

# REMEMBERING . . .

## Dennis Brindell Fradin

Longtime Illinois member Dennis Brindell Fradin, who authored nearly three hundred books for children, died August 29 after a yearlong struggle with bone cancer. A former elementary classroom teacher, Dennis was a popular Midwest Visiting Author, friendly and accessible, always eager to share his passion for research and storytelling, driven to inspire young writers to live their dreams as he did. He coauthored many of his books with his wife, Judith Bloom Fradin. Their website notes their slogan, "Research is our middle name," and Judith often referred to their writing partnership as a "Ma-and-Pa business." The pair even drafted their children to help out with research. This year saw the publication of three titles—*Tornado!* and *Stolen into Slavery* (National Geographic) and *Zora!* (Clarion). Additionally, Walker Children's will release *The Price of Freedom* in spring 2013. Dennis's many awards include the 2004 SCBWI Golden Kite Honor Book Award for *The Power of One: Daisy Bates and the Little Rock Nine* (Clarion). His National Geographic Society editor Nancy Feresten told the *Chicago Tribune*, "Dennis was a brilliant thinker, a vivid storyteller, and a lovely human being. He brought all of these qualities to his nonfiction for children, which was crisp, informative, and, most important of all, moving."

### 2013 SCBWI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The complete National and Regional Calendar of Events, which, in the past, has appeared in this issue of the *Bulletin*, is now exclusively online at [schwi.org](http://schwi.org).

As always we want to thank Rebecca Gold for compiling this invaluable resource for our membership.

### Authors for Earth Day

Scheduling your school visits for spring 2013? Remember Authors for Earth Day! Join the fun in four easy steps:

1. As soon as possible, designate ONE of your April school visits as an A4ED event.
2. Pick five nonprofit conservation organizations and send them to your school as "nominees."
3. On the day of your visit, have teachers oversee a student vote to direct your donation.
4. Write a check to the winning organization for at least 30 percent of your speaking fee.

A4ED will give you all the resources and prep materials, and help you promote your special event. Interested? E-mail [info@authorsforearthday.org](mailto:info@authorsforearthday.org) or visit [www.AuthorsForEarthDay.org](http://www.AuthorsForEarthDay.org).

