



The Creative Writer

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January kicks off new ideas, new goals for the club

White County Creative Writers held its annual Christmas party, Dec. 13, at Daisy’s Lunchbox in Searcy. In keeping with tradition, we held an anonymous author read-around. The manuscripts, while brief, received a round of applause from everyone.

Future plans were discussed, including considerations for speakers for the 2022 WCCW conference and what we should consider for contests for WCCW and AWC conferences.

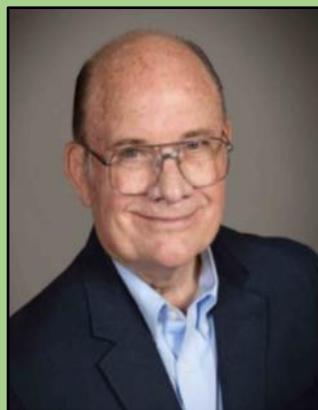
Christmas cookies were given out as treats.



Photo by Steve May.

Members gather for Christmas party at Daisy’s Lunchbox in Searcy.

WCCW founder, David Roper, to be featured in cover story for February’s Writers Monthly PDF magazine



Del Garrett’s monthly magazine for writers is honored to have the founder of White County Creative Writers, David Roper, present his career and current achievements in the next issue. Copies will be provided free of charge for all WCCW members, subscriptions not required. Regular subscriptions are available, however. Contact Del for details.

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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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Next meeting

Jan. 17, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

Simmons Bank

401 S Main

Searcy, Ark.

Wear your mask.



WCCW Members Earn Writing Awards

White County Creative Writers Seasonal Contest Winners

WCCW sponsored two seasonal contests for this fall and winter. Here's how it turned out.

Christmas Devotional Contest

The prompt was to write a short devotional-inspirational prose or poem suitable for a religious publication. In addition to the prize award, the winner of this contest was published in Dot Hatfield's Advent journal: A Season of Promise. Here are the results:

1st place: Donna Nelson – The Night of Nights

2nd place: Millie Lancaster – Texas Roadhouse Angel

3rd place: Kim Vernon – Christmas Blessings

Short Story Contest

The contest theme was to write a short story, any genre, built around the topic of gratitude. Here are the results:

1st place: Sharon Keathley – The Fallen Seeds

2nd place: E.M. Weed – Starting Over

3rd place: Gary Rodgers – Grateful for Gratitude

Two WCCW authors win awards in La Viness Short Story Writing Contest

The third annual La Viness Short Story Writing Contest theme was BUTTER FLY.

John McPherson won 3rd Place for "The Flight of the Monarch."

Gary Rodgers won 3rd Honorable Mention for "Butter, the Grounded Dragon."

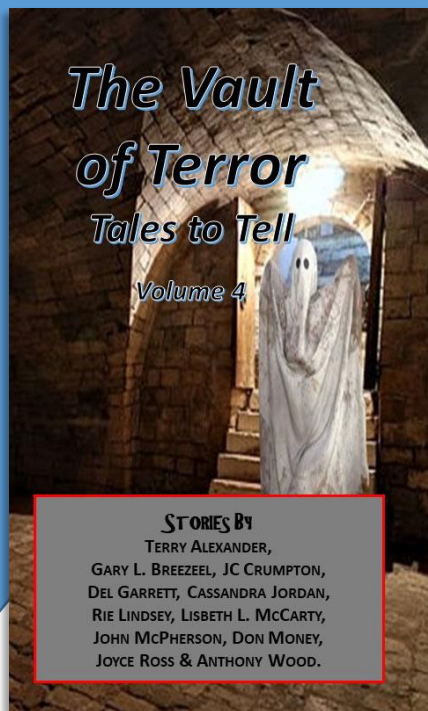
Christmas surprise for Poet Michael Bass

Michael Bass, a member of the Conway Writers' Group and the White County Creative Writers organization (Arkansas) already knew he had won 3rd place for his poem, "The Song of Conway" in the Arizona State Poetry Society's 2021 Annual Poetry Contest. When he received his copy of their anthology, The Sand Cutter, he found an early Christmas present. He had won 3rd Honorable Mention in the Traditional Rhyme Award for an iambic heptameter poem called "He Died of Loneliness."

The awards keep coming for Mike. He just received notice that he won 1st and 3rd Place in the Gene Perret Comedy Round Table for a funny malapropism.

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Five WCCW members were accepted for inclusion in Del Garrett's Vault of Terror, Vol. 4. Copies on sale now at Amazon.com. Complimentary writers' copies will be available at next month's meeting.