

# The Confederacy of the Quill set to delight readers with Volume VIII

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This year the COTQ will release SylverMoon Chronicles Volume VIII on Valentine's Day with an added surprise of a bonus book called CyberMoon 2020. When two very different writers connect you can bet there'll be creative fireworks, and that's just what Madolyn Locke and G. Russell Gaynor achieved when they began collaborating artistically many moons ago. Madolyn describes her written-art in the line of chivalry and courtly love while G. Russell pens futuristic societies filled with action. But together they are the inspiring founders of The Confederacy of the Quill (COTQ), an international writers' cooperative dedicated to supporting each other's creativity. This group, helmed by the two best friends, promotes the individual works of its members and publishes an annual anthology – SylverMoon Chronicles – with more than 10 authors. The COTQ became official in 2015 and falls under the umbrella of indie-publisher Sylver Quill Press, another brainchild of the duo. G. Russell said of the original seven writers Madolyn reached out to in forming COTQ, six of them are still contributing members to this day. "We released SylverMoon Chronicles Volume I in 2014, but it wasn't until after the release of Volume III that we circled the wagons, re-branded, released The Four Horsemen of the SylverMoon, and became known as the COTQ," G. Russell said. The SylverMoon Chronicles books are an anthology of short stories in the genres of Fantasy, Sci-Fi, Horror, and Adventure. Madolyn said it's a myriad of people who contribute; and over the years the group has become a family. "We absolutely love getting this anthology out every year." Annually, a call out is heralded for writers to submit new, serial, or themed stories of no more than 10,000 words; then the process of cover artwork, editing, and marketing begin. This year the COTQ will release SylverMoon Chronicles Volume VIII on Valentine's Day with an added surprise of a bonus book called CyberMoon 2020. "It's all for the love of a good story." Madolyn and G. Russell echoed simultaneously. "And submissions don't have to be told in the four genres that the SylverMoon Chronicles cover. A good story is just that - a good story," G. Russell said. "It's a fragment of life that helps you get on with living, a different perspective that can help us define and refine our own life." If you would like more information, please contact Melissa Coleman - 0409 002 088. For more on Melissa Coleman, email: [wordsmith@melissahcoleman.com](mailto:wordsmith@melissahcoleman.com) / [www.melissahcoleman.com](http://www.melissahcoleman.com)

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