail Yvonne Ventresca Cyventres@aol.com a sample first page** with a description of what you like to write. You will be placed in group with members of similar interest. Please copy kathy.temean@verizon.net:

Write - On-Line Critique Group in subject line along with the genre. If you write Historical Fiction or Non-fiction, please add MG or YA next to it.

Name:

Address:

Phone number:

E-mail:

How long have you been writing?

Have you participated in a critique group before?

What do you like to write? Only choose one for the type of group:

Picture Books

Chapter Books

Middle Grade Books

Young Adult Books

Fantasy

Non-Fiction Books

Historical Fiction

What have you published?

Illustrators who are interested in forming a critique group, please e-mail Leeza Hernandez at Leeza@leezaworks.com and put Illustrator's Critique Group in the subject line.

Registration form is on the next page. Please print out and mail to address on form.

Subscription for Sprouts

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

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E-mail Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

SCBWI Member: YES _____ NO: _____ Non-Member Price: \$29.00

Early Bird Price: \$21.00

After October 31, 2007 Price: \$23.00

Amount Sent: _____

Please include a first page, if you want to have it considered for critique in a Sprouts issue.

I have included a first page: YES _____ NO _____

If chosen, I would like my name not to be used: _____

If chosen, you have my permission to use my name with the printed critique: _____

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