



The Creative Writer

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Last meeting topics: speakers for 2023 Conference, Christmas party, Valentine contests and read around for writing of historical fiction

Last month’s Minutes were read by Anthony Wood and accepted as read. Treasurer’s Report was read by Rhonda Roberts and accepted as read. Beginning balance was \$3,717.50. Ending balance is \$2,887.50.

OLD BUSINESS

Steve May researched getting a lapel mic and members agreed to purchase one for next year’s conference. Linda Apple and Chrissy Willis will be two of our speakers for the WCCW 2023 conference. Rhonda is in dialogue with another potential speaker. Linda Apple was selected to be inducted into the 2023 AWC Arkansas Hall of Fame.

NEW BUSINESS

The tentative date for the WCCW Christmas Party is Dec. 12 at Daisy’s Lunchbox. Rhonda confirmed. WCCW will host a Valentine’s Day Prose and Poetry Contest, one winner each—Jan. 31, 2023 deadline. The prose prompt is a Valentine’s Day Murder Mystery 2,500 words max with Rhonda Roberts as judge. Poetry will be one page max using a 13-line acrostic—Valentine’s Day with Terry Engel as judge. Bonus points if the poet can work a murder mystery into the poem. First place in each category will receive \$25 and a free WCCW 2023 conference registration. Mail entries to WCCW, c/o Kim Vernon, P.O. Box 444, Pangburn, AR 72121. \$5 per entry.

“Attaboys” included Gary Rodgers, Kim Vernon, Ellen Withers, Shirley Howard, and Anthony Wood’s wins at Ozark Creative Writers’ Conference and John McPherson, Donna Nelson and Laticia Harris’ wins at Poetry Day.

ACTIVITY

Members participated in a read around for the “Writing Historical Fiction” assignment. Next month Rhonda Roberts will speak on “How to Do a Character Sketch.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

AWC Winter Contest deadline is Jan. 22, 2023, electronic submissions only. Theme and genre are open, word count is 1,500 minimum, 2,500 maximum. Details at:

arkansaswritersconference.com.

--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. 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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<h2>Next Meeting</h2>	<p>Nov. 21, 2022, 6:30 p.m. Simmons Bank 401 S Main Searcy, Ark.</p>
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SPOTLIGHT

Rhonda Roberts



Rhonda Roberts writes short stories, poetry, essays and memoirs. In the last few years, she has focused primarily on writing for children.

Rhonda has been married to her best friend for 34 years, has two children and two cats.



She has won quite a few local, state and national awards—most notably, the 2008 “*Highlights for Children*” Annual Fiction Contest.

She has been twice honored as ‘Author of the Month’ for *Highlights*.

She serves as WCCW treasurer.