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## Five questions | Kathy Rhodes

Ever wonder who edits some of the books or magazines you read? Franklin resident Kathy Rhodes edits manuscripts for writers and is the editor for the online literary magazine, *Muscadine Lines: A Southern Journal*. She's been an editor for two years. She also was the editor on the book *Muscadine Lines: A Southern Anthology* and will participate in a book signing on Sept. 23 at Landmark Booksellers with some of the writers.

### 1. How long did it take, from start to finish, to put together the book?

I began planning in January, issued contracts to the 28 writers in February, and had the first book in hand on July 21.

### 2. Did any one story or poem stand out to you?

"They're all special. 'Farm Neighbors' is one I will never forget; its ending made my stomach turn upside down. 'Miss Juanita Bridges' made me want pear preserves so badly I went down to Betty Reed's and bought a jar. 'Roy's Café Pistachio' and 'Small Town Reveries' are so very small-town Tennessee."

### 3. What's your favorite thing about your job?

"It is fascinating to work with writers and observe their individual creative processes. Their characters are real to them. I often wonder how in the world the writers find their ideas or premises."

### 4. How do you like to spend your downtime?

"Downtime? What's that? I do enjoy writing in the early morning's quiet moments. I write one short essay each week, posted under *Uncorked!* on *Muscadine Lines: A Southern Journal*, [www.asouthernjournal.com](http://www.asouthernjournal.com)."

### 5. What's a misconception people may have about your job?

"They might think that I sit in front of a boring computer all day, or that I make a lot of money."



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