



The Creative Writer

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Club member, multiple pubber

Don Money signed a contract with Black Hare Press to have two stories printed in their anthology—Nom Nom: Halloween Dark Drabbles for October.

He also signed contracts with Shacklebound Books to have stories published in three of their upcoming anthologies—two stories in Short Horror Stories also publishing in October; one story in Planetside Science Fiction for November, and two stories in Dark Stars: Science Fiction Horror, publishing in December.

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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Rhonda Roberts

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27th Annual Conference wrap-up

Last month, members present: Gary Rodgers, Kim Vernon, Dot Hatfield, , Del Garrett, Rhonda Roberts, Donna Nelson, Gary Breezeel, Lisa Lindsey, Debbie Archer, Alyssa Darby, Terry Engels, Deborah Middleton, Naomi Sechrest, John McPherson, James Gabelhausen, Anthony Wood, Don Money, Laticia Harris, Sandi Furlong, and visitor Steve Northcutt.

Rhonda Roberts reported the WCCW Treasurer's Report was read by Rhonda Roberts and accepted as read. The club had a beginning balance of \$5,548.28 and ending balance of \$3,717.50.

Old Business

Sixty-seven attended the WCCW 2022 Conference and no complaints were to be heard; \$180 in book sale coupons was redeemed. Thanks were given to Rhonda Roberts for leading a wonderfully successful conference. It was agreed that a lapel microphone be purchased for next year's conference. Steve May was asked to research purchasing one. Lisa Lindsey suggested we condense the contest format requirements. Kim Vernon again suggested we make contest format requirements consistent throughout all WCCW's communications.

New Business

Gary Breezeel was selected as a semi-finalist for a Scrivenings Press 'Get Pub' contest. Deol Garrett was selected semi-finalist in a Reedsy contest.

Anthony Wood suggested contest judges have a co-judge to mentor for future contests. Debbie Archer co-judged The Granny Prewitt Award and next year she plans to sponsor and judge a contest.

Activity

Members shared WCCW 2022 Conference contest entries and wins in a read around. Anthony Wood briefly reminded members of next month's assignment on writing historical fiction.

Announcements

The deadline to submit a ghost story for Del Garrett's Vault of Terror Vol. 5 is Dec. 31, 2022.

--Anthony Wood

**Next
Meeting**

**Oct. 17, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
Simmons Bank
401 S Main Searcy, Ark.**

SPOTLIGHT

Donna Hensley Nelson



Donna Hensley Nelson is a native of Arkansas and White County. She is a graduate of Pangburn High School and earned a Bachelor of Science in Education degree from Arkansas State University. Her teaching career included teaching mathematics in public and private schools in White and Lonoke Counties.

Donna has written poetry for more than 50 years and has published three poetry collections and nine children's books. Her poetry collections include: *Momentary Reflections*, *Lasting Reflections*, and *Simple Reflections*, which are Volumes 1, 2, and

3 of a poetry series she entitled *Poetry for You and Me*. She has received awards for her poetry on local, state, and national levels. Her prose writing has also won local recognition.



Since retiring, Donna spends time with family, volunteers at a local hospital, and teaches a weight-lifting class. Her other interests include reading, cooking, and gardening. A mother of three and grandmother of five, she resides in Kensett with her husband, Dennis.