Dr. Louis
and
Anita Pine
Memorial Scholarship

Anita DuGuay Pine's love for children and writing resulted in her composing a storybook for her children when the oldest were very young. They still remember anxiously awaiting the completion of each chapter and then begging her to write another. It was at the children's request that Anita finally published her original manuscript, *The Magic Picture Book*, in 1980.

Angela Turkula, a close friend, suggested it would be most fitting to honor Anita's memory by establishing a scholarship fund for young writers at Lake Region State College. Anita's husband, Dr. Louis Pine, remarked that Anita was very interested in seeing others develop their writing skills. She frequented many classrooms in Devils Lake and elsewhere in order to stimulate others with the joy she found in writing.

Anita DuGuay was born April 21, 1922, in Worcester, Massachusetts. She was the middle of three girls born to Ernest and Dora
LeVitre DuGuay. Raised and educated in Worcester, she obtained her registered nurse degree from Worcester City Hospital School of Nursing in 1943. While training there, she met Louis Pine whom she married June 24, 1944, in Worcester. Following Dr. Pine's internship at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford, Connecticut, the couple moved to Camp Roberts, California, where he was assigned to the 312th General Hospital and sent to the Philippines and Korea. Anita returned to Worcester and worked in the emergency department at Worcester City Hospital until giving birth to their first child in August 1945.

After returning from the service, Dr. Pine completed a residency in urology at Worcester City Hospital. In seeking a place to practice, they decided to move to the Midwest where Dr. Pine joined the Lake Region Clinic in Devils Lake.

Anita’s interest in literature and writing dates back to her grade school days, but it was only after she arrived in Devils Lake that she began to create the stories for her children which eventually developed into her first book. Anita also published other articles and short stories and even had one adapted for radio. In an interview with the Devils Lake Journal, Anita said she hadn’t really thought about writing a second book until one of her visits to a local school. A young girl asked her a question that was left unanswered at the end of The Magic Picture Book. By this time, Anita had become a grandmother, so the thought arose of answering the question with a book for her grandchildren. The sequel, Beyond the Secret Passage, was published in 1988.

Anita thoroughly enjoyed discussing her books and speaking about writing to diverse groups ranging from grade school classes to clubs and organizations and writers’ conferences. In the Devils Lake Journal interview she said, “You don’t know all the characters in your head until you go inside and find them. That’s the fun of writing … you never know exactly what’s going to happen.”

With the establishment of the Anita Pine Memorial Scholarship fund, Dr. Louis Pine and his children—Louis II, Lawrence, Elizabeth, Stephen, Claudia, and Carolyn—and relatives and friends hope they can assist someone else in cultivating the creative spark for writing that burned so brightly in Anita. Surely nothing would please her more than to extend such an opportunity to others.

Anita died on October 7, 1992