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# The Creative Writer

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## WCCW readies for Aug. 31 conference

Coming out of a successful Arkansas Writers' Conference, club members are ready to win again in contests sponsored for this year's WCCW event, and to welcome speakers to hear new ideas.

White County Creative Writers' 24th Annual Writers' Conference will be held Aug. 31 on the second floor of the American Heritage Conference Center at Harding University in Searcy. Contest awards will be presented during the luncheon.

Conference registrations must be postmarked by Aug. 28, 2019. A registration fee of \$25 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 at \$5 for half-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.

#### **Next meeting**

July 15, 2019, 6:30 p.m. Simmons First Bank 401 South Main Searcy, Ark.

### 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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### Kim Vernon featured in Daily-Citizen

Ally Randolph of the Searcy Daily-Citizen recently interviewed WCCW member Kimberly Vernon for a short bio sketch of one of our most prolific writers.

Timing for the article couldn't have been any better. It gave Vernon, who is the conference chair, an opportunity to tell the public about the upcoming WCCW Writers' Conference.

In the interview, Vernon explained how WCCW has helped her develop her writing skills and focus better on the point she is trying to make with each piece she writes.



Kimberly Vernon

### July's meeting tests writers' punctuation skills

Remember those days in high school English class where you had to correctly place a comma here, a semi-colon there and end a sentence with the proper punctuation mark? For some of us, that's back in the days of ducktail hair cuts, taps on your shoes, poodle skirts and pennies in your loafers. Well, no loafing on this one. Vice President John McPherson, our activity guru, handed out a "pop quiz" for this month's meeting. Good luck, everyone.

## John's Homework Quiz

Just in case you misplaced your copy

WCCW Assignment For July

Punctuate This Paragraph

In general the writer who did well in college earning As and Bs knows that a young aspiring middle grade novelist has an equally good reason to join the writers group because what it is is a line up of super creative people who for conscience sake treat it like a subgroup of their audience to gauge the readers sensibilities and practice copy editing something they started In the 1960s and 1970s because it was in the founders words far out

## **Contests**

<u>I've been telling you about the Zoetrope Screenplay Contest I entered. Here are both</u> writing contests they are sponsoring (copy and paste the URL). ~ Del

**Stories 2019: Twenty-Third Annual Zoetrope: All-Story Short Fiction Competition** 

**STATUS: Accepting Submissions** 

Deadline: Tuesday, October 1 (in 86 Days)

https://www.zoetrope.com/contests/stories-2019/

Screenplays 2019: Seventeenth Annual American Zoetrope Screenplay Competition

**Guest Judge: Francis Ford Coppola** STATUS: Accepting Submissions

Early Deadline: Thursday, August 1 (in 25 Days)
Final Deadline: Thursday, September 5 (in 60 Days)
https://www.zoetrope.com/contests/screenplays-2019/