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## Contributors

### Raymond L. Antel III

"Realism. In my poetry I like to address the literal truth of my surroundings and the feelings these surroundings invoke. Over the past few years I have focused my love for life on the geography and history of Benzie and Leelanau Counties."

### Mark Henderson

Mark is an English major. He says, "In writing we are trying to capture a certain power, urgency, and fleetingness; we are trying to capture ourselves."

He plans to study narrative discourse in graduate school.

### Carmen Lowe

Carmen is an English major and a former Devil's Night vandal. She now channels her energy into more constructive pursuits like writing poetry. She hopes to support herself with both technical and creative writing.

### Margaret MacPhee

Margaret is an English major and former high school teacher who started writing poetry and fiction within the past few years for her own enjoyment (and because she bought a word processor). Her fascination with Australian history and literature gives her an interesting, unexplored subject area of which to write.

### Bruce G. V. Mikula

Bruce is an English major. "I started out as a Business major but found that major to be too restrictive and depressing. I enjoy life and want others to do the same. Through my writing, I try to help others have fun. With my current major, I hope I will be able to expand my audience so that I can help millions realize that life is not to be taken seriously."

### Julie Purwin

"I believe that if an artist is able to get into the subconscious mind of a reader or viewer, then that artist

is a success. For me, Anne Sexton has done just that. She has dragged me down roads that I would not have travelled alone. Her words are windshield wipers for my vision."

Julie is a second year student, majoring in art.

### Richard D. Reitsma

"When I write poetry I attempt to look at other dimensions which we do not immediately realize we perceive in what we see of the commonplace. I plan to continue to write and research. After graduation in April with a B.A. in English, I plan to pursue a Ph.D. in Comparative Literature."

### Aram Snyder

"I had some severely impacted wisdom teeth pulled a few years ago and was given some strong pain killers to help me sleep at night. The pills gave me some very strange dreams. In one of these dreams, I found myself at a large Hollywood party. Paul McCartney came up to me and told me a poem. I then woke up and wrote it down. And here it is. . ."

### Cathy A. Temple

Cathy is a Sociology major with a minor in English and World Literature. "My poetry and my major are both motivated by a personal search that serves a twofold purpose: first, to understand how myself and other people fit into the larger, more conceptual world of ideas and nature, and secondly to understand how those ideas came about and what roles they play in our lives. My quest is to learn how those worlds overlap."

### Glynn D. Washington

"I am a professional student whose life goal is to be a wise Tibetan sage. I would like to extend the realm of literature so that it can coexist with the mundane levels of dishwashing liquid. There are two pieces of advice I would like to present the world. First, never lick a cold electric fence and second, never, ever eat yellow snow."

## **Contributors**

### **Gretchen Fields**

"I write because I have a need for expression. I will always continue to write in some capacity." Favorite authors include J.D. Sallinger and Mark Twain.

### **Brent Baum**

I simply want to thank my family

### **John Batts**

April 89 and I'm outta here! I have no idea where I'm headed other than possibly the Peace Corps, spending a couple years on a tropic island sounds pretty good to me. Perhaps I could write a novel about a invasion of mutant sandcrabs terrorizing a group of helpless natives, or maybe I'll just stay home and catch up on Flintstones.

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