



The Creative Writer

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Members discuss conference, upcoming Christmas contests

In last month’s meeting Rhonda Roberts reported treasury balance was 3,632.68. Eleven conference checks have yet to be cashed. Ending balance is projected to be around \$2,400 when all checks clear. Conference book sale coupons were a great success. Dot Hatfield sold seven books, Del Garrett sold six and Anthony Wood sold 12.

The conference went extremely well and there were no negatives about venue, food, or speakers. Bringing our own snacks, water, and coffee went well. Members signed a thank you card for Judge Mike Lincoln allowing us to use the fairground facility. All appreciated Rhonda Roberts for doing an excellent job leading the conference with Kim Vernon’s and Gary Rodgers’ help.

WCCW will offer a Christmas Contest this year with two entries: 1) a 300-word prose or 24-line poem devotional reflecting the Christian Advent season to be judged by Dot Hatfield, and 2) 1,200-1,500-word short story about gratitude to be judged by Rhonda Roberts. Each entry will be five dollars and participants may enter both and submit as many entries as they like. WCCW members may enter as well. No online submissions this time and all entries are to be mailed to Kim Vernon. Winners will receive cash prizes. Registration is open until Nov. 12, 2021.

Mike Bass shared an interesting and helpful talk about using humor in writing and how to create good humor and jokes. Next month’s assignment is to write a one-page or less humorous passage or joke, or a few lines of funny dialog, double spaced. The idea is to explore how to use humor as a way to add flavor to any type of writing. It does not need to be a complete story, just a passage.

We will have a brief presentation by Lisa Lindsey on *WorldBuilding* and how the concepts are useful in genres other than just fantasy.

After that, time permitting, we will share some of our humorous work in a read around.

James Gabelhausen reported he had a successful turnout for his book signing at the Ride the Ozarks Rally at Harrison, Ark. He sold quite a few of his ‘The Crew’ books and handed out his business cards.



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 of Searcy, Ark.

If you have news stories or
 photos to share, send them to
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 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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Next meeting
 Oct. 18, 2021, 6:30 p.m.
 Simmons Bank, 401 S. Main Street, Searcy, Ark.
 Wear your mask.

**Ozark Creative
Writers, Inc.
held its 54th annual
conference Oct. 7-9 in
Eureka Springs, Ark.**

**White County Creative Writers
was well represented with six
members in attendance.
(L to R) Anthony Wood,
Ellen Withers,
Shirley Howard,
Julia Zellner,
Kim Vernon-Rodgers
and Gary Rodgers.**



The following members won awards:

Julia Zellner

1st place- Mike Willis Memorial Award for A Giraffe Gaffe
2nd place- Your Moment in History for A Farewell to Remember.
1st HM- Things that Go Bump in the Night! for Shoe Boo

Anthony Wood

3rd HM Stranded Award for Marooned in the Middle
3rd HM Middle Grade Fiction for Boys 9-12 Award for Down the Homochito River

Ellen Withers

1st place- OCW Board of Directors Showcase Award for Sweet Dreams (a mystery that won Gary Breezeel's mystery contest last year)
1st place -Things that Go Bump in the Night! for Desire to Dance
1st place - Damsel in Shining Armor Award for Stitches
2nd place - Search for Excellence Award for Dear Folks: Letters from Ed
3HM Inspirational Essay for The Gift of Giving
1HM Traditions Contest for Rather Like the Addams Family

Kim Vernon Rodgers

1st place - Your Moment in History for Hope for a Story
1st place - Middle Grade Fiction for Boys 9-12 for Basketball, Bullies, & Broken Bones
1st place - My Favorite Day in Nature Poetry Award for Any Day in Nature is My Favorite
3rd place - Space Journey Contest for Dead Mountain
3rd place - Travel Article for Come Home to Kanab
3rd place - The Best of Friends Contest for Old Gals Gone Wild
1st HM - Hightower Award for Dancing With Joy
2nd HM - Haiku Contest for Sunlight
3rd HM - Traditions Contest for Build New Traditions

Gary Rodgers

1st place - The Best of Friends Contest for Angels in Waiting
2nd place - Mysterious Missouri Award for August in Rolla
2nd place - Space Journey Contest for Hairy and the Janitor
3rd place - Oxbow Award for Vengeance at Calico Rock
1HM - Middle Grade Fiction for Boys 9-12 Award for Arrowheads and Silver
2HM - Things That go Bump in the Night for The Ghost Cruise
2HM - Inspirational Essay Contest for The Gift of a Day