

The Creative Writer

White County Creative Writers

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Kim Vernon, Del Garrett discuss new books; lesson plan covers how to write for newspapers, magazines

The January meeting began promptly at 6:30 p.m., with seven members present. A treasurer's report was not available, and there were no minutes from last month because December was the Christmas Party.

Several members in attendance paid 2018 dues – Jason, Kim, Gary R., Gary B, Chris and Del.

Kim Vernon showed a copy of her poetry collection *A Rhyme for Every Season*, which was published on Create Space in December, and is available on Amazon.

Del Garrett showed a copy of his horror story collection, *Vault of Terror* which will be available on Amazon later this week.

Next meeting

Feb. 19. 6:30 p.m.,
Simmons First Bank,
401 South Main Street
in Searcy.

The Creative Writer

is a monthly newsletter for the White County Creative Writers 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.

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He congratulated and thanked contributors, including several from WCCW. Del announced that he will open submissions in March 2018 for Volume 2. He also hinted that he plans to seek submissions for a collection of western short stories by the summer.

The lesson plan was an introduction to writing for newspapers and magazines. Calling it very formula driven, Del pointed out that many people have successfully crossed over between journalism to creative writing.

He used the handout attached to last month's newsletter to explain various leads and the formula pattern known as the 'Inverted Pyramid' to show how editors keep stories intact while cutting them for space by cutting from the bottom of the manuscript.

Heber Springs shop wants your books

Melinda Lafevers writes, "This is from a friend of mine, named Vickie Wicker. Her shop is called River's Bend, and she has a facebook page for it." <https://www.facebook.com/riversbendhebersprings/>

Wicker says: "I have opened a little craft gallery and (future) smoothie shop up in Heber Springs. I'd like to carry a selection of books by our local writers. If you, are anyone you know, has a book they'd like to put in our shop, please feel free to pass this along. Also, the book that has one of my stories in it is published. The book is called *More Alternative Truths*, and I was so excited when I got the author's list - a number of Hugo and Nebula winners in it."

Kim Vernon debuts first book of poetry

In her debut collection of poems, *A Rhyme for Every Season*, Kimberly Vernon expresses herself in deeply emotional lyrics of love and an appreciation of life.

The book, now available on Amazon.com, is a diverse collection of previously unpublished poems ranging from mundane to humorous to gut-wrenching emotions, and all levels in between. Her poetry and short stories have won several local, state and regional contests, most notably the 2015 Lucidity Ozark Poetry Retreat Grand Prize.

“This book would not have been possible without the love and encouragement of my family and friends, who believed in me, even when I didn’t,” she said. She also expressed her gratitude for the support she received from her colleagues in the writing clubs she attends – White County Creative Writers and Gin Creek Poets, a branch of Poets' Roundtable of Arkansas.



In Memoriam Dusty Richards

Ronald Lee Richards, known to most as Dusty Richards, passed away Jan. 18, 2018. He was born Nov. 11, 1937 in Chicago, to John and Jean (Hogenbirk) Richards.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father and his wife, Patricia Richards.

Dusty married Patricia Donahoe on June 5, 1961 at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Fayetteville, Ark. He lived in Springdale, in the Sonora Community.

Dusty is survived by daughters, Anna Barnes and husband, Bryan of Siloam Springs and Rhonda Albrecht and husband, Wolfgang of Fayetteville; a brother, Jim Richards of Rogers; a sister, Sandy Lundy and husband, Bob of Cannon Beach, Ore.; grandchildren, Jessica (Barnes) Smith and husband, Derek, Montana Barnes and wife, Ashley, Courtney (Albrecht) Watson and husband, Shane and Erich Albrecht; great-grandchildren, Trypp and Mya Stephenson, Cayden and Wyatt Barnes, Cheyenne and Paisley (Sweetpea) Watson and Kalie and Kambry Smith; brother-in-laws, Dennis Donahoe of Hindsville Ark. and Michael Donahoe and wife, Joyce of Lincoln, Ark.; sister-in-laws, Karen Beebe of Lincoln, and Rita Walker and husband, John Clark of Berryville, Va.; and many nieces and nephews.

A prolific writer of over 160 western novels and short stories, his most recent “The Mustang and the Lady” made into the movie, “Painted Woman.” He was a three-time winner of the prestigious Spur Award, an Arkansas Writers Hall of Fame inductee, a speaker, judge, and mentor to many. RIP, Dusty!



Globe Library

People have until the end of April to enter their short stories in the contest run by the Globe Community Library in Stokesley, Yorkshire, GB.

There are two categories, one for young writers aged between 14 and 17 and another for those aged 18 and over.

There will be a first prize of £100 and a £50 prize for the runner-up in both categories.

Library manager Jane Hall said: "There are no restrictions on the subject matter; as long as it hasn't been published before.

"It's our first contest and we're trying to test out new ideas out with it being our first year and trying to promote more literature and literature-based activities in the Globe."

The closing date is 5 p.m., Monday, April 30.

Entry to the contest is free and entry forms are available by emailing: <http://library.theglobe@gmail.com>

Hungar Mountain Non-Fiction

Hunger Mountain accepts postal entries for contests. Entries must be postmarked by March 15th and accompanied by your \$20.00 entry fee – send a check or money order made out to *Vermont College of Fine Arts*. Please enter an original unpublished piece of creative nonfiction, no more than 10,000 words. **Your name and address should NOT appear on the essay itself**; we read contest entries blind. Instead of writing your name on the manuscript, enclose an index card with the essay title, your name, address, phone number, and email address. Entries must be typed, double-spaced, and on one side of the paper only.

Send entry and \$20.00 entry fee to:

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For more information:

<http://hungermtn.org/contests/creative-nonfiction-prize/>

Arkansas Writers' Conference

It's time once again for the Arkansas Writers' Conference contests. All categories may be entered for one price only -- \$20.

For more information, see their web site:

<http://www.arkansaswritersconference.org/>