



The Creative Writer

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AWC names Dot Hatfield to Hall of Fame

Dot (Dorothy) Hatfield was inducted into the 2020 Arkansas Writers' Hall of Fame during the 76th Annual Arkansas Writers Conference, August 1. The event took place at the Hilton Garden Inn in North Little Rock.

The Arkansas Writers Conference began in 1944, under the guidance of the journalism department of Arkansas State Teachers College (now UCA) and continues to be sponsored each year by the Arkansas Pioneer Branch of the National League of American Pen Women. With presentations and workshops this event provides learning and networking for writers of all levels.

In 1989, the AWC instituted the Arkansas Writers' Hall of Fame, with at least one Arkansas writer being named to the Hall of Fame each year. To be eligible, an author must have a strong Arkansas connection and must have published at least three books, won a significant literary award, or demonstrated exceptional ability in column writing, editing, screenwriting, or playwriting.



Photo by Steve May

Dot Hatfield holds her Hall of Fame Award at 76th AWC conference.

Dot, past president of White County Creative Writers, has published four novels: *The Last to Know*, *To Find a Home*, *An Ordinary Day*, and *Worth the Candle*, the final debuting in 2019. Her one-act-play, *RIP, Emma Lou Briggs*, was produced at Center on the Square Performing Arts Theater in 2011. Her freelance work has appeared in several state and regional publications and numerous anthologies.

Dot is active in church and community projects, serving on the governing boards of The Shepherd's Center of Beebe and First United Methodist Mothers Day Out Ministry. A Certified Lay Speaker, her devotional writings have been featured in the Upper Room, Mature Living, Church Educator, and Ministry Now.

You can visit her blog at dothatfield.com.

(Editor's Note: Dot, I added your name to the Arkansas History Encyclopedia.)

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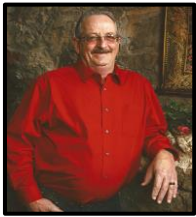
Aug. 17, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

Meet at the Shelter Insurance office on Beebe-Capps. We will have to follow the CDC guidelines of course. Anthony Wood will do a presentation on "Writing Historical Fiction", plus, a read around, time permitting.

AWC AWARD WINNERS

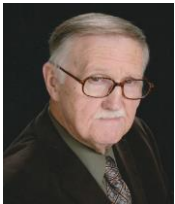
Eight members of the Searcy-based White County Creative Writers group dominated this year's 76th annual Arkansas Writers Conference held Aug. 1 in North Little Rock.

Kim Vernon-Rodgers won 1st place- Dilemma Award - *Treasure Hunt*; 1st place - Peggy Vining Memorial Essay- *Lunchbox Surprise*; 2nd place - Mistletoe Award - *Samson & Delilah*; 2nd place- Erdel Family Memorial Award - *More Than Meets the Eye*; 2nd place - Del Garrett's Gimme The Creeps Award- *A Change is Coming*; 2nd place - Jim Barton Memorial Poetry Contest – *Haiku*; 3rd place - Scott Plantation Settlement Award - *Tiger in the Barn*; 1stHM (Honorable Mention) - Carl J. Iannacone Memorial Award - *A Good Day for a Parade*; 2nd HM - AR Pioneer Branch NLAPW Prose Contest - *It's In the Mail*; and 2nd HM - AR Pioneer Branch NLAPW Poetry Contest - *A Day to Honor Mothers*.



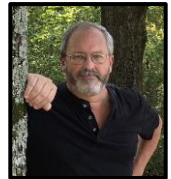
Gary Rodgers won 1st Place- Mistletoe Contest Award- *Late Night Rescue*; 1st Place- The Great Scrabble Scramble Award- *It's All In The Numbers*; 2nd Place- AP Pioneer Branch NLAPW Prose Award- *One Really Dead Cow*; 3rd Place- Musical Magical Mayhem Award- *The Truth Kazoo*; 3rd Place- Henry & Betty Heidelberger Memorial Award- *Rooting for Gold*; 3rd Place- Peggy Vining Memorial Essay Award- *Semi-Sweet Sixteen*; 1st HM- Dusty Richards Memorial Award- *Reunion of Brothers*; 2nd HM- Carl J. Iannacone Memorial Award- *Welcome Home, At Last*; 2nd HM- Del Garrett's Gimme The Creeps Award- *It's a Wolfman, Jack*; 3rd HM- Scott Plantation Settlement Award- *Life on Clay Road*; and 3rd HM- The Erdel Family Memorial Award- *Cover-Up at the Caverns*.

Gary Breezeel won 3rd Place – AR Pioneer Branch NLAPW Prose Contest Award -*The Nick of Time*; 3rd Place- The Great Scramble Contest Award- *Scrabbled Clues*; 3rd Place-A Touch of Magic Contest Award- *Not What I Wanted*; 3rd Place-Del Garrett's Gimme the Creeps Horror Contest Award- *What's Happening to Me?*; 3rd Place- Carl J. Iannacone Memorial Contest Award- *Old Glory Rediscovered*; 1st HM- Dorothy Truex Memorial Prose Contest Award- *Light on His Feet*; 1st HM- Scott Plantation Settlement Contest Award- *Keepsakes*; 1st HM- Dilemma Contest Award- *A Proper Garden*; 2nd HM- Henry & Betty Heidelberger Memorial Prose Contest Award - *Real Treasure*; 3rd HM- Dusty Richards Memorial Prose Contest- *Shot Down*; and 3rd HM- Mistletoe Contest Award- *Cat-tastrophe*.



John McPherson won 1st Place-David Goodgame Memorial Contest Award- *A Thank You Note--To One Master Chapwick--For Always Being Late*; 2nd Place AR Pioneer Branch NLAPW Poetry Contest Award- *Something of Value*; 1st HM- Del Garrett's Gimme The Creeps Award-*The Pleasure*; 1st HM- AR Pioneer Branch NLAPW Prose Contest Award- *Living in Mudville*; 1st HM Henry & Betty Heidelberger Memorial Prose Contest Award-- *Hidden Treasure in Great Grandma's Lower Forty*; and 2nd HM- The Jim Barton Memorial Poetry Contest Award-: *Haiku* (Untitled).

Anthony Wood won 2nd Place-Scott Plantation Settlement Award- *Family Dis-mantle*; 2nd Place- Peggy Vining Memorial Essay Award- *Blue Glove Blues*; 3rd Place- Dusty Richards Memorial Prose Award- *Not So Long in the Tooth*; and 1st HM- Fiction Who-Dunnit Award- *Old Man Jepson's Missing Car*.



Del Garrett won 2nd Place- WOW! Press Contest Award- *Old Man Simpson*; 1st HM- Erdel Family Memorial Award- *The Case of the Betrayed Actress*; and 3rd HM- AR Pioneer Branch NLAPW Poetry Contest Award- *Holidays Ahead*.



Mike Bass won 1st HM- David Goodgame Memorial Award- *Our Endearing Imperfections*



Sharon Freyaldenhoven won 3rd HM- Jim Barton Memorial Poetry Award- *Butterflies*.

Congratulations To All Our Winners!

SPOTLIGHT

Rhonda Roberts



Rhonda Roberts writes short stories, poetry, essays and memoirs.

In the last few years, she has focused primarily on writing for children.

Rhonda has been married to her best friend for 40 years, has two children and a grandcat named Eddie.

She has won several local, state and national awards, most notably the 2008 Highlights for Children Annual Fiction Contest. She has been twice honored as Author of the Month for Highlights.