



# The Creative Writer

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## Christmas party wraps up end of year club activities

In keeping with tradition, White County Creative Writers shared an end of the year Christmas dinner and shared their writings—those being without a byline so members could play a ‘gussing game’ to try and identify the creative geniuses who penned them. As usual, there were hits and misses on the guesswork, but noverall each selected met with a round of applause.

The January meeting will kick off the new year with enthusiasm. Rhonda Roberts will do a presentation on how to prepare a three—line elevator pitch. What’s a three-line elevator pitch? Come to the meeting and find out. Each month the idea is to expose new ideas or to enrich club members’ understanding of basic crafting.

After the presentation, there will be an application exercise for everyone to get an idea of what is expected.

At the end of the meeting Gary Rodgers will pass out or announce a homework assignment for the February meeting.

### Next meeting

Jan. 20, 2020, 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](mailto: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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## 2020 New Year’s writing resolution guidelines

- 1. First, create a planning notebook.** Technology is great. But some of us do better with a visual. Try using a three-ring binder, with divider tabs so you can easily rearrange as necessary.
- 2. Create a separate section for each project** you’re working on or plan to work on. Within that section, describe the project, jot notes of any plans or ideas of where you want to go, etc. Add notes to these sections any time you think of something pertaining to a specific project.
- 3. For each project, list the Next First Step** — the next physical action needed to move that project farther along. List any other steps you can identify but highlight or circle the actual first step.
- 4. Create a TO DO list on the front page of the notebook**, listing all of your first steps. This way, you have a clear grasp of exactly what you need to do for each of your current projects.
- 5. Every time you carve out a few minutes**, refer to this TO DO list and work on one of the steps.
- 6. When you complete a step, mark it off and update your project section.** Figure out the next first step for that project and add it to the TO DO list. Or better yet, keep rolling and knock out the whole project.

--*Suggestions taken from WCCW Blog by Kim Vernon Rodgers.*

# SPOTLIGHT

Betty Sue Slaughter



## *In Memoriam*



**Betty Sue Slaughter**  
July 16, 1928 – Dec. 10, 2019

**Betty Sue Slaughter**, 91, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2019. She was born to the late Doug and Hazel (Gowen) Smith on July 16, 1928 in Searcy, Ark. Betty was an avid reader, writer, and known as a musician. She was a graduate of Harding University with a Bachelor of Arts in English with an emphasis in Literature.

Betty was a member of the White County Creative Writers who, after many years of being a wife, mother, employee, business owner, and other things, found time to write about the people she knew and loved.

“I like to write and to learn from others,” is how she described herself. “I find that association with people having a common interest benefits everyone.”

Betty wrote about her favorite subject; her early life during the Great Depression and World War II. She also sketched and produced her own greeting cards using sites around Searcy, some of which no longer exist. Examples of her work include the Victorian house where she grew up and the White County Courthouse.

She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.