

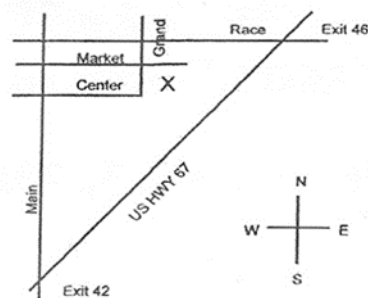
White County Creative Writers' 22th Annual Writers' Conference will be held on September 2, 2017 on the second floor of the American Heritage Conference Center at Harding University in Searcy, AR. Also featured are 20 writing contests, with contest awards presented during luncheon.

Deadline for Conference Registration is August 28, 2017. A registration fee of \$25.00 includes the luncheon. Participants may also register the morning of the conference, but lunch may not be included. **Tables for book sales must be reserved in advance** - \$5.00 for ½ table (approx. 30" x 36"). Make checks payable to White County Creative Writers, and mail to WCCW c/o Kim Vernon, P.O.Box 444, Pangburn, AR 72121

NOTE: Contest entry fees are NOT included in the conference fee. See Contest Regulations for details.

Questions? Call 501-580-0477 or e-mail my1stdraft@yahoo.com

Lodging available on site. 501-279-4700.



Directions

From US Hwy 67, take Searcy Exit 42 northward on Main or Exit 46 westward on Race. Harding University's American Heritage Conference Center (X) is at the corner of Center and Grand. (Map is not drawn to scale.)

Schedule

8:00 - 8:30 Registration
 8:30 - 8:45 Opening remarks
 8:45 - 10:00 **Frank W Brown *Getting it all Down*** - the importance of writing our memories and stories
Break
 10:15 -11:30 **Peggy Archer *Show, Don't Tell! Tips from a Picture Book Author*** Why is it important to 'show' instead of 'tell' in our stories? What do we show? Add some tools to help accomplish this. Then mix in examples from children's picture books to 'show' how to capture your reader's full attention.

11:30 - 1:00 **Break – luncheon and awards**
 1:00 - 2:15 **Shannon Taylor Vannatter *Avoiding Rejection and Redlines*** This class compiles a list of top twelve mistakes writers make revealed by published authors and editors. For each mistake, there is an easy fix. We'll cover timeline, passage of time, POV, show don't tell, continuity, keeping your character real, character confusion, wrangling backstory, avoiding backflips and contrivances, character reactions, must have elements of scenes, and repetitiveness. The result – clean copy that will grab the editor and make it hard for them not to offer you a contract again and again.

Break

2:30 – 4:00 **Peggy Archer *Using Rhythm and Rhyme to Make Your Poetry Sing—Tips from an Author of Children's Poetry*** Choose the right words, then put them together to create the right rhythm. Follow with tips to make your rhyme sublime! Then take a look at revisions that go from *ho-hum!* to *zing!* *Bring 4-8 lines of rhyming poetry for an in-session workshop*

Peggy Archer Peggy Archer writes fiction, poetry and non-fiction for children. Her newest picture book, A HIPPIY-HOPPY TOAD, won the SCBWI (Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators) Work-in-Progress award for picture book text, and will be published by Schwartz & Wade in Spring 2018.

Some of Peggy's picture books include NAME THAT DOG! Puppy Poems from A to Z, *Dial (Penguin)*, FROM DAWN TO DREAMS: Poems for Busy Babies, *Candlewick Press*, and TURKEY SURPRISE (a New York Times Bestseller), *Dial (Penguin)*. Her board books include FIND IT AT THE CONSTRUCTION SITE and FIND IT AT BEDTIME (*Highlights Press*). Peggy's story, **Double Exposure**, appears in CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL, ANGELS AND MIRACLES, 2016.

Peggy has worked as a pediatric nurse and school nurse. A native Hoosier from Indiana, she now lives with her husband in O'Fallon, Missouri.
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Frank W. Brown, MD, MBA Originally from Searcy, AR, Frank attended Harding College and earned his degrees at UAMS. Frank joined the Emory University School of Medicine in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences in 1989. He then served 17 years as the Chief Medical Officer for Wesley Woods Geriatric Hospital and is currently the Chief Quality Officer of Emory University Hospital in Atlanta and the Vice-Chairman for Clinical Operations for the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Emory.

Frank is a past-President of The American College of Psychiatrists and a former Treasurer of the American Psychiatric Association. Frank and his wife, Pam, reside in Stone Mountain, Georgia.

Frank has authored many articles, chapters and reviews for numerous professional texts, journals and newsletters. He is the author of *Guardian of the Memories: Searcy* (2008 co-winner of the Cloie Presley Writers' Award) that chronicles Frank's recollections about growing up in White County, Arkansas.

Award winning **Shannon Taylor Vannatter** writes contemporary Christian cowboy romance and has over a dozen published titles. After nine and a half years of striving for publication in the traditional market, her debut novel won the Inspirational Reader's Choice Award. She gleans fodder for her fiction in rural Arkansas where she spent her teenage summers working the concession stand with her rodeo announcing dad and married a Texan who morphed into a pastor.

Vannatter loves teaching at writer's meetings and conferences. She is available to speak for schools, colleges, churches, book clubs, and civic organizations. In her spare time, she loves hanging out with her husband and son, flea marketing, and doing craft projects.

<http://shannontaylorvannatter.com>

***** CONTESTS

- 1. Don't Believe Your Eyes-** Fiction where things aren't as they seem. 2000 word max. **Awards \$50/\$30/20.** *Sponsor: White County Creative Writers.*
- 2. 60/40 Award:** Essay about the teacher or coach who demanded excellence from you, and how that affected your life. 1500 word max. Must adhere to strict WCCW submission guidelines or will be disqualified. **(\$60/\$40)** Awards only for 1st and 2nd place—submit your best work. *Sponsor: Peggy Sanders.*
- 3. Zippy Kids Award** – A day in the life of a 19th century Arkansan seen through the eyes of a child. 1500 word max. *Sponsor: The Wantulok Family/Zippy Kids*
- 4. Don't Burst My Bubble** - Humorous fantasy short story with at least 1 balloon as a pivotal part of the plot. 2500 words max. *Sponsor: Carol Hodges.* BRIEF critique given if requested on 1st page.

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