

The Creative Writer

White County Creative Writers
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Amanda Partridge gives WCCW members 'sound' advice on their writing

During April's meeting, Amanda Partridge gave a presentation on "The Sound of Your Writing." based on Ursula K. Le Guin's *Steering the Craft: A Twenty-First Century Guide to Sailing the Sea of Story*.

Partridge spoke about the challenges and opportunities of the modern era this simple guide to the craft of writing offers. The basic question in crafting a sentence is ... Does it sound right?

Whether you write prose or poetry, paying attention to how your story or poem sounds, helps smooth out

the finished product.

Most people read to themselves, but your mind "hears" the words as they appear on the pages.

This month's meeting will be presented by Del Garrett, former newspaper and magazine editor, on the simplicity of punctuation..

"Writers, in developing their own personal style, must pay attention to how publishers use punctuation and how some of them break all the rules," he said.

He added that the best policy is the KISS principle – Keep It Simple, Stupid!



Tamara Clymer Penni Jones
AWC announces its keynote speakers

Keynote speakers for the Arkansas Writers' Conference are Tamara Clymer, who earned her journalism degree from Kansas State University. She has both print and broadcast experience and now publishes Christian books; and Penni Jones, author of *On the Bricks* and *Kricket*, books about young women doing what they can to survive under an oppressive system.

AWC is June 2.

<http://www.arkansaswritersconference.org/5.html>

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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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Next Meeting

May 21,
 6:30 p.m.,
 Simmons First Bank,
 401 South Main St.
 Searcy, Ark.



2018 Writing Contests

L. Ron Hubbard Writers of the Future Contest: Whatever your feelings about L. Ron Hubbard's work and philosophy, the prizes for this regular contest are nothing to sneeze at. Every three months, winners earn \$1,000, \$750 and \$500, or an additional annual grand prize worth \$5,000. Submissions must be short stories or novelettes (up to 17,000 words) in the genre of science fiction or fantasy, and new and amateur writers are welcome to apply.

Web site: <http://www.writersofthefuture.com/enter-writer-contest/>

Deadlines: Quarterly on **Jan. 1, April 1, July 1 and Oct. 1.**

New Voices Award: Presented by Lee & Low Books, an award-winning children's book publisher, this award is given for a previously unpublished children's picture book manuscript (of no more than 1,500 words) written by a writer of color.

The winner receives \$1,000 cash and a standard publication contract. You may submit up to two manuscripts.

Web Site: <https://www.leeandlow.com/writers-illustrators/new-voices-award>

Deadline: Manuscripts will be accepted from **April 1, 2018** through **Aug. 31, 2018** and must be postmarked within that period.

2-4-2 Poetry Contest –

Prizes: \$100 Cash Prize

Fees: \$9.95

Write a poem with only three lines to enter this poetry contest. The first line should have only two syllables. The second line should have four syllables and the third line two syllables again. Cash prize to the winner!

Web Site: <https://www.freelancewriting.com/contest/9393/>

Deadline: October 9, 2018

North Street Book Prize: Your self-published book can win up to \$3,000 plus expert marketing services.

Web Site: https://winningwriters.com/our-contests/north-street-book-prize?gclid=Cj0KCQjw5-TXBRCHARIsANLixNx6QB65LZ2i2KUhbyspmkfkUpc5IzE2sjFMF9Imng7x_z0dL1Fo4aAtHiEA
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Deadline: Now through June 30, 2018.

Good Luck, Everyone!