



## WWA NEWS BRIEF for August 2018

WWA News about member accomplishments, writing events, and contests is sent by email each month. *Please send news bits for the September 2018 WWA NewsBrief no later than Monday, August 20, 2018, to Kymberley Pekrul at [kpekrul.editor@gmail.com](mailto:kpekrul.editor@gmail.com). Thank you.*

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**September 21 – 22, 2018**

### **WWA FALL CONFERENCE & 70<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**

**Register Early and SAVE!!!**

**(After September 14<sup>th</sup> Price Increases to \$115)**

**[Register online HERE!](#)**

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### **A note from Karin Schmidt, President:**

Hello Friends of WWA,

See the latest news below...

#### **Congratulations to all 2018 Jade Ring Winners!**

The awards will be given out at the noon luncheon of the WWA Fall Conference on September 22, 2018, at the Brookfield Sheridan Hotel. Later that afternoon winners will be able to read to an audience. Check the conference schedule for specific information.

Winners: All winners are published in the Creative Wisconsin Anthology; pick up your complimentary copy at the WWA table.

#### **POETRY**

1st place: Katherine Yets - Plath's Birthday

2nd place: Paula Schulz - Do You See That?

3rd place: Nancy Rafal - Twists and Turns

**Honorable Mention**

Sharon Foley - Flapjacks  
Sara Sarna - Coloring  
Susan Hunnicutt - I'm Not Gone

**FICTION**

1st place: Steve Fox - Dumplings  
2nd place: Steve Fox - Bread-Enders  
3rd place: Susan Hunnicutt - An Empty Metal Mailbox

**Honorable Mentions:**

Bruce Campbell - Spinning  
Robb Grindstaff - Airport Lounges  
Kim Suhr - Numbered Days

**NON-FICTION**

1st place: Nancy Jesse – The Road Not Taken  
2nd Place: Janice Wilberg – The Dog of Our Hard Times  
3rd place: Karin Schmidt – The Suchness of my Muchness

**Honorable Mention**

Karin Schmidt - Small Town Service  
Mary J. Guhl – Through the Ice  
Nancy Sweetland – April Ailment

**HUMOR**

1st Place Karin Schmidt - The Dog Who Came in From the Cold  
2nd Place Jackie Langetieg - My Phantom Belly Button  
3rd Place Pat Palechek - The Woman Who Lived in a Shoe

**Honorable Mention**

Jim Guhl -Twisted  
Tracey Gemmell - Scooby-Doo and Hobnobs  
Nancy Bauer - King Is There an App for That?

**BOOKKEEPER/VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

WWA is seeking a volunteer with general bookkeeping experience to manage our day-to-day accounting and financial requirements. Duties include recording financial transactions, accounts receivable, accounts payable, expenditures and receipts, creating quarterly/annual financial reports and attending two board meetings a year.

Confidentiality, excellent organizational skills, and accuracy are important qualifications for this position. The ideal candidate is a skilled multi-tasker, reliable and committed to consistently meeting deadlines.

If you are interested or have any questions about this opportunity, please contact:  
Nancy Rafal ([mrsticket@gmail.com](mailto:mrsticket@gmail.com))

**BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED:** WWA is a registered 501 (c) 3, managed by a Board of Directors and is in need of new board member volunteers. Board members serve a three-year term, and duties include attendance at two board meetings per year and accepting a volunteer assignment that fits their time availability.

Board members focus on policy and long-range planning to fulfill our mission of supporting Wisconsin writers in achieving their individual writing goals. Please join us in this important work. If interested in further discussion or to ask questions, contact me at; [karinss1945@outlook.com](mailto:karinss1945@outlook.com).

If interested in further discussion about any of the above items or any other issues regarding WWA contact me at; [karinss1945@outlook.com](mailto:karinss1945@outlook.com). THANKS!

### **NEXT WWA BOARD MEETING**

1:00 – 4:00 pm, Friday, Sept 21, 2018 - During the WWA Fall Conference

**Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel**

**375 South Moorland Road**

**Brookfield, WI 53005**

All WWA members are welcome as observers.

**WWA Business Memberships Available!** Promote your writing-related service business. Just \$35 one-year annual membership for individuals who own/operate a business that provides related writing services may join WWA and secure a listing on the Business Member Profile Directory page of the WWA website.

Hope to see you at the conference!

Karin

[karinss1945@outlook.com](mailto:karinss1945@outlook.com)

### **Become a WWA Member**



[\*\*JOIN NOW\*\*](#)

### **Upcoming WWA Events**

9/21/18  
WWA BOD Meeting  
Time: 1 – 4 p.m.

9/21/18 – 9/22/18  
WWA Fall Conference &  
70th Anniversary Celebration  
[Get Details](#)

### **Interested in Helping?**

#### **VOLUNTEER WITH WWA**



[\*\*SIGN UP NOW!\*\*](#)



# FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

**September 21 – 22, 2018**

[Wisconsin Writers Association Fall Conference & 70th Anniversary Celebration](#)

*Writing professionals and enthusiasts come together to discuss topics of interest to writers of all levels and genres.*

## Conference Location

[Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel](#)

[375 South Moorland Road](#)

[Brookfield, WI 53005](#)

[262-364-1100](#)

[Register online HERE!](#)

## Register Early and SAVE!!!

**(After September 14<sup>th</sup> Price Increases to \$115)**

*Registration with meals must be received by Friday Sept. 14*

*Meals will not be included for any registration received after Sept. 14.*

**Early Bird Registration - WWA Members: \$95 • Non-members: \$105\* • Students \$30\*\***

**Do you know of a non-member or student you would like to invite to join WWA?**

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## Special Registration Deal !!! Special Registration Deal !!! Special Registration Deal !!!

**\* Non- member registration includes 1 Year free WWA membership (\$35.00 value.)**

**\*\* Student rate available to all four-year, two-year and technical college students. Student registration includes 1 Year free WWA membership (\$ 20.00 value). At time of registration student must provide a current student ID with name and institution.**

Join a community of writers at the WWA 70th Anniversary Fall Writers' Conference for a two-day event on writing fiction, nonfiction, and poetry. The program includes a diverse array of workshops, panels, an entertaining keynote speaker, networking events, and literary readings.

Learn from industry agents and publishers. Talk to publishers, agents, literary editors, and critics, and **enjoy a Friday night keynote from Wisconsin Author, Storyteller, and Historian, Jerry Apps.**

You can also schedule an individual manuscript consultation with conference faculty. Writers at all levels of experience are welcome, as are writers of all genres and backgrounds. Seek a fuller understanding of the craft—and business—of writing.

[Register today!](#)

## Friday Evening Keynote - Jerry Apps

### *Struggles and Successes: What WWA Has Meant to Me*



*Jerry Apps, born and raised on a Wisconsin farm, is Professor Emeritus at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the author of more than 35 books, many of them on rural history and country life. His nonfiction books include: [Continue reading...](#)*

Join writers in a supportive community to share work and ideas with others who understand the passion for writing. Participants will receive constructive critique and encouragement from faculty and peers. This conference will help attendees gain inspiration, build confidence, and provide many networking opportunities.

On Saturday afternoon, addressing a variety of genres and topics in writing, attendees will have the opportunity to schedule a session with four literary agents and two publishers:

#### The agents are:

Jennie Goloboy - *Donald Maass Literary Agency* (SF& Fantasy)

Cynthia Zigmund - *Second City Publishing Services* (Nonfiction & Mysteries)

Michelle Grajkowski - *3 Seas Literary Agency* (Romance, Women, YA & Middle Grade)

Kimbal McCollum - *The Purcell Agency* (YA & Middle Grade)

#### Publishers are:

Kira Henschel - *Henschel Haus Publishing*

Philip Martin - *Creekhollow Books*



## 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](mailto:kim@redoakwriting.com).

## Boyd Sutton Memorial Gathering



Please join the Sutton Family as we honor Boyd's 32-year career in service to our country and, after, gather to celebrate and remember the life of the friend, colleague, husband, father, uncle, and grandfather who, simply put, made us think.

Date: Friday, August 3rd

Military Honors:

1:30-1:45 PM

Northern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery  
Chapel (indoors)

N4063 Veteran's Way (off Hwy 53)

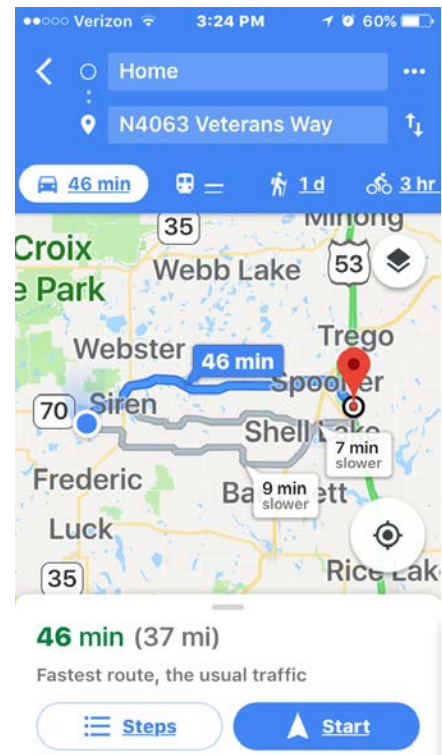
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(715) 635-5360

"Thanks for the Memories Luncheon" (casual) to follow,  
2:30 PM, at the Sutton Home on Dunham Lake:  
23059 Old 35  
Siren 54872

Plan to attend either, or both. If you can join us for lunch, please call or email to let us know so we may have an estimate of attendance. Bring stories to share! Contact Carmen at (715) 566-0960 or email Kirsten at [kirstensharris@gmail.com](mailto:kirstensharris@gmail.com)

Instead of flowers, Boyd would be pleased if donations are made to Planned Pethood Plus ([plannedpethoodplus.com](http://plannedpethoodplus.com)), so Dr. Jeff Young, "Rocky Mountain Vet," may continue his work providing spay/neuter and other surgical veterinary services to pets at a fair price to the owners who love them.



**WWA Website Spotlight: SEE IT AT THE CONFERENCE! WWA Unveils [New 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Logo!](#)**



**April 14, 2018** - WWA looked good at the Writers Institute in Madison held mid-April when board members Rex Owens and Barry Wightman had the opportunity to roll out WWA's new logo on behalf of our organization. "A lot of traffic and good conversations were had," reported Wightman.

As you can see from the photo, an anniversary tablecloth and sign portrayed WWA all very well. The new logo was developed with Tingalls Graphic Design of Madison, on a pro bono basis. Many thanks to Kim Suhr, Rex Owens, and Barry Wightman for their outstanding collaboration on the logo and materials. New 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary postcards were also distributed at the event.

**Red Oak Writing (ROW):** Now accepting registrations for [in-person](#) and [online](#) writers' critique groups and the [Saturday Craft & Publishing 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](http://continuingstudies.wisc.edu/writing).

**A Writer's Retreat in England:** August 10-18, 2018, nine days of travel, relaxation, and writing. For more information email [steve@ardentwriterpress.com](mailto:steve@ardentwriterpress.com), call 256.694.6744.

### **Upcoming Wisconsin Romance Writers of America (WisRWA) Meetings**

**WisRWA - Green Bay:** Wednesday, 8/1/18; 11:30 - 3:00; 1951 West Restaurant, 1951 Bond St, Green Bay. Deep Point of View. What is it and how can we use it effectively in our writing? WisRWA member Kate Bowman will teach us about Deep Point of View.

**WisRWA - Chippewa Falls:** Beth James' home in Hudson - Annual potluck and planning programming for the upcoming year. Bring your own beverage and a dish to pass. If you'd like to attend and see how our topics are chosen, or just want a chance to get to know us better, contact [Jane Yunker](#) for directions.

**WisRWA - Wausau:** Saturday, 8/11/18; 10:00 - 12:00; Marathon County Library, 300 North First Street, Wausau WI. Deep Point of View. Join us as we discuss using a deep point of view, compare it to first-person point of view, and discover how we can use it effectively in our writing.

**WisRWA - Milwaukee:** Saturday, 8/11/18; Milwaukee - PICNIC DETAILS TBD.

**WisRWA – 2018 Workshop - *Unlock Your A Game*:** October 5-6, 2018; one day workshop featuring Heidi Cullinan as she presents “*Unlock Your A Game*,” a full-day workshop that starts at square one and lays out a personalized plan for genre fiction careers of every stripe. Give us a few hours, and we’ll revamp your promo mojo. For more about this, visit the [A Game website](#). If your drive is a long one, a room block at the Grand Lodge and Waterpark in Rothschild on the south side of Wausau, promises a true Northwoods experience. For a peek, [click here](#).



**The Kauai Writers Conference – November 9-11, 2018:** One of the premier events in the literary world. The 2018 line-up includes some of the nation’s most acclaimed authors: Jane Smiley, Garth Stein, Alice Hoffman, Kirstin Hannah, Ellen Bass, Jane Smiley, Sara Gruen, Scott Turow, Jeff Arch, and Nicholas Delbanco among others.

Intensive Master Classes, limited to small groups, will be offered November 5th—8th. Choose from Fiction, Memoir, Screenwriting, Poetry, How to Get Published and more. Those wanting to attend are encouraged to register soon.

One-on-one Pitch & Critique Sessions with top literary agents, editors, and publishers will be available.

For more information follow this link for full details: [Kauai Writers Conference](#) or contact Constance Frenzen at [constance@kauaiwritersconference.com](mailto:constance@kauaiwritersconference.com).

## **Contests**

**Timeless Wisdom International Writing Challenge:** Entries are now open for the 2018 Timeless Wisdom International Writing Challenge. Entries close September 28, 2018. This competition brings together writers aged 60 and over from around the world, with a focus on non-fiction short stories which share some of the wisdom that can only be acquired through age. Selected entries will be collated into up to four books according to the themes below, and published in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia and New Zealand by [Exisle Publishing](#), an established mainstream publishing house with over 25



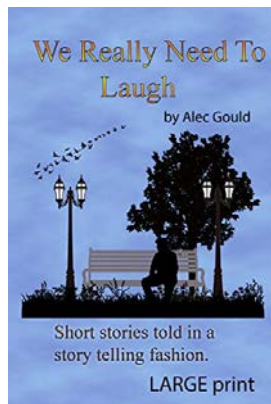
years of publishing experience. A fantastic opportunity for both new and practiced writers to share a powerful message with thousands of readers, see your name in print and contribute to a beautifully produced book that your friends and family will treasure. For more information visit <https://exislepublishing.com/writing-challenge/>.



**Little Bitty Writing Space Fiction Anthology Call for Submissions:** Little Bitty Writing Space is an anthology of flash fiction (stories <1,000 words). It is open to all genres and all topics, and writers at any level of experience. As long as your tale is well-told, we want to read it. The anthology is the third in a series of flash fiction books published by Browncoat Publishing, a local press based in Portland, Oregon run by husband-and-wife team Jason Brick and Rachel Letofsky. The crowdfunded project went live on Kickstarter in mid-June. Accepted authors are paid \$10 and receive an electronic copy of the anthology once the project funds. Authors receive a print copy free if the project reaches its stretch goal. If you have a piece that you think could call Little Bitty Writing Space home, please follow the link below and fill out our submissions form. <https://goo.gl/G1CmQG>.

## **Member News**

**Got News?** Send your member news by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month for inclusion in the upcoming month's WWA NewsBrief issue. Send to [kpekrul.editor@gmail.com](mailto:kpekrul.editor@gmail.com).

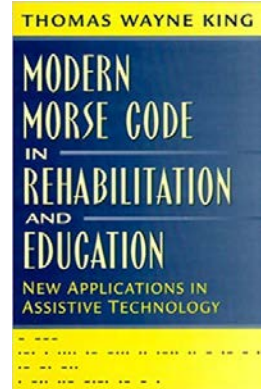


**Congratulations to WWA Member Alec Gould,** "[\*We Really Need To Laugh\*](#)" is now available for digital download through [Amazon](#). Told in a style similar to Samuel Clemens and Will Rogers, inside this "must-read" are enjoyable short stories; some with a "twist." Stories such as "Life's a Birch," "Kindergarten King," "Time Tunnel" and "Venison On the Go." These stories and others will make you laugh, cry, or wet your pants. Sometimes all at once. Alec truly does have a way with words, and we are fortunate that this book is just the start of many more in this series. By the time you finish reading, you shall see how versatile Alec is as there is a BONUS "poem." This one alone, you would swear Edgar Allan Poe himself had written. As Alec would say, "Enjoy, my friends!" For more about Alec visit <https://alecgould.com/>.

**Congratulations to WWA Member Laurel Bragstad,** Laurel Bragstad's book, "[\*In the Comfort of Shadows\*](#)," was reviewed by Susan Weintrob. She has a website called Expand the Table, where she blogs about books by creating recipes that correspond with a book's storyline. Weintrob read Laurel's book, interviewed her, and came up with a recipe that would appeal to the elderly (toothless) main character in the book. You can read the full interview and recipe here <https://www.bragmedallion.com/blog/enjoying-comforting-chicken-noodle-soup-in-the-comfort-of-shadows/>.



**Congratulations to WWA Member Thomas Wayne King**, King's 2000 textbook "[\*Modern Morse Code in Rehabilitation and Education: New Applications in Assistive Technology\*](#)" (Allyn & Bacon, Boston) is a central influence in his collaboration with Adaptive Design Association NYC (MacArthur Foundation Award recipients, 2016) and Google's May 8, 2018 release of Gboard, providing adapted computer access via Morse Code and other methods for persons of diverse abilities. Tom is professor emeritus, UWEC. He lives and writes in Solon Springs, WI, with wife, Debbi, two sheepdogs, one elder house rabbit, plus eight woolly Icelandic sheep at their little Sunny Cove Farm. For more information visit the author website at <http://www.thomaswayneking.com/>.



## **Opportunities and Events**

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**Monthly Poetry Readings** - First Tuesday of each month at Suzy's Steakhouse in Portage WI; 6:00 - 8:00 pm. The group extends an invitation to Wisconsin Writers to attend or to request an opportunity to be a Featured Poet. The goal for each month is to have one male and one female Featured Poet and time for Open Mic. Current openings are available for October, November, and December.

**Registration for TRESHOLD'S SHOWCASE OF AUTHORS V is Open** – Saturday, September 29, 2018, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Set-up 10 a.m.) at Lawrence & Vivian Stockhausen Center, 2380 West Washington Street, West Bend, WI.

Opportunities to speak with attendees about your books, life, or writing for up to 5 minutes on the open microphone will be available on a first come, first served to those who ask. For more information contact The Threshold, Inc., Attn: John Bloor, Exec. Director, 600 Rolfs Avenue, West Bend, WI 53090. Phone: (262) 338-1188.

## **Publication Opportunities**

**2020 Wisconsin Fellowship of Poets Calendar** Start Planning now. Submission period is September 1 – December 1, 2018. Open to all poets who have a connection to Wisconsin. See guidelines here: [wfop.org/poets-calendar](http://wfop.org/poets-calendar).

*Take care and happy writing!*  
*Submitted by: Kymberley Pekrul*

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