



The Creative Writer

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May meeting gives fresh air to club activities

In keeping with the six-foot distancing for the Corona virus, White County Creative Writers held its May meeting in the Shelter Insurance parking lot on Beebe Capps.

Del Garrett gave thanks to Kim Vernon-Rodgers for doing the WCCW newsletter since his heart surgery. He announced that he is back and will resume doing the newsletter.

Members discussed judges for WCCW's sponsored contest for AWC. Gary Breezeel volunteered as judge. Dot Hatfield and Debra Middleton volunteered as judges for the Betty Slaughter contest for WCCW Conference. Donna Nelson volunteered as judge for the Peggy Archer poetry contest for WCCW Conference. Co-judges are welcome to volunteer. Gary Rodgers volunteered as judge for Lisa Lindsey's short story contest for WCCW Conference.

Kim Vernon-Rodgers, conference chair, announced that WCCW Conference speakers will be: JC Crumpton (Writing mystery/suspense, World Building) and Meg Welch Dendler (Writing for Children, Run with Inspiration Workshop). Dot Hatfield was added after the meeting to speak on How to Write a stage play.

Dot Hatfield asked about the WCCW Conference brochures. Kim Vernon-Rodgers said she needs additional information from speakers. Steve May suggested shrinking the information section in brochures. Kim suggested a note referencing the WCCW website for contest rules.

Kim Vernon-Rodgers suggested members update their profiles on the WCCW website.

She also suggested separate sections for active, inactive, and deceased members. Rhonda Roberts stated that David Roper, founder of WCCW, needs to be recognized and honored on the website. Dot Hatfield suggested website list active members first, then others and honorary members next. Steve May suggested an "active" column and an "others" column.

Rhonda Roberts read the list of members who have paid member dues for 2020. and announced a cash contest due June 1, any genre, any topic, written in the month of May 2020, with exactly 1873 words not counting the title.

Kim Vernon-Rodgers has a memoir that will be published in *Good old Days Magazine*. Possible publication date will be the October issue.

Del Garret is publishing an anthology and will provide more information at our next meeting. He stated the theme will be based on actions your parents or you have done to get through life.

Several members read entries they prepared or submitted using Arkansas Writers' Conference contest guidelines.

--Donna Nelson

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If you have news stories or photos

to share, send them to del.garrett.s0ke@gmail.com.

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Kim Vernon Rodgers



Photo by Gary Rodgers

Kim Vernon Rodgers not only writes, she spends much of her time coordinating speakers for the WCCW conference and sponsoring contests.

Kim Vernon Rodgers has been writing since she was in elementary school. She writes short stories and poems about life as she sees it. She is serving in her fourth year as conference chair for WCCW.

She has been published in The Vault of Terror anthology, WCCW anthology, Southern Anthology Volume 3 from WOW Publishing.

She has some short essays that will appear in Prairie Times Magazine and Good Old Days Magazine later this year.

Her poem *Tangled* won the Grand Prize at Lucidity in 2015. She has won numerous awards from Arkansas Writers' Conferences, White County Creative Writers conferences, Grand Prairie Festival of the Arts and the Arkansas State Fair for short stories, poetry, and essays.

A collection of her poetry, *A Rhyme for Every Season* is available on Amazon.

She studied Sociology at the University of Central Arkansas. She loves animals and has rescued many over the years.

A native of Pangburn, Ark., she now lives within a few miles of where she grew up, sharing her home with husband Gary Rodgers, also a Jan. 1, 2019.

Her blog site can be found at <https://kimberlyvernon.blogspot.com/>. She can be reached at Kimber.vernon@gmail.com.

Besides writing and her work in animal rescue, Kim has work experience in accounts payable/receivable for small businesses, office management, social services eligibility worker and bartender and waitressing.

Kim loves to travel and hopes to see all 50 states when she can.