



The Creative Writer

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April meeting mostly mentions Conference updates

Rhonda \$Roberts secured a third speaker for the 2021 WCCW Conference. Deborah Butterfield will teach two sessions: 1) what Christian publishers are looking for, and 2) one-page submissions by attendees critiqued. Submissions will be anonymous. We have 15 contests so far and WCCW will raise its Western and Mystery contests to \$150 each. Members agreed to help defray the cost. Treasurer's report shows \$1793.68.

Members discussed historical fiction for Mike Bass. Lisa Lindsey's podcast launched to rave reviews on Facebook. She will post archived WCCW blogs from our website, record or read short snippets about writing or readings by members, and announce WCCW events and contests. Lisa will provide a link for our website and Facebook page.

Due to Del Garrett's health, limiting his time on the computer, there was no spotlight for this month's newsletter. Steve May agreed to pick up the task and offered the following schedule: May-Donna Nelson, June-Lisa Lindsey, July-Anthony Wood, and August-Latisha Harris. Members will provide a brief bio and short example of their writing.

Three members were recognized for winning awards for their work in various contests: Donna Nelson one 3rd place, John McPherson one 2nd place, and Mike Bass two 1st place wins. Members congratulated their fine work.

Ten members did a prose/poem read around having chosen a word or phrase prompt at last month's meeting. Kim read member Julia Zellner's prose in her absence. All readings were very much enjoyed by all. – *Anthony Wood*.

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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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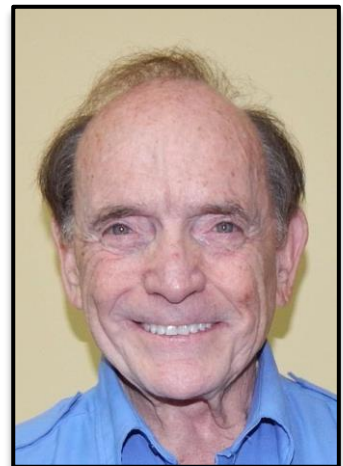
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Planning your story setting

One of the most overlooked aspects of writing is the setting. If you describe a western town as dusty, unpainted buildings, with bars frequented by rowdy cowboys ... that won't do. It doesn't give the "feel" you need to capture your reader. Go beyond what you see. What does the town smell like? What do you hear after a gunfight-people, barking dogs? The best way to describe setting is in the words of your characters. Let them tell your story. Have them gripe because steak costs 75 cents instead of 50 cents last month.



Courtesy Photo

Mike Bass will be our speaker in May. His topic: Writing Humor.

Next meeting

May 17, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

Meet inside the Shelter Insurance office on Beebe-Capps.

Wear your mask and bring a chair.



WHITE COUNTY CREATIVE WRITERS
Celebrate the 26th Annual WCCW Conference as a Sponsor!

- Please complete this 2021 White County Creative Writers Conference Contest Sponsorship Form and return with your check to contest chair Rhonda Roberts at the address below by April 9, 2021. If you have questions, please e-mail the contest chair at robertsfamilyark@yahoo.com. WCCW c/o Rhonda Roberts 620 Morris School Road Searcy AR 72143 Please Print: Complete information below:

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- _____ Open to all _____ Open to AR residents &/or Conference attendees

- Contest Name:

- Prose: fiction - genre: _____

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- Poetry: form _____

Subject: _____ Length: _____

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