

MEETING THE MUSE SECTION...

This is the think tank for Amy Kitchener's Angels Without Wings Foundation, as well as the place where we swap shop talk and other interesting business, including news of scribes in progress



Amy's Think About It "Tech Talk" Challenge . . .

OUR NEW COMPUTER NOW HAS "HER" NAME

Verna Lynn Puntigan of Spartanburg, So. Carolina won the December challenge by naming our new computer **HESTER** in a poem for which she won a copy of Al Beck's self-produced folk music tape "Vintage Voices/Timeworn Tunes." She wrote:

HESTER

I would name it Hester--
 (never Pester)--
 Because this I wish is true:
 It will never go down or get a virus,
 But be there through and through.
 It will print all good news,
 And never any bad,
 And be the best computer you--
 (a special person)--
 Ever had.

Janice V. Kroll of Independence, Missouri was runner up with the nickname **Connie**. Janice received a credit certificate for this entry: The computer name should be **Constance**. She should be a woman and constantly working for the good of others. We hope that's exactly what **Hester Constance Computer** will do. Thanks.



Amy's Think About It Challenge . . .

HELP A POET LAUNCH HER NEW FORM!!

Frieda Risvold, Seattle, Wash., has invented a new poetic form inspired by the haiku/senryu form, but the 5-7-5 configuration per line is in letters (not counting spaces or punctuation) rather than in syllables. Title is optional. Frieda calls her new form the "Atom," about which she writes: "This 'Atom' form was inspired by the 'micro' invention in the June 2006 Diplomat—page 3 by Nita Karpf." She adds: "If the name Atom is not appropriate for some reason, it could be called 'mini' or whatever you feel might describe it better. If this form has already been invented please let me know its name." Frieda's examples include:

teach	sauce	share
honesty	subject	process
daily	spicy	early

Please send your comments and one page containing one, or as many Atom poems as you can write, in 1-page space. There is no entry fee involved in this challenge. We will forward them to Frieda, who will choose her favorites. Each winner will get a \$5 credit certificate.

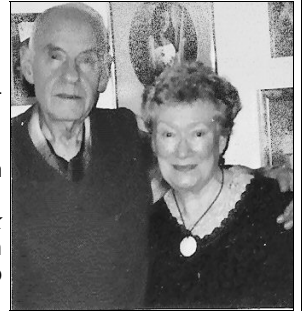
No electronic entries will be accepted, so please prepare hard copies.

Send two copies, one blank and one with your name, address, phone and e-mail in one corner; include 2 stamped envelopes, one addressed to you, the other one blank. Send by 4/30/08 to: **Amy's Atoms, 1325 W. Sunshine St., #168, Springfield, MO 65807 USA.**

Meet Frieda Risvold

Inventor

She and her husband Denny live in Seattle. Frieda's many 1st-place poetry awards include Washington state's Senior Poet Laureate. She has invented a new form with which she needs your help. See *Amy's Think About It Challenge* at the bottom of the left column, then write to Frieda as explained



(EDITOR'S NOTE #1-- If this page seems full of boxes, you're right. As I am writing this newsletter, I am again iced in and flooded, while an estimated 2 feet of snow is falling. Webmaster Al Baker told me the only way to learn to use this new computer is to experiment, so I am experimenting with—you guessed it—making tables with borders. As to my legal matter involving my property being purchased by the City of Springfield, I'm still waiting, but my lawyer is working on it. I fully expect we will prevail.)*

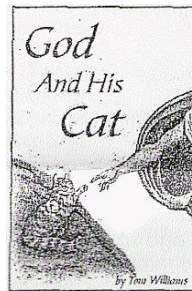
(EDITOR'S NOTE #2—While buying postage recently, the postal clerk suggested I buy voluminous numbers of "Forever Stamps" (with the Liberty Bell) because 41-cent stamps will be obsolete as of May 12.

On that date, the rate rises to 42 cents, except for the "Forever Stamps" that can always be used no matter how high the rate for 1-ounce letters is. If that seems like a political promise of the kind that will surely be broken, well... this IS an election year.

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