

# Mertz Peters Michaels

## Notes from MPM - June 2009

May and June distract us. The garden has been glorious this year – peonies and roses bursting into bloom. The only complaint we have is that there's been a lot of rain. You've never seen a more pathetic sight than a waterlogged peony dragging on the ground. We mounted rescue expeditions and had huge pots of them on the table. (The pot had to be glued down – figuratively speaking – to prevent Gandalf from pushing it off. His strength is the strength of ten because his heart is evil.)

My other – some would say more valid – excuse for failing to contribute to the site is that I've been working hard trying to finish the new book. My publishers agreed to publish next spring if I turned it in by June 1. I did. Yes, it's an Amelia. The title is **A River in the Sky** and I will say no more at this time. The manuscript has to go through two levels of editing and revision, but I've been told by an unbiased reader (my agent) that it's pretty good. By the time I finish a book I'm incapable of judging, I've revised it so many times.

Have a great summer.

