



The Creative Writer

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WCCW Conference names speakers

Last month's meeting called to order by Gary Rodgers at 6:33 p.m.

Members present: Gary Rodgers, Kim Vernon, Dot Hatfield, Steve May, Del Garrett, Donna Nelson, Gary Breezeel, Lisa Lindsey, Deborah Fuller, Rebecca Foster, Shirley Howard, Naomi Sechrest, John McPherson, Anthony Wood, Cindy Anderson, and Don Money.

Minutes of the March 21, 2022, meeting were read by Anthony Wood were accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: Kim gave the financial report in Rhonda Roberts' absence and was accepted. Beginning balance \$2,816.21. With deposits, ending balance is \$3,278.21.

Old Business – No New Business:

2022 WCCW Conference speakers will be Rod Miller from Utah for two sessions, Laura Parker Castoro for two sessions, and Joe Aaron for one session. Rhonda is confirming that we have 25 sponsored contests to be posted on the conference website soon which will include three \$150 and four \$100 contests.

Several members shared successes: Donna Nelson won a 2nd Pl. and 2nd Hon. Men for poetry. John McPherson won a 1st Pl. for poetry. Del Garrett had his mystery novella published. Anthony Wood had a short story published in Saddlebag Dispatches Winter 2021. His second historical fiction novel, *Gray & Blue*, will be released next month, and a nonfiction article will be published in Saddlebag Dispatches, Summer 2022.

Activity: Steve May gave an excellent presentation on writing blog articles. Members then wrote outlines for a blog. Next month's activity will be a read around—prose no more than 2.5 pages or a poem.

Announcements: Del Garrett is looking for fiction and poetry for his magazine, *Writer's Monthly PDF*, and will pay for published fiction (up to 1,500 Words) and poetry submissions.

The 2022 AWC Conference is slated for June 4. Pre-registration and table registrations are due by May 25, 2022. To register, go to [2022 Registration Form - ARKANSAS WRITERS' CONFERENCE \(arkansaswritersconference.com\)](http://2022.Registration.Form-ARKANSASWRITERS.CONFERENCE.arkansaswritersconference.com).

The 2022 La Viness Short Story Writing Contest prompt words are *draw* and *bridge*. Deadline for entries is July 31, 2022.

--Anthony Wood

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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

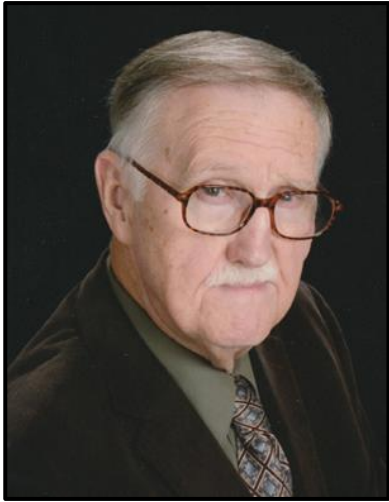
May 16, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

Simmons Bank

401 S Main

Searcy, Ark.

WCCW members McPherson, Nelson win poetry awards in separate contests



McPherson

The president of the Poets Roundtable of Arkansas won 1st place at the Lucidity Conference in Eureka Springs this year for his poem, *Laborer's Day*, a poem celebrating America's often taken for granted, ordinary, everyday workers.

Donna Nelson won a 2nd Place in Mary Harper Sewell Award for *Ocean Rhapsody* and a 2nd Honorable Mention in Verna Lee Hinegardner Award for *Midnight Muse*.



Nelson

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Only ONE winner, but acknowledgements will include names of all who participated.