



# The Creative Writer

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## Members discuss magazine writing, Christmas contests

Visitors last month included Donetta Bradford, Polly Vaughn, Leon Vaughn. John McPherson introduced the visitors who shared information about themselves and their writing.

The treasurer's report shows there are two outstanding deposits from the conference. Ending balance was \$1,053.68.

Rhonda Roberts announced she has reserved Daisy's Lunchbox on the Square for Dec. 21 from 6 to 8 p.m. for our annual Christmas Party. Cost is \$15 per person due at our next meeting on Nov. 16. Members may bring light desserts.

Kim Vernon-Rodgers shared Christmas contests are published on the WCCW website and our Facebook page. The description and word limit for the contests are: 1) Inspirational, Devotional or Christmas Memory, 250 words, to be published in Dot Hatfield's 2020 Advent Daily Devotional; 2) Christmas Poem, any form, 32 lines; and 3) Christmas Mystical Mystery short story with specific words – angel, blizzard, candle, decorate, eggnog, 1,000 words. Deadline is Nov. 16.

Gary Rodgers reminded members of the election of 2021 officers at our next meeting. For the lesson plan, Kim Vernon-Rodgers shared information on publishing our writing in magazines. She gave members four handouts: 1) Submissions, The Southern Review; 2) Good Ole Days Writers' Guidelines; 3) Where to Submit Short Stories: 30 Magazines and Websites That

Want Your Work; 4) Writer's Guidelines for Alfred Hitchcock's Mystery Magazine. Del Garrett shared information of "un-submitting" an article or item if you want the rights returned to you.

--Donna Nelson

### *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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## Congratulations to WCCW National Poetry Day winners

### John McPherson

Of Rivers, Trains, and Towns (3rd Place)  
More Than One Hall (2nd HM)  
Freddy the Rooster (2nd Place)  
Selective Memories (3rd Place)  
America, The Improbable Dream (1st Place)  
MiA Higher Call (1st Place)

### Donna Nelson

The Farmer's Battle (2<sup>nd</sup> Place)  
Unmended Heartbreak (3<sup>rd</sup> Place)  
Warrior Angel (2<sup>nd</sup> HM)  
Vazzervoo at the Zoo (2<sup>nd</sup> HM)  
How to Write a Poem (2<sup>nd</sup> HM)

### Laticia Harris

What Should I Be Today? (3<sup>rd</sup> Place)

## Next Meeting

Nov. 16,  
6:30 p.m.  
at Shelter

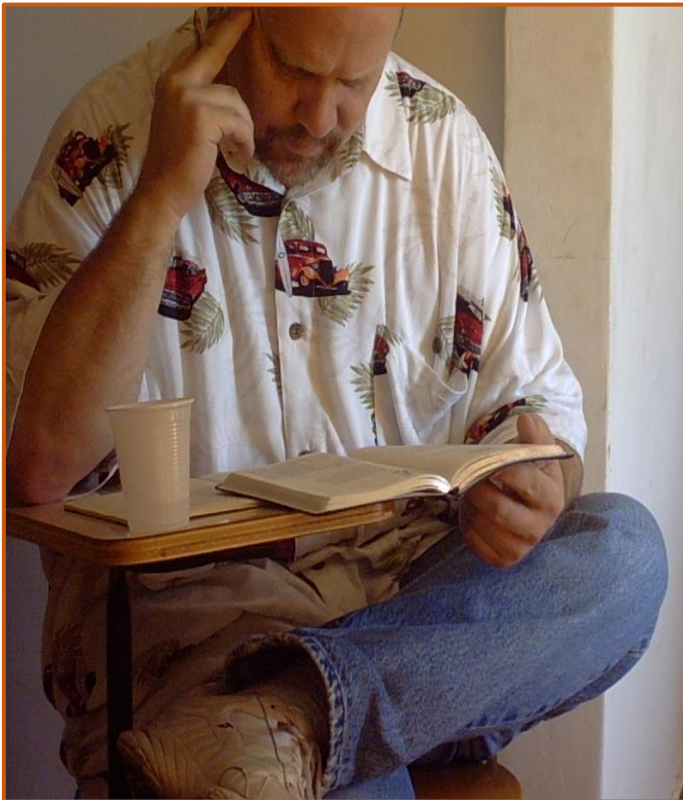
Insurance. Bring a  
mask, a chair and  
your Christmas  
contest entries.

# SPOTLIGHT

Steve May



For the past 25 years Steve May has worked with pastors and Bible teachers, providing tools to assist them in sermon / lesson preparation, as well helping them sharpen their communication and public speaking skills.



*Steve May pours over his study material.*

In addition to serving as pastor and worship leader in churches, Steve also spent 10 years doing ministry in poor communities in Rio de Janeiro: planting a church, preaching, teaching English classes, and building a medical clinic.

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