



The Creative Writer

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June meeting establishes membership guide

During the June meeting the treasurer's report showed a balance of \$2,431.24.

Dot Hatfield announced she has mailed brochures for the WCCW Conference (Sept. 5, 2020). She asked for mailing addresses for those who did not receive a brochure.

Discussion continued from May meeting concerning member listings on the WCCW website. Members agreed on two classifications of members: 1) active, and 2) legacy.

Rhonda Roberts stated David Roper, founder of WCCW, should be listed as a legacy member. Kim Vernon-Rodgers stated Peggy Sanders and Betty Slaughter should also be listed as legacy

Members discussed how long a member could stay on the website member list without paying annual dues. It was agreed that members who have not attended meetings in two years should be taken off the active member list. Secretary will go over list before next meeting and email listed members who have not been attending to see if they want to stay as active members. Del Garrett suggested putting a notice in the newsletter that states we are updating our member list.

Kim Vernon-Rodgers gave an update on WCCW conference. A new catering company has taken charge of the meal, and Kim was unable to get much information. She will stay in contact for more details. Rhonda Roberts said she will help by reaching out to her contacts at Harding University.

Gary Breezeel asked if members could enter WCCW Conference contests that are sponsored by our members. Members agreed it is okay to enter any contest that you did not sponsor or are not acting as judge.

Dot Hatfield announced that she is being inducted into the Arkansas Writers' Hall of Fame at the Arkansas Writers' Conference on Aug. 1, 2020. Congratulations, Dot!

John McPherson placed second honorable mention in the National Federation of State Poetry Societies' Annual Contest. Kim Vernon-Rodgers has a story published in *Prairie Times*. Del Garrett has published and released his third volume of the *Vault of Terror* anthology.

Del Garrett announced he is publishing an anthology on how to get by during life. This anthology is open submission with a deadline on December 31, 2020. Some examples for submission would be "How to build...How to make...etc." Stories may include illustrations and diagrams. Del will follow-up the announcement with a flyer of requirements.

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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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SPECIAL NOTICE: ARE YOU A MEMBER?

White County Creative Writers Group is in the process of updating its website. Do you wish to remain on the current membership list? If so, please submit annual dues of \$12 by Aug. 1, 2020, to Treasurer Rhonda Roberts and let Secretary Donna Nelson know so you will be listed as an active member. Also, check the Meet Our Members listing on the web page to ensure your current photo and brief biography are up to date.

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Rhonda Roberts announced the winner of her “1873 Winner Takes All” contest. There were five entries from WCCW members. The winner was Kim Vernon-Rodgers. Congratulations, Kim!

Gary Rodgers gave S.M.A.R.T. handouts to members to use for goal planning for their writing. S.M.A.R.T. stands for Specific, Measurable, Actionable, Realistic, and Time-bound.

Members discussed ideas on how to find time to write and how to find our individual why for writing.

Announcements: 1) July meeting will be July 20, 2020 at Shelter Insurance building. 2) WCCW conference is September 5, 2020. Registration deadline is August 31. Contest deadline is July 23, 2020. --Donna Nelson



Courtesy Photo
Casey Cowan of Oghma Publishing (left) congratulates Gary Rodgers on his 2019 1st Place Oxbow contest win. His short story “One Arm of the Law” has been published in the summer edition of Saddlebag Dispatches. Congratulations, Gary!

Next meeting

July. 20, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

Meet inside the Shelter Insurance office on Beebe-Capps. We will have to follow the CDC guidelines of course. Steve May will do a presentation on non-fiction. Kim will give an update on the conference with possible discussions on any changes.

SPOTLIGHT

Gary Breezeel



Gary L. Breezeel is a former attorney, minister, and government accountant. Throughout all those career changes, he dreamed of being a writer when he grew up. Finally, upon retirement from his position with the U. S. Department of Defense, he fulfilled his dream.

Gary moved to Arkansas in 2010 with his wife of more than 40 years to be closer to his grandchildren. In addition to his writing, he fills his days with reading, feeding his television addiction, touring Arkansas, and attending sports and other activities involving his grandchildren.

A member of American Christian Fiction Writers, he has written short stories in various genres, including mystery, romance, fantasy, and horror, as well as occasional essays and poems.

He has won numerous contests including Del Garrett's Gimme the Creeps Contest and his Triple Scoop Contest,, The Writers' Colony "Killer Thriller" Contest and the White County Creative Writers' Contest.

Gary has an undergraduate degree in Political Science, as well as a Law degree, and has done additional course work in Accounting and Biblical studies.

He has completed a draft of his first novel and is making progress toward getting it ready for publication. He has several other novels at various stages of completion. A number of Gary's short works have been published including "A Comedy of Errors" in Christmas Moments, Grace Publishing, 2014, as well as "Little Red Riding Hood Meets the Three Piggs", "A Leg to Stand On", and "Surprise Attack!", published in the WCCW Anthology of 2018.

He can be reached at gary.breezeel@att.net.

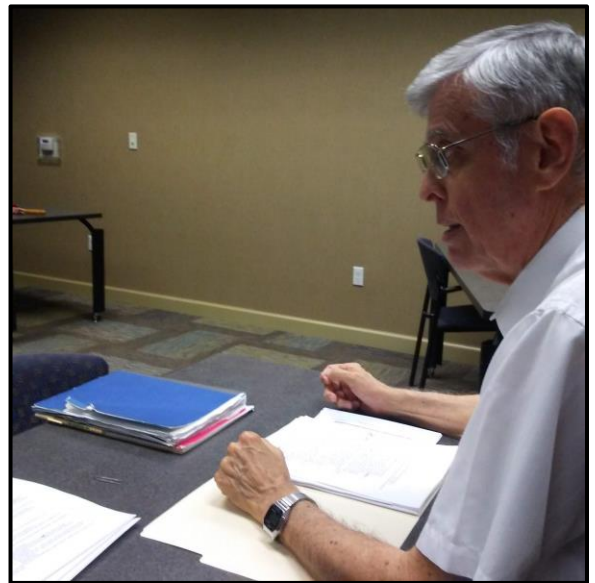


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Whether attending conferences, WCCW meetings, including presenting programs, Gary immerses himself with gusto in the writing business and lifestyle.