



The Creative Writer

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Members practice elevator pitches

Long-time member Rhonda Roberts was our educational speaker for the January meeting. Rhonda explained to the group what an elevator pitch is and then lead the group in writing some examples. An elevator pitch is where a story is distilled to two or three sentences. The principle is to have your story or book condensed to the point that if you met a publisher in an elevator, you could “sell” your idea in the time it took to get to the next floor. All members attempted a pitch, and much was learned from the shared efforts and feedback.

Homework: Gary Rodgers gave a homework assignment for February meeting. Members are to write a blog article and email it to a fellow member for a critique. Based on the critique, the blog is revised by the writer and sent to Steve May for consideration for publication in the WCCW blog.

Members share new successes:

Anthony Wood’s short story, “Somebody Else’s Gold,” was published in Fall/Winter issue of *Saddlebag Dispatches*. Dot Hatfield was published in the *Not Dead Yet* anthology. Gary and Kim Rodgers will be published in the *Kanab Writers Conference 2019 Anthology*. Kim will also be published in the spring issue of *Bumple* on-line children’s magazine and the June issue of *Prairie Times* magazine. Both John McPherson and Anthony Wood were published in *The Avocet*, a poetry journal.

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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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Next meeting:

NOTE NEW LOCATION

Feb 17, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

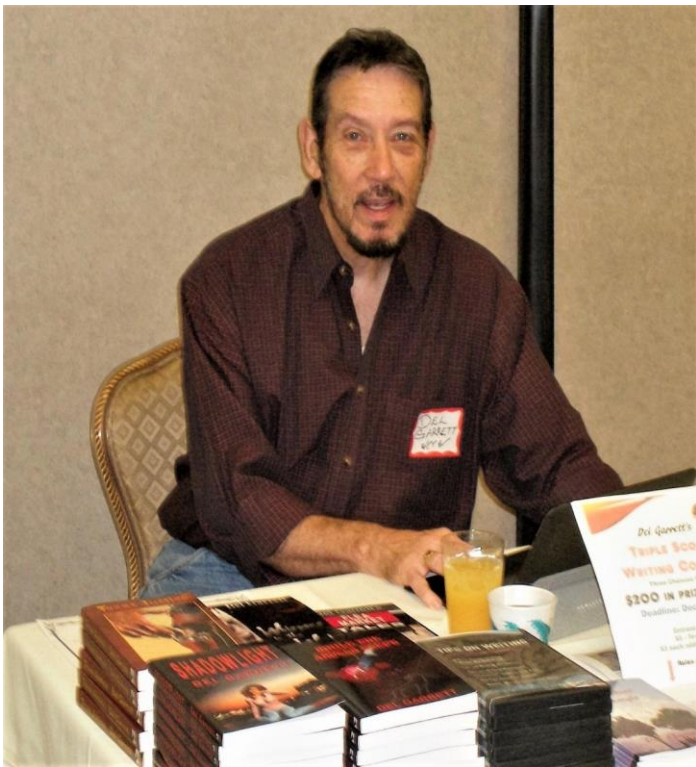
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SPOTLIGHT

Del Garrett



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Long time WCCW member and Arkansas Hall of Fame writer Del Garrett is the author of five novels: [Texas Justice](#), [While the Angels Slept](#), [Shadowlight](#), [The El Dorado Trail](#), and [Whispers in the Wind—The Search for Jack the Ripper](#), plus an anthology of short stories [Del Garrett's Flea Market Tales](#). He has won an international award for Best Historical Western Fiction, as well as many local and regional awards. Not limited to a specific genre, Del has written poetry published by the Missouri Poetry Society and short fiction published in Pro SE Presents, Gateway Science Fiction, Blood Moon Rising, and Storyteller Magazine . In addition, Del owns Raven's Inn Press where he self-publishes and publishes books and anthologies by other writers.

Del loves nothing better than to share his experience and knowledge with new writers. He is always willing to offer encouragement and advise to fellow writers.

Del is an active member and former president of both the Fiction Writers of Central Arkansas and White county Creative Writers, as well as a former officer of the Penpoint Writers Group. He serves as press agent for WCCW. In addition to writing, Del is an acclaimed martial arts practitioner. He holds black belts in four systems, and has twice been inducted into the Universal Martial Arts Hall of Fame and once in the Arkansas Natural State Classic's Hall of Honors.