

Press Release for upcoming Novel Workshop in San Andreas with Antoinette May. Immediate release.

## THE NOVEL YOU WERE BORN TO WRITE

Whether you are just beginning your novel or have completed it and are ready to hook an editor, it all starts with the first five pages.

Novelist Antoinette May has had good luck with her "beginnings" and is eager to share what worked for her while offering suggestions tailored to your work.

The workshop will be held at the Calaveras County Arts Council Gallery, Saturday, January 24 at 9 A.M., located at 22 Main Street in San Andreas, next to the Historic Museum and Courthouse. Bring \$40 for the workshop fee and five DOUBLE SPACED typed, numbered pages. Reserve your spot: mail \$40.00 to Writers Unlimited, PO Box 632, San Andreas, CA 95249. For best results bring nine copies to share with the other workshop participants. The three-hour workshop goes from 9 A.M. to 12 PM. Lunch is on your own at nearby restaurants.

The event is sponsored by Writers Unlimited, an affiliate of the Calaveras County Arts Council. Contact Monika to sign up for the workshop, or call 209-754-0577 or 754-1774. e-mail: <a href="mrosemanza@jps.net">mrosemanza@jps.net</a> Limited to 8 people. This workshop has potential for turning into a more frequent event so that novels by original group members can progress with regular support.

May's debut novel, "Pilate's Wife," published by William Morrow, has been translated into 17 languages. "The Sacred Well," a story centered on the Mayan ruins of *Chichen Itza* will be published early in 2009. Her biography of clairvoyant Sylvia Browne spent 42 weeks on the *New York Times* best seller list. A former newspaper editor, Antoinette writes a weekly column for the *San Francisco Chronicle*. Her articles have appeared in *Cosmopolitan*, *Self*, *Country Living*, and *Ms*. magazines.