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We're very sorry to report that due to web hosting technical difficulties, all mail sent to the SLF between February 23rd and March 5th was deleted unread by the server without our knowledge. Since this was just before the close of the reading period for the Older Writers' Grant, and we received only 5 applications instead of our more typical 100+, we must assume that a great many applications were lost. Given this unprecedented difficulty, we've decided the fairest approach is to re-open a new reading period.

- if we have your application, you will receive a confirmation e-mail this week; in that case, you do not need to re-apply.
- our new reading period for 2012 will run from May 1st to May 31st.
- the grant recipient will be announced by July 15th.

The SLF Older Writers Grant is awarded annually to a writer who is fifty years of age or older at the time of grant application, and is intended to assist such writers who are just starting to work at a professional level. We are currently offering one \$750 grant annually, to be used as the writer determines will best assist his or her work. For more information, please visit the grant web page:

<http://www.speclit.org/Grants/SLFOlderWriters.php>

Again, we deeply regret this inconvenience, and thank you for your patience. We look forward to reading your grant applications.

Sincerely,

Mary Anne Mohanraj (Executive Director), and the rest of the SLF staff

The Speculative Literature Foundation is a volunteer-run, non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the interests of readers, writers, editors and publishers in the speculative literature community.

"Speculative literature" is a catch-all term meant to inclusively span the breadth of fantastic literature, encompassing literature ranging from hard and soft science fiction to epic fantasy to ghost stories to folk and fairy tales to slipstream to magical realism to modern mythmaking -- any literature containing a fabulist or speculative element.

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