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**AWARD-WINNING KENTUCKY AUTHOR PUBLISHES WITH SMALL PRESS**

(LOUISVILLE, KY)—Award-winning local writer, Jan Scarbrough, author of three popular romance novels, has just sold her contemporary novella, “The Reunion Game” as part of the *Ladies of Legend: Finding Home* anthology, which will be published January, 11, 2008 by a new small press Resplendence Publishing, LLC. According to Scarbrough, “Resplendence launched in October from their own web site: <http://www.resplendencepublishing.com/>, and will also offer Print On Demand books.”

*The Reunion Game* is a fun, quick read. “The story is pure fantasy. My heroine switches places with her twin sister to trick a sexy hero, someone she’s never quite forgotten since high school,” Scarbrough said. “I was able to draw on my high school reunion experiences, but being an only child, I totally made up the relationship between the sisters,” she added.

Scarbrough collaborated with authors Janet Eaves, Magdalena Scott, and Maddie James to create the fictional town of Legend, Tennessee, and populate it with characters. The four women came up with the idea during back-and-forth chatter over e-mail. As critique partners, they already worked together on story ideas. Making up a fantasy community was a natural outcome.

*Ladies of Legend: Finding Home*, shares four stories about four women with different backgrounds. All women search for home, in one way or another. Two heroines have lived in Legend all their lives and can't think of anywhere else they would rather be. But their hearts still haven't found a home there. The other two

heroines find the town of Legend by chance, and while searching for a home, find a place for their hearts.

“We took the month of May to write our stories. When we finished, we debated about where to submit the book,” Scarbrough said. “We decided to take a chance on a new small press and we’re glad we did.”

Resplendence will publish another novella by Scarbrough in March 2008. A *Man of Her Own* is set in Louisville, Kentucky, and takes place during the pre-Derby festivities. *My Lord Raven*, a medieval romance set in 1283 England, will be published in April 2008, also from Resplendence.

Going “green” is big right now. Electronic format/Print On Demand technology is an environmentally friendly method of book publishing. Scarbrough’s publisher will use a small fraction of the paper used by large houses, from submissions to returns, and use less natural resources for shipping and distribution. Today electronic books can be read on cell phones, PDA’s, iPhones, Blackberries, and E-readers, creating a portable, technologically advanced option for a whole new generation of readers.

A seasoned professional technical writer, Scarbrough spends her days working for Humana, Inc. of Louisville, Kentucky. At night, however, she leaves the technical jargon behind and escapes within her own world to churn out top-notch romance. She is a member of the Romance Writers of America, Novelist, Inc., the Kentucky Romance Writers, and the American Saddlebred Horse Association. Scarbrough is also the mother of two grown children and the “young” grandmother of four.

“I wanted to be a writer since ninth grade English class,” Scarbrough said. “It took a serious, life-threatening illness in 1988 to really get me over my fear of failure and I’ve been writing fiction ever since.”

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### **Professional**

- Master's Degree in English from Western Kentucky University
- Member of Novelist, Inc.
- Member of Romance Writers of America and Published Authors Special Interest Chapter (PASIC)
- Member of the Kentucky Romance Writers. Former president; current web mistress
- Presented workshop at the 2001 RWA Convention with Renee Ryan: *The Three P's of Success*
- Spoke to the National Federation of Press Women's 2004 conference: *The Realities of Romance*

### **Romance Publications**

- **The Reunion Game**, part of the **Ladies of Legend: Finding Home Anthology**, Resplendence Publishing, January 2008
- **A Man of Her Own**, Resplendence Publishing, March 2008
- **My Lord Raven**, Resplendence Publishing, April 2008
- **Reunited**, Kensington Precious Gems, #137, June 1998 (Five Star Romance, reprint, April 2003)
- **Best Intentions**, Kensington Precious Gems, #242, January, 2000 (Five Star Romance, reprint January 2004)
- **Tangled Memories**, ImaJinn Books, October 2001 (reprint: The Wild Rose Press)

### **Awards and Honors**

#### **Tangled Memories**

- 4 Star Review 2001 Romantic Times Magazine
- Finalist 1994 RWA Golden Heart Contest

#### **Reunited**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> place 1995 Put Your Heart in a Book Contest, New Jersey Romance Writers
- Winner 1991 Run for the Roses Contest, Kentucky Romance Writers

#### **Kentucky Cowboy**

- Winner 2006 PASIC Book of Your Heart Contest, Contemporary Series Romance
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place 2006 Great Expectations Contest, North Texas RWA, Long Contemporary
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 2007 Happily Ever After Contest, Mid-Michigan RWA, Series Romance

#### **Kentucky Woman**

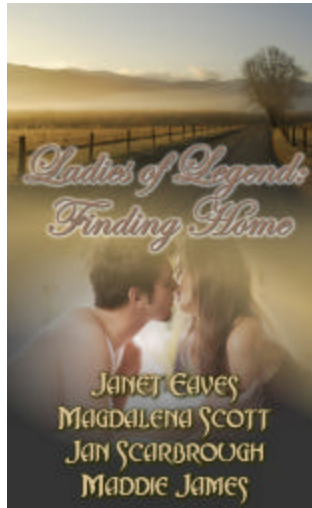
- Winner 2007 San Diego RWA's Spring Into Romance Contest
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place 2007 PASIC Book of Your Heart contemporary series entry

#### **Catrin's Quest**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> place 2007 North Texas RWA's Great Expectations Contest

#### **My Lord Raven**

- Winner 2004 Great Expectations Contest, North Texas RWA, Historical
- Winner 2004 Southern Heat Contest, East Texas RWA



***Ladies of Legend: Finding Home Anthology***<sup>1</sup>  
*Resplendence Publishing, January 2008*

***Claiming the Legend, Janet Eaves***

For a decade Lilly Peach has been running – just to exist. Now she has a chance for a normal life in a quaint little town so small it isn't even on a map. In Legend, she feels she can build a quiet life safely, without the threat of being found by those who seek to destroy her, until she meets Jim Hood, known as the living legend of Legend, Tennessee, former NFL player and coach for his hometown's high school football team.

***Midnight in Legend, TN, Magdalena Scott***

Midnight Shelby is starting over. She's leaving her ex-husband and the big city, big corporate life behind her. But she doesn't know where she's going until she happens upon an amazing website advertising real estate in Legend, Tennessee, a place she didn't know existed. The virtual tour of a large two-story big brick building – a former bar -- on the main street of the small town makes her fall in love. With the building, and with the potential for a new life, she has no idea that she'll also fall in love with the realtor who sells her the property.

***Bed, Breakfast and You, Maddie James***

Suzie Schul is perfectly fine with her perfect little life. Well, of course, her husband Cliff did run off about a year ago with her little sister, and she did have that little fling with that hunky chef Brad in Gatlinburg, ahem, right before Cliff left, but did she still have to be the talk of the town? Of course, the town doesn't know she had left Cliff when she got that job as sous chef for the fancy hotel. And of course they don't know anything about her, um, fling. All that aside, she's learned that time heals all wounds and now, she's perfectly content to live in her little hometown of Legend, Tennessee, work on her cookbook, and run Legend's Landing Bed and Breakfast. Until Brad Matthews comes to town. Looking for her.

***The Reunion Game, Jan Scarbrough***

Thirty-three-year-old Jane Smith's biological clock is ticking. But pickings are slim in Legend, Tennessee, until the fifteen year high school reunion gives Jane a second chance. Graham Winchester will be back in town. In high school, Jane's shyness has stopped her from taking action. Now she's older, wiser and no longer afraid. Graham's moved to the big city and won't stick around. He's a confirmed bachelor and happily-ever-after is not in his makeup. Yet, Jane must exorcise the demon Graham has become so she can get on with her life. Switching places with her glamorous twin sister is just what she needs to get Mr. Most Likely to Succeed into bed and out of her heart.

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<sup>1</sup> **Note:** The town of Legend, Tennessee and its residents live in the imaginations of its authors. The town and all characters in this publication are fictitious and any resemblance to real persons, living or dead, is purely coincidental.



***A Man of Her Own***  
By Jan Scarbrough  
*Resplendence Publishing, March 2008*

Sarah Colby's romantic heart believes there's a man for her somewhere. She's determined to find her "soul mate." During a "girls' night out" at a Louisville, Kentucky, bar, Sarah's two former college roommates urge her to "kiss a lot of toads" if she wants to find Prince Charming. Hoping to make up for lost time, twenty-four-year-old Sarah practices on several guys. One of the unsuspecting "toads" is wealthy restaurateur and chef Lane Williams, a guy with a great aversion to settling down. Sparks fly during that first meeting. Two days later, Lane volunteers to help plan a Kentucky Derby Eve charity party for Sarah's aunt. Sarah is convinced this older man is a perfect candidate for her Prince Charming, and at the urging of the matchmaking aunt, she sets out to convince the reluctant restaurateur that settling down is just the recipe for his future.

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***My Lord Raven***  
By Jan Scarbrough  
*Resplendence Publishing, April 2008*

Bran ap Madog, bastard son of a Welsh prince, has devoted his life to serving the English king. At Edward's behest, he nourishes his reputation for savagery, taking as his badge the raven, a scavenger bird that feeds off rotting spoils. He wants, as his reward for service, the hand of a wealthy wife and the land and power she will bring to his bed.

When her father and twin brother are murdered, Lady Catrin Fitzalan sets out to learn the truth about the awful rumors. Were they killed by the king's own champion, the vicious King's Raven? She will do anything to protect her remaining family, including switching places with her cousin when the king forces the pious girl into marriage with his wicked champion.

These editors praised *My Lord Raven* when they judged it in contests:

Micki Nuding, "The clean writing was a pure pleasure!"

Tina Brown, "Clearly a romance in the tradition of Lisa Jackson."

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