



## WWA NEWS BRIEF for June 2018

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

WWA programming for 2018 that is well underway. 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](mailto:mrsticket@gmail.com))

#### **THE LATEST FALL CONFERENCE NEWS!**

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

September 21 – 22, 2018

Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel

375 South Moorland Road

Brookfield, WI 53005

262-364-1100

We are excited to announce that Jerry Apps will be the Friday night keynote speaker.

On Saturday afternoon, conference attendees can 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**

**ATTEND THE FALL CONFERENCE REVEAL TO DISCOVER THE 2018 WINNERS!**

For 2018, all finalists in the Jade Ring Contest (four categories, first, second, third and three honorable mentions, that's 24 entries) will receive the following:

- Winners receive a cash prize, a certificate and recognition at the Jade Ring award ceremony during the WWA Fall Writers Conference
- All winners will be published in *Creative Wisconsin Anthology: 2018 Jade Ring Winners* (author retains all rights following publication). *Please note there will be no Creative Wisconsin literary journal for 2018*
- Each winner will receive a complimentary copy of *Creative Wisconsin Anthology* containing their award-winning piece
- *Creative Wisconsin Anthology* will be available on Amazon
- Top three winners in each category will be featured at a reading during the 2018 WWA Fall Writers Conference
- Watch for details on the WWA website
- Contest submission dates are March 1 - May 10, 2018

**2018 JADE RING CONTEST JUDGES:**

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

See the [WWA website](#) for more information on judges.

**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

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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](mailto:kim@redoakwriting.com).

**WWA Website Spotlight: 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 Karin Schmidt 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).

**Write-by-the-Lake Writer's Workshop and Retreat:** June 11-15, 2018, Join writers from across the country in a professional, friendly, creative atmosphere. For beginning writers and those near publication. Early-bird fee by May 14 is \$395 (\$445 after) except for Master Classes; UW English credits extra. Check here for details: [https://continuingstudies.wisc.edu/conferences/write-by-the-lake/](http://continuingstudies.wisc.edu/conferences/write-by-the-lake/)

**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](http://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* [savvyauthors.com/blog](http://savvyauthors.com/blog), and in October for *Romance Writers of America's Contemporary Workshops* [contemporaryromance.org/workshops](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:steve@ardentwriterpress.com), call 256.694.6744.

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

**WisRWA - Green Bay:** Wednesday, 6/6/18; 11:30 - 3:00; 1951 West Restaurant, 1951 Bond St, Green Bay. Have you reached a roadblock in your novel? Do you have questions about your plot? Join us as we work together to brainstorm our Works-In-Progress!

**WisRWA - Chippewa Falls:** Saturday, 6/16/18; 10:00-12:30; Deb's Café 1120 122nd Street, Chippewa Falls. Writing natural sounding dialogue can be hard! Bring in some examples of good and bad dialogue, and we'll discuss what works, what doesn't, and how to master writing dialogue.

**WisRWA – Wausau:** Saturday, 6/16/18; 10:00 - 12:00; Marathon County Library, 300 North First Street, Wausau WI. TBD

**WisRWA – Milwaukee:** Saturday, 6/16/17; 11:00-2:00; Mayfair Mall (Garden Suites Community Room, Lower Level). Join us for a craft workshop; a light lunch will be provided. We'll be discussing the ins and outs of writing short stories and putting together anthologies.

**WisRWA - 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!

**WisRWA - 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.

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

**WisRWA – 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.

**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](http://KauaiWritersConference.com) or contact Constance Frenzen at [constance@kauaiwritersconference.com](mailto:constance@kauaiwritersconference.com).

## **Contests**

**Word has it:** Beginning next month, we will have a new volunteer to coordinate the NewsBrief Contests information. Stay tuned for more great contest news headed your way!

**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 [Living Springs Publishers LLP](http://LivingSpringsPublishersLLP.com). 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**

**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 Lora Hyler**, Nielsen Bookscan's report ending April 15, 2018, noted Hyler's middle-grade novel, *The Stupendous Adventures of Mighty Marty Hayes* as the No. Three best-selling novel--for children and adults--in metro Milwaukee.

## **Opportunities and Events**

**Do you know of an event?** Send event 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).

**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 Pekarul*

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