



# The Creative Writer

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## WCCW Conference changes speaker roles

The 2022 WCCW Conference speaker Joe Aaron will not be speaking. Michael Claxton will take his spot for one session. Kim Vernon Rodgers reported that we have 24 sponsored contests. Details of the conference and contests are posted on the conference website.

Several members shared successes: Del Garrett showed us copies of his new mystery series. Kim shared her family spotlight feature articles published in *Life in Chenal* magazine. Rhonda Roberts had a children's story published by *Highlights* magazine that they've had for some time. Debbie Archer completed a Highlights Foundation course of plotting children's books, and reported it was a great help to her. Anthony Wood's second historical fiction novel, *Gray and Blue*, has been released.

Visitors Hailey Heaton and Charles McDonald introduced themselves as did current members. Charles has already become a member. Steve May reported the number of blog articles he has for the website and encouraged members to send in more. Members can send an image along with their article. He wants to have a blog post every two weeks as we near the conference in September. He also plans to start the Member Spotlight up again on the website, doing one per month. Steve encouraged members to update their member write up on the website. The members then enjoyed an excellent read around that prompted helpful discussion. For next month's activity members will read from 2022 AWC Conference contest wins and entries.

In other news, Del is looking for fiction and poetry for his PDF magazine, *Writers Monthly*, and will pay for published submissions. 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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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](mailto: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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### 2023 AWC Short Story Contest

Sponsored by:

The Pioneer Branch of the National League of American Pen Woman

Proceeds benefit: Arkansas Writers' Conference

Cost: \$5 for first entry, \$3 for each additional entry

Submission Deadline (only electronic filing this year):

Electronic filing: Jan. 22, 2023, 11:59 p.m. CT

Contributors' work must be original and not posted on any website, social media site, magazine, or traditionally or self-published. No exceptions.

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## Next Meeting

June 20, 2022, 6:30 p.m.  
Simmons Bank, 401 S Main  
Searcy, Ark.

# ***AWE Winners***

Eleven members of the Searcy-based White County Creative Writers won a total of 50 awards at the 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Arkansas Writers' Conference held June 4, 2022, at the Hilton Garden Inn in North Little Rock, Ark.

**Gary Breezeel** won 1st Place Dorothy Truex Memorial Prose Contest for "Chance Meeting", 1st Place Henry & Betty Heidelberger Memorial Prose Contest for "You Swine!", 1st Place Weather for "Love Thy Neighbor", 1st Place The Great Escape Contest for "Vanished", 1st Place LaViness Award for Living Mystery Contest for "Hidden Legacy", 1st Place Mistletoe Contest for "A Well-Dressed Pup", 1st Place It's New to Me Contest for "Envy: The Deadliest Sin", 1st Place Fiction Who-Dunnit Contest for "The Barefoot Burglar" 1st Place AR Pioneer Branch NLAPW Prose Contest for "A Learning Experience", 2nd Place Dilemma Contest for "Making the Right Choice", 2nd Place Del Garrett's Gimme the Creeps Contest for "Extraordinary Inheritance", 2nd Place Fantasy Short Story Contest for "Misfit", 3rd Place Carl J. Ionnacone Memorial Contest for "A Final Blessing", 3rd Place Dusty Richards Memorial Contest for "Framed" and 3rd Honorable Mention WOW! Press Contest for "An Inconvenient Principle".

**Gary Rodgers** won 1st place- Carl J. Iannacone Memorial Award for "To Be Continued", 2nd place WOW! Press Contest for "Truth Can Begin the Healing", 2nd place Jim Barton Memorial Poetry for "Wisdom", 2nd place Mistletoe Award for "Blue Eyes and Sunshine", 2nd place LaViness Living Mystery Award for "Devil's Racetrack", 2nd place Weather You Like It or Not Contest for "The Inconvenient Garden", 3rd place Fiction-Who-Dunnit Award for "Low Tops in Gumbo", 3rd place AR Pioneer Branch NLAPW Poetry Award for "The Devil Drew My Name" and 1<sup>st</sup> Honorable Mention Dusty Richards Memorial Award for "Revenge for Flat Rock".

**Kim Vernon** won 1st Place AR Pioneer Branch NLAPW Poetry Contest for "Broken Pieces", 1st Place WOW! Press Award for "Big Mistakes are Hardest to Admit", 1st Place On-The-Spot Prose Award for "The Last Breakfast", 3rd Place Mistletoe Contest for "Who Rescued Who?" 1<sup>st</sup> Honorable Mention LaViness Award for Living Mystery for "A Hike to Forget" and 3<sup>rd</sup> Honorable Mention Jim Barton Memorial Poetry Contest for "Us".

**Del Garrett** won 1st Place in White County Creative Writers for a poem "Creation", 2nd Place AR Pioneer Branch NLAPW Poetry Contest for "The Butterflies", 3rd Place AR Pioneer Branch NLAPW Prose Contest for "Why I Hate Changing a Flat Tire". 3rd Place Jim Barton Memorial Poetry for "I Am Blessed", 2nd Honorable Mention Fiction story "The Case of the Shoeless Thief" and 2nd Honorable Mention Mistletoe Award for "Big Hoss".

**Don Money** won 1st place- The Erdel Family Memorial Award for "Last One on the Line", 2nd place Peggy Vining Memorial Award for "Rocking Chairs and Sweet Tea" and 1st Honorable Mention It's New to Me Contest for "Those Stars Back Home".

**Julia Zellner** won 1st Honorable Mention, Mistletoe Contest for "The Stray Bullet" 2nd Honorable Mention, Fantasy Short Story Contest for "Cherished Pages" and 3rd Honorable Mention, Dilemma Contest for "Where Her Heart Lies".

**Anthony Wood** won 1st Place Peggy Vining Memorial Essay Contest for "Unlikely Heir" and 2nd Honorable Mention, Scott Plantation Settlement Contest for "Free to Go".

**Dot Hatfield** won 2nd place in the Carl Iannacone Memorial Contest for "Dearest One" and 1<sup>st</sup> Honorable Mention in the Dilemma Contest for "The Next Level".

**John McPherson** won 1st Honorable Mention, Del Garrett's Gimme The Creeps Contest for "The Ghost in the Mirror." And 2nd Honorable Mention, Embracing Humor Contest for "The Trickster Gets Tricked".

**Lisa Lindsey** won 3rd Place Dilemma Contest for "Caught in the Middle".

**Donna Nelson** won 3rd Honorable Mention in the AR Pioneer Branch NLAPW Poetry Contest for "Beach Wishes".