

## **WWA NEWS BRIEF for September 2018**

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

# **September 21 – 22, 2018**

WWA FALL CONFERENCE & 70th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

**ALL REGISTRATIONS DUE BY 9/14/18!** 

# Register Early and SAVE!!!

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## A note from Karin Schmidt, President:

Hello all. 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.

#### **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?

**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; <a href="mailto:karinss1945@outlook.com">karinss1945@outlook.com</a>.

If interested in further discussion about any of the above items or any other issues regarding WWA contact me at; <a href="mailto:karinss1945@outlook.com">karinss1945@outlook.com</a>. 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.

Karin

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**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.

#### **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 & 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration **Get Details** 

#### Interested in Helping?

**VOLUNTEER WITH WWA** 



**SIGN UP NOW!** 

# Conference Photographer Needed!!!

Are you coming to the Fall WWA Conference?

WWA is seeking a volunteer\* with photography skills to document the

## WWA FALL CONFERENCE & 70th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

This exceptional unpaid volunteer opportunity will benefit you in these amazing ways:

Gain confidence... Make a difference... Meet fellow members, guests,

and make new friends... Be active in the WWA community...

Develop your skills... Take on a challenge... Have fun!

If you are interested or have any questions about this opportunity, please contact:

Rex Owens (<u>rexowens00@gmail.com</u>)

# **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.



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## **Conference Location**

Sheraton Milwaukee Brookfield Hotel 375 South Moorland Road Brookfield, Wi 53005 262-364-1100

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 !!!

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- \* 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 twoday 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 for the conference today!

**View the full 2018 WWA Conference Schedule HERE!** 



# Be Part of the Celebration at the Milwaukee Ballroom

**70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Cake Celebration 6:00-7:00** 

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.

### **View the full 2018 WWA Conference Schedule HERE!**

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 - <u>Donald Maass Literary Agency</u> (SF& Fantasy)

Cynthia Zigmund - <u>Second City Publishing Services</u> (Nonfiction & Mysteries)

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

Kimbal McCollum - <u>The Purcell Agency</u> (YA & Middle Grade)

#### Publishers are:

Kira Henschel - Henschel Haus Publishing

Philip Martin – <u>Crickhollow Books</u>

## **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 kim@redoakwriting.com.





WWA Website Spotlight: VISIT THE <u>Author & Vendor Expo</u> AT THE <u>UPCOMING WWA CONFERENCE Saturday</u>, September 22, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Network in a friendly and inviting environment, explore, learn, discover, meet authors all in one place, and talk with vendors offering services for writers during the Wisconsin Writers Conference on Saturday, September 22, 2018, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This year's WWA Conference is carefully planned with content and experiences for all those who play a part in the writing and publishing industry. It's where authors, booksellers, distributors, librarians, literary agents, publishers and more unite to build relationships, learn strategies to bolster your writing business and get the pulse of what's trending in today's shifting marketplace. Participating in this year's <a href="https://example.com/Author-Wendor-Expo">Author & Vendor Expo</a> are:

<u>Silvia Acevedo</u>

Valerie Biel

Paul Kosir

Marshall Cook Patricia McConnell

<u>Christine DeSmet</u> <u>Rex Owens</u>

Billie Jean Diersen

Susan Farrell

Journal from the Heartland

Kymberley Pekrul | G-Free Deliciously

Matt Geiger

Red Oak Writing

Larry Scheckel

LaToya Watson

Barry Wightman

Laurel Yourke

Robb Grindstaff

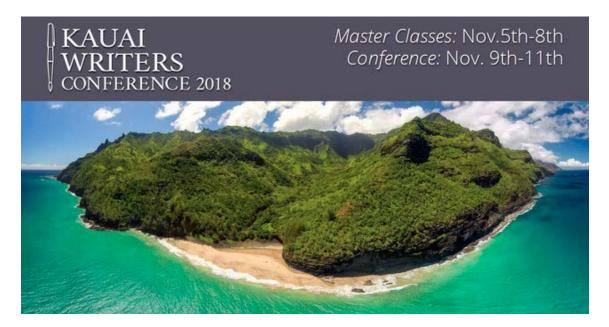
**UW-Madison Continuing Studies** offers Writing Classes (in person and online): Manuscript critiques, writing retreats, and workshops. Prices and times vary. Check here for details: <a href="mailto:continuingstudies.wisc.edu/writing">continuingstudies.wisc.edu/writing</a>.

Red Oak Writing (ROW): Red Oak Writing Class: No More "Somedays:" Take your writing project from idea to draft in 12 weeks. Many of us have a project just beyond our peripheral vision: a children's book, family story, novel, a collection of poems, short stories or essays. Others of us don't know exactly what we want to write, only that we do.

In this workshop, we'll explore your writing ideas, narrow your scope, create a concrete roadmap to bring it to fruition AND hold you accountable for making it happen. For more information, visit <a href="http://redoakwriting.com/for-adults/no-more-somedays/">http://redoakwriting.com/for-adults/no-more-somedays/</a>. Note: if you are not in Southeastern WI, you may be able to participate via computer. Contact Kim Suhr kim@redoakwriting.com to inquire.

**Washington Island Literary Festival:** September 13-16th, 2018; "Words on Water." The Literary Festival is a moveable feast of writing, reading, discussion, and thought about the written word. Writers' workshops, author panels and presentations, readings and parties are scheduled at various quaint, historic and beautiful venues around the Island. Featured writers are Jeff Goodell, Kirk Landers, Jean Pendziwol, Douglas Wood, Marion Boyer, Bonnie Jo Campbell, Lane Hall and Richard Purinton. For more information and event details, go to <a href="https://www.washingtonislandliteraryfestival.org">www.washingtonislandliteraryfestival.org</a>. To register, go to <a href="https://www.truebloodpac.com">www.truebloodpac.com</a>

<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, <u>click here</u>.



**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>.

## **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 <a href="Exisle Publishing">Exisle Publishing</a>, 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 <a href="https://exislepublishing.com/writing-challenge/">https://exislepublishing.com/writing-challenge/</a>.

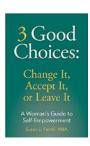


**CRAFT Elements Contest Now Open!** - For this contest, stories will be read through the lens of craft; winners will be selected based on the strength of the story in each of the following three craft categories: Setting, Dialogue, and Character. Send the story that shines in one (or all!) of these categories. They can't wait to read your fiction!

## **Member News**

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Congratulations to WWA Member Susan L. Farrell for the publication of her third book, <u>3 Good Choices: Change It, Accept It, or Leave It; A Woman's Guide to Self-Empowerment.</u> In this empowering and easy-to-follow guide for women, learn how to enact change by making positive choices, acknowledging acceptance, and letting go of troubles in all areas of your life. It is available in paperback from <u>Amazon</u> and <u>Barnes & Noble</u> and as an eBook for Kindle, Nook, and from <u>Smashwords</u>.



Susan uses her love of learning to inspire women to learn about themselves. She urges them to empower themselves to achieve the lives they desire. She draws upon her experiences as a leader, manager, consultant, coach, trainer, teacher, and business owner to provide ideas to encourage women to think about what they do, why they do it and do they want to change. Visit SusanLFarrell.com for additional information and to order her books.

## **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**.

**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.

Third Annual UntitledTown Book and Author Festival - April 26-28, 2019, in Green Bay, Wisconsin. The event announces that it is now open for proposals, Call for Pitches deadline is September 1<sup>st.</sup> To send your pitch use this form or share this call with others. Learn more about last year's festival at <a href="https://2018.untitledtown.org/news/">https://2018.untitledtown.org/news/</a>. Questions? Email info@untitledtown.org

## **Publication Opportunities**

**2020 Wisconsin Fellowship of Poets Calendar -** 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

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