

The Creative Writer

White County Creative Writers

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WCCW announces new book from group's charter member

In the summer of 1995, writers David Roper and Norman Martin hosted a presentation, "How to Get Started Writing," at the Searcy Library. At that event, eight people signed an interest sheet in forming the group. Twenty-four people attended the group's first meeting and White County Creative Writers was born.

The Creative Writer is a monthly newsletter for the White County Creative Writers group of Searcy, Ark.

If you have news stories or photos to share, send them to buddy.garrett@netzero.net.

Deadline for reader submission is seven days prior to each month's meeting. WCCW reserves the right to edit all submissions.

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"If it wasn't for him (Roper), we wouldn't even have our group," said Rhonda Roberts, WCCW president. "He is a personal mentor to me."

Now maintaining a membership of 20 to 25 authors, with several founding members still active, WCCW rotates its monthly programs and planning through speakers, read-arounds and critique sessions – all geared toward the encouragement and improvement in writing.

At the last meeting, Roberts outlined Roper's history, tips on writing and the announcement of his latest book, *The Old Man, The Old Woman, and The Little Red Hen* (Doodle and Peck Publishing, September 2016)

Roper's book is gaining attention. One woman in Arizona liked his book so much she posted:

"A sweet little book that both kids and adults will enjoy. The author allows the reader to peek into the lives of a little old couple and their little red hen who proudly makes an egg every morning for their breakfast. But, what happens when the little old couple decides to eat something other than eggs for breakfast?"

"What a lovely story about companionship and taking care of those we love."

For more information about the writer, visit his author's page on Amazon:

<https://www.amazon.com/author/macroper>.

Next meeting
Nov. 21,
6:30 p.m., at
Simmons First Bank,
401 South Main
Street in Searcy.

MOMENTS BOOKS: Send your personal articles!

Take a look at previous Moments books that Grace Published has released, particularly the first one, *Divine Moments*, to see what we accept. The article length is anywhere from about 500-2000 words or so. I've even included poems and some written by children. So the guidelines aren't strict. The main point is the context of the article. I like them sent as an attachment to an email, Times New Roman, 12-point type.

These may be original or previously published if rights have been returned to you. We retain rights after acceptance until the book is published, then rights automatically return to you. Include on the article: name, mailing address for your one free copy, and email address. Send to me at: yvonnelehman3@gmail.com

Already published are: *Divine Moments*, *Christmas Moments*, *Spoken Moments*, *Precious Precocious Moments*, *More Christmas Moments*, *Stupid Moments*, *Additional Christmas Moments*. *Loving Moments* will be released early 2017.

NOTICE: We've just decided to release *Christmas Moments Book#4* (no final title yet) in 2017. Would like to have those by end of December.

I'm also accepting for:

Romantic Moments (falling in love, puppy love, marriage, dating, second time around, weddings, flowers, mother-of-bride, bridesmaids, anything to do with personal love or planning a wedding, etc.)

Coola-nary Moments (culinary mishaps or unusual cooking experiences, recipes. I have one about making mud pies when a child)

Questionable Moments (Author's response to questions asked by God/Jesus in the Bible, or implied, such as "Where are you?" "Where are you going?" "Do you love me?" "Do you believe?" "Where is your faith?" "What do you want?" etc. etc.)

Personal Titanic Moments -Highs and Lows of Life - Grandeur and/or Disaster

Might as well plan another Christmas one for 2018.

No payments. Authors get one free copy, discount on orders, and all royalties go to Samaritan's Purse, an organization that helps victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine with the purpose of sharing God's love through his son, Jesus Christ. www.samaritanaspurse.org

The articles are written by both multi-published, and beginning or non-published writers. The story is the important thing. We will appreciate your letting others know about this. If you have other questions, let me know.

Thanks and best wishes,
Yvonne
www.yvonnelehman.com

NOTICE

A last minute notice from a former member, Carolyn Boyles, who is slated for shoulder replacement surgery early next year. Medical problems (for both she and her husband) have prevented her from visiting the club. She looks forward to seeing us next year after her recovery.

Del Garrett's



TRIPLE SCOOP WRITING CONTEST



Hello. My name is Del Garrett. I'm a writer, editor and a former publisher, and for years I have been sponsoring writing contests for the Arkansas Writers' Conference and the White County Creative Writers Conference. I've decided to offer this Triple Scoop contest to other writers so I'm reaching out to all writing clubs and encouraging you to include me in your lists of contest sponsors. I'm doing this for two reasons. I like to read and I wouldn't be where I am today if I hadn't first submitted to contests—so this is sort of my way to give something back to other writers. Cold, hard cash! Here are the rules and this year's deadline. I hope to hear from you and award you with prize money.

Triple Scoop means three chances to win!

Welcome to the Triple Scoop Fiction and Poetry contests. You have three chances to win. Prizes are \$50 for 1st place; \$35 for 2nd place and \$15 for 3rd place. Certificates awarded with cash prizes and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place Honorable Mention awards.

Contest Rules: You may enter up to three submissions. **Each submission will be considered for all prizes.** Entry fees are \$5 for the first entry, \$3 for each additional entry. No more than three entries allowed.

Each submission must be no more than: **Fiction**—three pages, double spaced, using any standard font of 12-point size, on 8 1/2 X 11-inch white bond paper. **Poetry**—one page only, single or double spaced, using any standard font of 12-point size, on 8 1/2 X 11-inch white bond paper.

Do Not list your identification on the typed pages. Staple all fiction submissions separately (do not staple poetry pages) and include a blank envelope sealed shut with the enclosed entry form provided below and your entry fee.

Restrictions: No erotica and no political or racial comments. Do not mix prose and poetry—keep each contest separate. No e-mail, paper submissions only. Violations may result in disqualification. No refunds.

Mail all submissions to: Del Garrett, 806 Rhoden Rd, Judsonia, AR 72081. **Make checks or money orders payable to: B. Odell Garrett.** Do Not Send Cash. All submissions will be shredded 30 days after the deadline. All rights are automatically returned to the author effective January 1st, 2017. We do not publish your work.

Contest Deadline is December 31st, 2016. Winners will be announced and prizes mailed on March 1st, 2017.

For more information about me, please visit my web site:

www.authorsden.com/delgarrett

ENTRY FORM – Please Print Carefully

Fiction—Number of Entries: 1 2 3 (circle number) **Total Entry Fee** _____

Poetry—Number of Entries: 1 2 3 (circle number) **Total Entry Fee** _____

Your Name _____

Pen Name for the Certificate? _____

Address _____

E-Mail _____