



The Creative Writer

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July meeting gives updates on upcoming WCCW conference; announces members achievements

Members present: Gary Rodgers, Kim Vernon, Dot Hatfield, Steve May, Del Garrett, Rhonda Roberts, Donna Nelson, Gary Breezeel, Lisa Lindsey, Deborah Middleton, Shirley Howard, Naomi Sechrest, John McPherson, Anthony Wood, Don Money, Laticia Harris, Rebecca Foster, Charles McDonald, Sandi Furlong, and visitors Alyssa Darby, Katie Campbell, Micoala Campbell, Maclyah Wade, Sarah Wade. Minutes of the June 20, 2022, meeting were read by Anthony Wood and accepted as read.

Treasurer’s Report: Read by Rhonda Roberts and accepted as read. Beginning balance was \$3,156.28. Ending balance is \$3,552.28.

Old Business: Everything looks good for the WCCW 2022 Conference. \$100 has been donated to the author book sale coupon fund.

New Business: Del Garrett’s third novel in his Felix Nash series has been uploaded and will be available soon for purchase. Gary Breezeel has one of his novels in the ‘Get Pub’ contest sponsored by Scrivenings Press. Anthony Wood’s article *Legacy of Violence* is the cover story for the Summer 2022 issue of Saddlebag Dispatches.

Activity: Members read very good and interesting pieces based on Kim Vernon’s presentation on writing emotion last month. Next month Anthony Wood will make a presentation on historical fiction and offer an assignment for the next meeting.

Announcements: Deadline for entering the La Viness Short Story Contest is Aug. 31, 2022. The deadline for submitting a ghost story for Del Garrett’s Vault of Terror Vol. 5 is Dec. 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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Gary Rodgers

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Rhonda Roberts

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Dot Hatfield

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Book sale coupons explained

To support our published authors and encourage our conference attendees to purchase their books, WCCW will again this year sponsor one \$5 coupon per attendee to purchase the book of their choice from the author tables. The attendee will pay the author the cost of the book less \$5 and give the author their coupon. At the end of the day, the author will bring me the coupons they have collected from book sales, and I will give them \$5 for each coupon. End result is the purchaser receives a \$5 discount and the seller receives full asking price for the sale of their books To fund the expense of the coupons, we are taking VOLUNTARY donations from our members, as much or as little as the member chooses to donate. We had great success with this last year and are excited to support our published authors with this purchase incentive again this year.

---Rhonda Roberts

Next Meeting

Aug. 15, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
Simmons Bank, 401 S Main Searcy, Ark.

DEADLINE: Aug. 31, 2022

\$10 Entry

DRAW BRIDGE

Writing Contest

\$10 Entry

Fourth Annual

La Viness Short Story Writing Contest

www.jespiddlin.com/writingcontest



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.

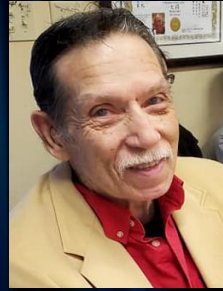
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SPOTLIGHT

Del Garrett



Arkansas Hall of Fame writer Del Garrett is the author of six novels: *Texas Justice*, *While the Angels Slept*, *Shadowlight*, *The Buccaneer's Daughter*, *The El Dorado Trail* and *Whispers in the Wind—The Search for Jack the Ripper*; three crime novella: *Introducing Felix Nash*, *The Case of the Deadly Dame* and *The Case of the Stolen Jade Buddha*; plus an anthology of short stories he calls *Del Garrett's Flea Market Tales*; a health guide and a 'How To' guide for plotting, writing and self-publishing your next book.

He is a retired military journalist with 35 years as writer, editor and publisher of government newspapers and magazines.

Del's first attempt at writing fiction, a Civil War short story, was published by *Louis L'Amour Western Magazine*. He sold his first nonfiction to *Off Duty*, a travel and leisure magazine in California, and a series of health and beauty articles to *The Art of Growing Young* here in Arkansas. He has also been published in *Pro Se Productions*, *Blood Moon Rising*, *Gateway Science Fiction*, *Storyteller Magazine*, and his own *Vault of Terror* anthology series.

He won an international award for Best Historical Western Fiction and numerous other contest awards. His poetry has been published by the Missouri Poetry Society. He is a former radio disk jockey and produced his own public access television show in Idaho.

Del owns Raven's Inn Press which publishes fiction and nonfiction books and is owner and publisher of *Writers Monthly PDF*, a magazine for professional writers, which features writers from across the country and pays for fiction and poetry.

He is a past president of WCCW and currently serves as press secretary.

