



The Creative Writer

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Photo by Del Garrett.

Joe Aaron, co-developer of the animated television series Doug, as well as writer on several movies, spoke to the White County Creative Writers, Searcy, Ark., during their March meeting.

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. 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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Writer/producer talks on screenplays

The March meeting called to order by Gary Rodgers at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Gary Rodgers, Kim Vernon, Rhonda Roberts, Dot Hatfield, Steve May, Del Garrett, Donna Nelson, Gary Breezeel, Lisa Lindsey, Naomi Sechrest, Debbie Archer, John McPherson, Anthony Wood, Cindy Anderson, Perry Kuntz, and Don Money. Minutes of the Feb. 21, 2022, meeting, read by Anthony Wood, were accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: Rhonda gave the financial report and was accepted. Beginning balance \$2,354.21. With deposits, ending balance is \$2,816.21.

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Next Meeting

April 18, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

Simmons Bank

401 S Main

Searcy, Ark.

Minutes Continued

Old Business: Lisa will conduct interviews for the WCCW Podcast and will give interviewees plenty of time to prepare before their turn. Steve still needs articles for the website blog on anything writing related, around 500 words. Gin Creek Poets will judge WCCW's sponsored AWC contest. Members aren't allowed to enter.

New Business: Rhonda announced that WWA Spur Award winner Rod Miller will be one of our speakers for our 2022 WCCW conference. We will use the same venue and caterer. Rhonda reported that we will be able to use a room at the new White County Public Library for our monthly meetings when it is completed. Rhonda reported that the number of WCCW sponsored contests is looking good. The deadline for Arkansas Writer's Conference contests is April 23, 2022. Ozark Writer's Conference contests are posted online.

Activity: Joe Aaron presented an excellent talk and answered questions on the topic of screenwriting. Members interested were encouraged to buy his book, *The Low Budget Screenplay*.

Next month: Steve will share how to write a blog article and suggest ideas. Members were encouraged to think of their own ideas and read examples posted on the WCCW website. Members will write a blog as an activity.

Announcement: Contact Renee La Viness on FB to suggest a theme for her 2022 La Viness Short Story Writing Contest.

Meeting dismissed at 8 p.m. by Gary Rodgers.

--AnthoNy Wood

Are You a Steampunk Writer?

What is Steampunk? Simply stated, Steampunk is a 20th Century genre that combines a Victorian setting (Steam) with rebellious characters (punks) interacting with ordinary people of the time. It is a combination of Age of Discovery with fantastic inventions; thusly, a Fantasy—usually set in England but not limited.

Research books and movies such as Chitty Chitty Bang Bang; Harry Potter; Wild, Wild West; Around the World in 80 Days; Sherlock Holmes and 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea. Pay close attention to working gears, such as trains, clocks and industrial tools. Note also, the outlandish costumes which combine Victorian dress styles with goggles, leather overclothes, hippie-style boots made for walking, and any odd mannerisms of your choosing. Otherwise, your good vs evil plot has punk heroes (especially females) fighting bad guys dressed even weirder.



Siloam Springs Writers Guild's

Fourth Summer

Writers Conference
"Making Peace with Marketing"

Keynote Speaker: RJ Thesman, CLC, BSE

Author / Writing Coach / Editor / Speaker

July 23, 2022

SATURDAY, 9:00 AM \approx 5:00 PM

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

2000 DAWN HILL RD.

SILOAM SPRINGS, AR 72761

CONFERENCE FEE: \$55.00 (WITH MEAL)

STUDENTS FEE: \$35.00 (WITH MEAL)

EARLY-BIRD FEES: \$50 & \$30

SUBTRACT \$10 IF CATERED LUNCH ISN'T DESIRED

Send Registration and check to:

SILOAM SPRINGS WRITERS GUILD

SSWG 2022 CONFERENCE

14708 OAK CREST DR.

SILOAM SPRINGS, AR 72761

FOR ADDITIONAL FORMS AND FURTHER INFORMATION:

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[WWW.SSWRITERSGUILD.ORG](http://www.sswritersguild.org)



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<u>Agenda</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
8:30-9:10 AM	Check-in / Late Registration	
9:20-9:30	Opening Remarks/Introductions	Cheryl Ellicott, VP
9:30-10:30	Marketing is NOT a Dirty Word	Rebecca Thesman
15-minute break	-----	
10:45-11:45	Action Steps for Successful Marketing	Rebecca Thesman
12:00-1:30	Lunch / Visit with speakers / Book Signings / Visit displays	
1:30-2:30	Marketing with Heart	Kent Wyatt, Author
15-minute break	-----	
2:45-3:45	The 6 Words Writers Should Avoid	Rebecca Thesman
15-minute break	-----	
4:00-4:30	Question & Answer Forum	Thesman & Wyatt
4:30-4:40	Closing Remarks	Cheryl Ellicott, VP
4:40-5:00	Meet Speakers / Book Signing / Visit with Conferees	
5:00 PM	Conference ends	

Conference Fee Schedule:

1. Adults \$55 – includes meal*
 2. Adults \$45 – without meal
 3. Students** \$35 – includes meal*
 4. Students** \$25 – without meal
- * meal will be catered by Rib Crib in Siloam Springs
** includes elementary through university undergraduates

To register by US mail, send check or money order no later than July 15, 2022, to **Siloam Springs Writers Guild, 14708 Oak Crest Dr, Siloam Springs, AR 72761**. Include a registration form for each attendee, or, on a separate sheet of paper print name of attendee, address, phone number and email address.



Siloam Springs Writers Guild
Fourth Summer Writers Conference
Date: July 23, 2022

Please Print Neatly

Full Name _____

Name/Nickname for Name card _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Preferred Phone Number _____

Author's table: \$15 / Shared Author's table: \$10

Registration:

Early Registration no later than July 1, 2022:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$55 meal included | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 early registration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$45 without meal | <input type="checkbox"/> \$40 early registration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15 author table | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 shared author table |

Student: elementary through college undergraduates

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student \$35 meal included | <input type="checkbox"/> Student \$30 early registration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student \$25 without meal | <input type="checkbox"/> Student \$20 early registration |

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