



We Made It!



We made it! The Pikes Peak Writers Conference of 2007 is over and what do we have to show for it? Quite a lot apparently, what with award winners and requests for complete manuscripts. I'd say that wraps it up just nicely.



Second Place winner, Amy Koumis

First off, congratulations goes to our audacious Amy Koumis, who not only had the guts to submit to the Paul Gillette Memorial Contest but managed to place second. She faced grueling embarrassment a second time when it was announced she was the youngest place holder of the whole contest that year. Our props go out to our young prodigy, who at seventeen, managed to get a request for a whole manuscript. Rock on!

Deb Meldrum, despite taking a break from the group for a little while, has spent her time well. This weekend, she earned the illustrious chance to send her whole manuscript to Daniel Lazar just as she had planned. Don't we all wish we could have had such luck? Must have been her stunning and youthful looks that ultimately sold her; that, or she's a damn good writer. And she did this while working as part of the conference staff



*CSFWG Alumnus
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Though, let the props go out to all who tried. Jennifer Maloney Preston attended to study the lay of the land and see what opportunities might present themselves. Mary Koehler, whom we miss in the group, put her talents on the line and got some pages. Fleur Bradley went out on a limb for her work and got herself some referrals. John Irwin had God knows how many books to ply, but then don't we wish we had that many too? Chris Boswell, an alumnus member, came all the way from Virginia, taking a breather from his exhaustive work at NASA. Bret Wright got hands on, teaching in the Library sessions about Flash Fiction and judging for the contest (even though he kept asking, "Why aren't I working on my masters thesis?"). We feel ya. Oh, and let's not forget Ron Andrea, who has been with the group a short time, had the wherewithal to take the new Saturday Group to great heights, and we wished him luck as well. Morgen Leigh also helped out with the conference, as she has for many previous ones, armed with a wit sharp enough to cut tomatoes.



Four Musketeers of the Apocalypse. (from left): Jenny Maloney-Preston, Mary Koehler, Deb Meldrum and Fleur Bradley.

Then there's me. I couldn't have done worse if I'd gone through the conference with a bottle of Jack Daniels in one hand, a dead hamster in the other, trying to pitch in Klingon with an Arabic accent. Maybe I should try that. At least I would be unique.

Oh well. There's always next year.



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