

WWA NEWS BRIEF for July 2018

WWA News about member accomplishments, writing events, and contests is sent by email each month. Please send news bits for the August 2018 WWA NewsBrief no later than Friday, July 20, 2018, to Kymberley Pekrul at kpekrul.editor@gmail.com. Thank you.

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A note from Karin Schmidt, President:

Hello Friends of WWA,

See the latest news below...

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 meeting 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)

BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED: WWA is a registered 501 (c) 3, managed by a Board of Directors and is in need of new volunteers. This is for 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.

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



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 14th 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?

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, a 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. Come seek a fuller understanding of the craft—and business—of writing.

Register today!

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

JADE RING CONTEST AND CREATIVE WISCONSIN COLLABORATION UPDATE

ATTEND THE FALL CONFERENCE REVEAL TO DISCOVER THE 2018 WINNERS!

The 2018 Jade Ring contest has closed, and the judges are nearly finished with their work.

By mid-July, all winners will be called with congratulations and a reminder that they will have an opportunity to read their winning piece at the fall conference.

Also, all winners will be published in the *Creative Wisconsin Anthology*. Their free copy will be available at the conference.

2018 JADE RING CONTEST JUDGES: See the <u>WWA website</u> for more info on judges.

Non-Fiction: Jerry Apps
Fiction: Kathie Giorgio
Poetry: Bruce Dethlefsen
Humor: Barry Wightman

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

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 (<u>Find Submission Guidelines Here</u>) to be included on the WWA website to Board Member Kim Suhr at <u>kim@redoakwriting.com</u>.

WWA Website Spotlight: SEE IT AT THE CONFERENCE! WWA Unveils New 70th 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 70th Anniversary postcards were also distributed at the event.

Red Oak Writing (ROW): Now accepting registrations for <u>in-person</u> and <u>online</u> writers' critique groups and the <u>Saturday Craft & Publishing Workshops</u>.

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.

Focus on the First Five – Online course taught by WWA Member Robb Grindstaff: This July, Robb teams up with Adelaide author and writing coach Samantha Bond to present the four-week online seminar for the Romance Writers of Australia romanceaustralia.com/owl-schedule-2018. Writers will revise and polish their opening pages into a compelling start to grab the attention of agents, editors, publishers, and readers.

In September, Robb presents the program for *Savvy Authors* <u>savvyauthors.com/blog</u>, and in October for *Romance Writers of America's Contemporary Workshops* contemporaryromance.org/workshops.

Writers do not have to be members of RWA (the US or Australia) or even a romance writer to participate in online writing workshops. *Savvy Authors* offers a free basic membership.

Courses are inexpensive (from \$15 to \$40), online at your convenience. This course is designed for all fiction genres. Email Robb for more details at robb@robbgrindstaff.com.

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.

Upcoming Wisconsin Romance Writers of America (WisRWA) Meetings

<u>WisRWA</u> - Green Bay: Wednesday, 7/4/18; 11:30 - 3:00; 1951 West Restaurant,1951 Bond St, Green Bay. GGBA Has Talent - Bring the first page of your work in progress and join us as our narrator reads each page aloud and the group gives feedback to the anonymous author!

<u>WisRWA</u> - Chippewa Falls: Saturday, 7/14/18; 10:00-12:30; Deb's Café 1120 122nd Street, Chippewa Falls. TBD depending on vacation schedules and members going to RWA Nationals in Denver.

<u>WisRWA</u> – Wausau: Saturday, 7/14/18; 10:00 - 12:00; Marathon County Library, 300 North First Street, Wausau WI. TBD

<u>WisRWA</u> – **Milwaukee:** Saturday, 7/21/17; 9:00-11:30 am; Mayfair Mall (Garden Suites Community Room, Lower Level). We're getting together to WRITE! Bring your Work In Progress and join fellow authors as we get some writing accomplished.

<u>WisRWA</u> – **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 <u>A Game website</u>. 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: <u>Kauai Writers Conference</u> or contact Constance Frenzen at <u>constance@kauaiwritersconference.com</u>.

<u>Contests</u>

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. This is a crowdfunded project and will go live on Kickstarter in mid-to-late 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.

Living Springs Publishers LLP: is accepting submissions for their short story contest Stories Through the Ages Baby Boomers Plus 2018 (anyone born 1964 or earlier). Last year Stories Through the Ages Baby Boomers Plus 2017 and Stories Through the Ages College Edition 2017 were published. The publisher received a lot of great stories for these contests and said they are very proud of the resulting books. There is no prompt for the Baby Boomers Plus 2018 contest; stories may be about any topic. The word count for the contest

is 1000 – 4000 words. A minimum of the top 15 finalists will be included in a book published by <u>Living Springs Publishers LLP</u>. Also, first, second and third place finalists receive cash prizes of \$500, \$200 and \$100 respectively. Submissions for the 2018 edition close on June 15. Entries can be submitted at http://livingspringspublishers.com/index.php/baby-boomers-plus/.

Member News

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Congratulations to WWA Member Seelie Kay, two new books were released in June by <u>eXtasy Books</u>: Kinky Briefs, Cinque (6/1), a collection of short stories about lawyers in love, and The President's Wife (6/4), a conspiracy thriller. For more info visit <u>www.seeliekay.com</u> or follow Kay on Twitter or Facebook.





Opportunities and Events

Do you know of an event? Send event news by the 20th of each month for inclusion in the upcoming month's WWA NewsBrief issue. Send to **kpekrul.editor@gmail.com**.

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.

Take care and happy writing! Submitted by: Kymberley Pekrul

http://www.wiwrite.org

https://www.facebook.com/WIWrite

2018 WISCONSIN WRITERS CONFERENCE

WWA 70th Anniversary Conference Friday Sept. 21 & Saturday Sept. 22, 2018

Sheraton Brookfield Milwaukee 375 South Moorland Road Brookfield WI 53005

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