

## **Kathy Hardy Rhodes**

### **Editor, Muscadine Lines**



Kathy Hardy Rhodes is the author of *Pink Butterbeans: Stories from the heart of a Southern woman*, a collection of fifty personal essays.

Rhodes is creator and editor of the e-zine *Muscadine Lines: A Southern Journal*, ISSN 1554-8449, A Place for Emerging and Established Writers to Publish Their Work. MLASJ has published 137 writers from 32 states and abroad. ([www.asouthernjournal.com](http://www.asouthernjournal.com))

Rhodes is also editor of *Muscadine Lines: A Southern Anthology*, a collection of 28 stories and 28 poems by 28 writers, veterans of the e-zine MLASJ.

She writes a weekly column, *Uncorked!*, for *Muscadine Lines: A Southern Journal*.

Rhodes' works have appeared in magazines, newspapers, and literary anthologies, including *Our Voices: Williamson County Literary Review*, 1995, 1997, and 1998. Her essay, "The Wedding Hankie," was included in Simon & Schuster's nationally distributed *Chocolate for a Woman's Soul II*, released in Spring, 2003. She has also written for regional publications, such as *The Oxford So and So* and The Writer's Loft's *The Trunk*, and online publications, such as *USA Deep South* and *Southern Hum*.

Born and raised during the 1950s and 60s in the Mississippi Delta, *the most southern place on earth*, Rhodes writes personal essays that reflect her Deep South roots—warm observations and reminiscences about family, place, and southern life, laced with nostalgia and/or humor.

Currently residing in Franklin, Tennessee, she is a member of the Tennessee Writers Alliance and an executive member of the Williamson County Council for the Written Word, an organization dedicated to encouraging, educating, and empowering writers, through which she co-ordinates an annual fiction workshop. She also assists in editing and compiling *Williamson County Celebrates the Written Word*, an index of every person who has lived in Williamson County, Tennessee and published a book; it contains a biography of almost 400 local authors, as well as a list of their published works.

A former teacher, Rhodes earned a degree in English from Delta State University and pursued graduate studies at the University of Memphis.