



WWA NEWS BRIEF for December 2017

WWA News about member accomplishments, writing events, and contests is sent by email each month. Please send news bits for the January WWA News no later than Wednesday, December 20 to Kimberley Pekrul at kpekrul.editor@gmail.com. Thank you.

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A note from Karin Schmidt, President:

Dear Friends of WWA,

As another busy year draws to a close, here's wishing you a happy holiday season and a productive and successful writing year ahead. Here's the latest news.....

ANNOUNCING BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP \$35.00 one-year annual membership for individuals who own/operate a small business that provides writing related services may join WWA and be listed on the Business Member Profile page of WWA website.

Examples of services offered by writing related businesses:

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| Editor | Ghostwriter | Illustrator/Artist | Publisher |
| Speaker | Cover Designer | Copyeditor | Website Designer |
| Freelance Writer | Writing Coach | Nonfiction Researcher | |
| Audio Book Producer | | | |

- One contact name must be listed on the membership application even if the business is owned by more than one person.
- If desired, the Logo of the business will be displayed instead of the business owner's photo on the Member Profile page of WWA's website with a 100-word description and a link to the member's business website, Facebook page, etc.
- WWA encourages its business members to display the WWA logo and a link to WWA's website on their business's website or Facebook page.

TWO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Jade Ring Contest is in need of two volunteers to perform a variety of administrative duties including finding judges, ordering rings, notifying finalists, planning readings and other activities leading up to and during the fall conference. A third volunteer is already in place who manages all submission duties. Planning begins soon, and the position offers flexibility in time required. These positions work under the approval and guidance of a designated board member. If interested or if you have questions, please contact Nick Chiarkas at nick.chiarkas@gmail.com.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be Friday, May 11, 2018, 1:00-4:00 pm at the Lakefly Writing Conference held in Oshkosh at the Oshkosh Premier Waterfront Hotel. The meeting is open to all members as visitors/observers. Feel free to attend.

Happy holidays!

Karin

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Announcements

WWA does not endorse or sponsor any writing services or publishers. WWA shares the names of publishers as a service to its members.

WWA Website News: Send all changes, corrections, routine updates, questions and requests for free member Profile/Bio listings ([Find Submission Guidelines Here](#)) to be included on the WWA website to Board Member Kim Suhr at kim@redoakwriting.com.

WWA Website Spotlight: [Helpful Articles for Writers](#) – Strengthen your writing in the coming year with online resources related to writing, editing, publishing, and other support. Start at the [WWA website](#) to find links to a sleigh full of goodies to inform and inspire you into the new year!

Red Oak Writing (ROW): Dec 9 - Steps to Landing a Literary Agent or Book Contract with Phil Martin, lead instructor, Novel-in-Progress Bookcamp and director, Great Lakes Literary and Crickhollow & Crispin Books. **Registration info** is available at the Red Oak Website: <http://redoakwriting.com/for-adults/saturday-writing-workshops/>.

UW-Madison Continuing Studies offers Writing Classes (in person and online): Manuscript critiques, writing retreats, and workshops. Prices and times vary. Check here for details: continuingstudies.wisc.edu/writing.

Poetry Writing Online Course - Taking the Poetic Leap: Revise and refine your poetry to achieve potentially publishable work. Be propelled through dynamic exercises, in-depth analysis, and craft tips that you can use right away. At the end of each unit, polish and submit a one-page poem for professional critique. Start anytime; complete within one year. \$165, 2 CEU credits; Instructor: Angela Rydell, UW-Madison. Learn more here: continuingstudies.wisc.edu/classes/online-poetry-writing-taking-poetic-leap.

A Writer's Retreat in England: August 10-18, 2018, nine days of travel, relaxation, and writing. For more information email steve@ardentwriterpress.com, call 256.694.6744 or visit <https://www.writersretreatinengland.com/>.

Contests

Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters – Deadlines: December 1, 2017. The Wisconsin Academy supports our state's creative community by hosting annual literary contests that reward Wisconsin-based writers with cash and prizes. Learn how you can win [here](#).

Council for Wisconsin Writers - CWW Opens 2017 Wisconsin Writers Contests. Entries for this year's Wisconsin Writers Awards must be **postmarked no later than Jan. 31, 2018**. Work published by Wisconsin writers in 2017 is eligible in seven categories, including **book-length fiction, nonfiction and poetry; short fiction and nonfiction; a set of five poems** two of which must have been published in the contest year, and **children's literature**. Authors who enter must be current Wisconsin residents. Entry fee is \$25. Membership in CWW is not required, but members are entitled to one free entry.

CWW also sponsors an Essay Award for Young Writers (1,500-word maximum) for Wisconsin high school students; there is no entry fee. The award is \$250 for the winning student. Members of the board will judge. Entries for the student essay contest must be **postmarked no later than Jan. 31, 2017**.

Specific guidelines, entry forms, and important additional information for each award category are available in the [2017 Entry Forms](#) section of the CWW website, wiswriters.org.

Graywolf Press Nonfiction Prize- open for submissions of non-fiction work-in-progress during the month of January 2018 only. More info here: <https://www.graywolfpress.org/graywolf-press-nonfiction-prize>.

Wisconsin Writers Awards- Awards given in seven different categories including fiction, non-fiction, children's literature, and poetry. Deadline for each is January 31, 2018. More info here: <http://wiswriters.org/awards/>.

Wisconsin Fellowship of Poets Chapbook Contest- entry deadline February 1, 2018. More info here: <http://www.wfop.org/chapbook-contest>.

Wisconsin Fellowship of Poets Muse Contest- Only one original unpublished poem not under consideration elsewhere may be entered in the WFOP Muse Prize contest. The poem may not be a simultaneous submission and it may not have won a monetary award in any contest. Seventy-five line maximum. Entry deadline February 1, 2018. More info here: <http://www.wfop.org/muse-contest>.

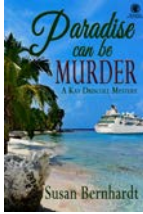
Wisconsin Fellowship of Poets Student Contest- Original poems judged in two age categories: grades 6-8 and grades 9-12. Entry deadline is January 13, 2018. More info here: <http://www.wfop.org/student-contest>.

Next Generation Book Awards: Now accepting entries for the 2018 awards until Feb. 28. More info here: <http://www.indiebookawards.com>.

Member News

Congratulations to member Mary Zinda, on the release of her second Christmas novella, *Gingerbread Depot*. It is the second book inspired by her personal "Charles Dickens Challenge," which she began last year. Mary challenged herself to write a Christmas story in six weeks - like Dickens (her favorite author) did with *A Christmas Carol* - and *Gingerbread Cottage* was the result, published last December and available at [Amazon](#).



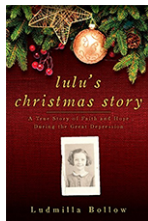


Congratulations to member Susan Bernhardt, for her new mystery *Paradise Can Be Murder*, published on November 14, 2017. The book is the fourth mystery in the Kay Driscoll series. The stories take place in Wisconsin. The eBook will be available online at [Amazon](#). A print book will follow shortly from Canadian publisher [MuseltUp Publishing](#).

Congratulations to member Kerri Lukasavitz, of Hartford, WI for her debut middle grade novel, *Mystery Horse at Oak Lane Stable*, released October 2017 through *Orange Hat Publishing*. The book is available for sale through [Amazon](#) and [Barnes and Noble](#).



Update and Continued Congratulations to member Lora Hyler, who has learned that her middle grade novel, *The Stupendous Adventures of Mighty Marty Hayes*, will debut March 2018 with [HenschelHAUS Publishing](#) of Milwaukee.



Congratulations to member Ludmilla Bollow, for *Lulu's Christmas Story* ([Behler Publishing](#)), her personal memoir about growing up in Wisconsin during the Great Depression) is out this year as an audio book, by [Beacon Audio Books](#). Printed and audio copies available on [Amazon.com](#). Learn more at Ludmilla's author website <http://home.earthlink.net/~bollow/>.

Opportunities and Events

Cabin Fever Writing Workshop - Madison Public Library: Jan. 18, Jan. 25, and Feb. 1, 2018, 6-9pm. Open to all writers and genres at the Central Library Bubbler Room. Register here: <http://madisonbubbler.org/creativewriting/>.

Starting Your Memoir Workshop - Goodman South Madison Library. Tuesday evenings, Jan. 30-Mar. 6, six sessions, 6 – 8 pm. Info here: <http://www.firstpersonprod.com/upcoming-workshops/>.

For your young family members - The Milwaukee Public Museum announces its 10th annual poetry competition for Wisconsin students in grades 3-12. Submission deadline is April 27, 2018. This year's theme "focuses on ten iconic exhibits that highlight the Museum, its collections, and mission, and celebrate its legacy as one of the region's most treasured cultural institutions Read more here: mpm.edu/plan-visit/educators/poetry-competition.

Lakefly Writers Conference - May 11-12, 2018 Join the Lakefly Writers Conference supportive community of writers for a two-day conference. A dozen workshops on the craft and business of writing designed to inspire and guide your creative journey. Watch the website for details as they are posted. WWA's spring board meeting will be held on Friday before the conference. Visit lakeflywriters.org.

Publication Opportunities

2019 Wisconsin Fellowship of Poets Calendar — Submission period is September 1 – December 1, 2017. Open to all poets who have a connection to Wisconsin. See guidelines here: wfop.org/poets-calendar.

Take care and happy writing!
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