

The Creative Writer

White County Creative Writers

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Members seem to prefer informal plots

At last month's meeting, the group discussed various type of plots used in genre writing. Several members offered specific examples, most agreed that the simpler approach is preferred over elaborate, in-depth plotting.

The informal approach to plotting lends itself to that particular style known as the "character-driven" plot where the characters lead over action. An informal approach allows for new ideas to be inserted into the story whereas formal, rigid plotting can result in stiff-sounding characters and action.

Any novel or short story should have strong character development so readers can identify with them. Readers can then feel he or she is standing in the room, riding the old west trail, tasting the salty sea or dodging bullets fired at them by Russian agents. Reader participation is the other end of storytelling. Writers tell the story, but readers' imaginations make it come alive in their minds.

The group also discussed what sort of contest WCCW would sponsor for its upcoming writers' conference.

General guidelines are a 2,000-word short fiction story with the subject centering around a theme: "Not As It Seems." More details will be discussed at this month's meeting.

In other events, we talked about the upcoming Arkansas Writers' Conference deadline contest deadline of April 27.

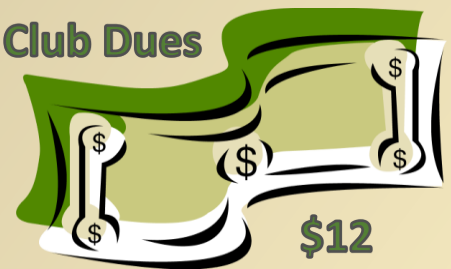
For more information see: <http://www.arkansaswritersconference.org/5.html>



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Kim Vernon explains her approach to plotting during last month's meeting..

Club Dues



**If you haven't yet paid,
see Amanda Partridge**

Next meeting

April 17, 2017
6:30 p.m. at
Simmons First Bank,
401 South Main Street in
Searcy. Bring anything
you are working on
for AWC.

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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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