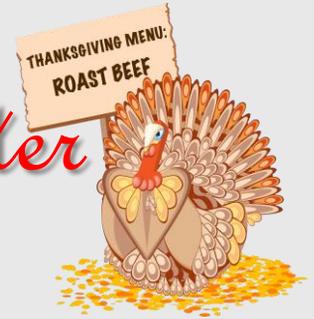




The Creative Writer

White County Creative Writers
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WCCW names new officers to lead for 2018

The White County Creative Writers group selected new officers to lead the club in 2018.

President Dot Hatfield, Vice President and Press Agent Del Garrett, Secretary Amanda Partridge, Treasurer Rhonda Roberts and Conference Chair Kim Vernon will take office in January.

Items discussed at the last meeting include lesson plans for November and December. For the November meeting, it was decided that club members would write about their Halloween experiences – who came to the door, what kind of monsters, anything unusual – an open category.

Remember that there is a three page limit (with top white space) structured in standard format for prose, but poems are one page. Single or double spaced.

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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 del.garrett.s0ke@gmail.com. Deadline for reader submission is seven days prior to each month's meeting. WCCW reserves the right to edit all submissions.

For 2018

- President**
Dot Hatfield
- Vice President**
- Press Agent/Editor**
Del Garrett
- Treasurer**
Rhonda Roberts
- Secretary**
Amanda Partridge
- Conference Chair**
Kim Vernon
- Webmaster**
Steve May

For December, members traditionally write a short story or poem, following the same guidelines, so everyone gets the chance to have their material read. Christmas writings are not to be labeled with writers' names, because the program is a 'guessing game' to see if they can be identified by their writing style.

Good news for James Bond fans, 007 to continue fighting bad guys

Jeffery Deaver, best known for his quadriplegic detective Lincoln Rhyme, the star of books including *The Bone Collector* and *The Stone Monkey*, has been commissioned to write a new Bond novel by Fleming's estate.

The new book, currently known as *Project X*, will be set in the present day, unlike Sebastian Faulks's recent addition to the Bond legacy, *Devil May Care*, which took place in 1967.

Deaver's book is due to be published in May.

**Next meeting
Nov. 20,
6:30 p.m., at
Simmons First Bank,
401 South Main
Street in Searcy.**

Have you considered self-publishing your book?

Jane Austen's novel *Sense and Sensibility* was first published in 1811. Austen began writing the book in 1795, when she was about 19 years old. She called it *Elinor and Marianne*, after the Dashwood sisters who are the novel's main characters.

In its original incarnation, the book was an epistolary novel, told entirely through letters. A couple of years later, Austen revised it into a narrative format, but then she set the book aside for more than a decade.

In 1809, Austen took up the story of Elinor and Marianne Dashwood again, putting it through another round of revisions. Finally, a London publisher named Thomas Egerton agreed to publish her novel in three volumes.

Austen paid for the novel's printing and advertising, and agreed to pay Egerton a commission. It was a financially risky arrangement for the author, but *Sense and Sensibility* turned a profit. Austen wrote to her brother: "You will be glad to hear that every copy of S. & S. is sold & that it has brought me £140, besides the copyright, if that [should] ever be of any value. I have now therefore written myself into £250 which only makes me long for more. Egerton agreed to publish her second novel, a book that had begun as *First Impressions* in 1796, but ended up being called *Pride and Prejudice* in 1813.

Pulitzer Prize winner, Eudora Welty, called *Sense and Sensibility* as nearly flawless as any fiction could be.

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How to write a writer's bio

Make sure you write your bio in 3rd person!

Example - If you haven't published anything:

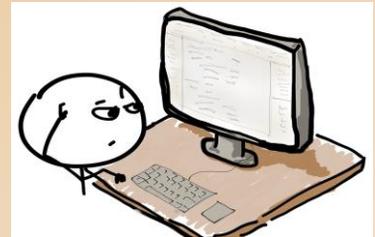
Thomas Wright holds a BFA in writing from the University of Something. He is a librarian in Someplace Ohio. (Or he lives and works in Ohio). It is acceptable to say he works as a librarian and lives with his wife and three cats in Ohio. No reason to get fancy!

Examples - with previous publications:

Mike Ward is a truck driver who holds a degree from Southern University. He has published work with Green Hat, Wow Magazine, Topland, Holy Cow, Whoa, and many others. He lives in Dallas, Texas, with his wife and three children.

Melissa Ward is a belly dancer who holds a degree in Physics from UCLA. In 2012 she was awarded the What the Heck writing award. She has work forthcoming in Green Hat, Wow Magazine, Topland, Holy Cow, and her work has appeared in many other publications. She currently lives and works in Cleveland, Ohio.

You want your bio to make your publication look good and professional.



Deadline Approaching

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.

Welcome to the Triple Scoop Fiction and Poetry contests.

There are three chances to win in each category.

Prizes are \$50 for 1st place; \$35 for 2nd place and \$15 for 3rd place.

Contest Rules: You may enter up to three submissions in each separate contest. Each submission will be considered for all prizes. Entry fees are \$5 for the first entry, \$3 for each additional entry.

Poetry—one page only, single or double spaced, limit three entries.

Fiction—limit three entries, maximum three pages each entry.

Use standard format: 12-point size font, double spaced, on 8 ½ X 11-inch white bond paper.

Do Not list your identification on the typed pages.

Include a cover sheet with your name, address, e-mail, title of your entry and first line of story or poem.

Place this cover letter and your entry fee in a sealed envelope stapled to your submission.

Staple all fiction submissions separately (do not staple poetry pages).

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, 2018. We do not publish your work.

Contest Deadline is December 31st, 2017.

Winners will be announced and prizes mailed on March 1st, 2018.

For more information about me, please go to Amazon.com and enter my name in the search window for books.

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