



The Creative Writer

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Christmas party at Daisy's Lunchbox set for Dec. 12 at 6 p.m.

The November meeting kicked off with a discussion about the Christmas party.

Old Business:

Our annual Christmas will be at Daisy's Lunchbox, Dec. 12, 2022, at 6 p.m. Cost is \$15. Everyone is encouraged to bring a poem or a short prose with no name and no more than 2.5 pages for the read around. MemberS will roll their work up with a ribbon tied around it to be chosen by another member to read. The group will then guess who wrote it.

For the 2023 AWC Conference Contest sponsorship, members decided on a Sci-Fi/Fantasy Short Story, 2,000-2,500 words max. WCCW members will not be allowed to enter.

Del Garrett has expanded his call for submissions for Vault of Terror, Vol. 5, to include stories other than just ghost stories. Submission deadline is Dec. 31, 2022.

New Business:

Attaboys include Anthony Wood's third novel in his historical fiction series, *Peace before the Second Storm*, released earlier this month.

New officers for 2023 were nominated, voted on, and accepted by the group: President-Kim Vernon, Vice President-Anthony Wood, Treasurer-Rhonda Roberts, Secretary-Donna Nelson.

MacKenzie English shared her blog address: naturallymackenzie.com

Activity:

Rhonda Roberts shared a very helpful talk on "How to Do a Character Sketch." She also brought everyone a delicious box dinner from Chik-fil-A.

-Anthony Wood

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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Valentine's Day Prose and Poetry Contest

WCCW will host a **Valentine's Day Prose and Poetry Contest**. There will be one winner in each category. The deadline is Jan. 31, 2023 — entries must be postmarked on or before that date.

The prose contest is a Valentine's Day Murder Mystery, 2,00 words max. Rhonda Roberts will serve as judge.

The poetry contest will be one page max, poetry style — a **13-line acrostic: Valentine's Day**. Terry Engel will serve as judge. (Bonus points if the poet can work a murder mystery into the poem.)

Please include \$5 per entry.

The winner in each category will receive a **\$25 cash prize** and a **free WCCW 2023 conference registration**.

Mail entries to:

WCCW c/o Kim Vernon

PO Box 444

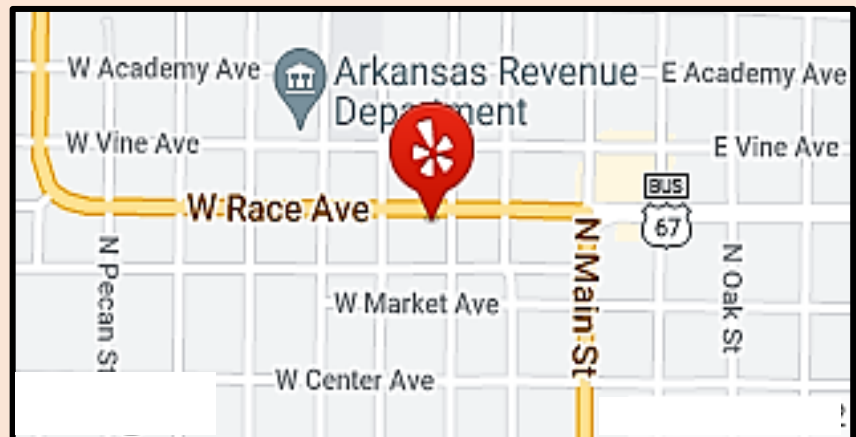
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Our Annual Guess The Writer Christmas Game

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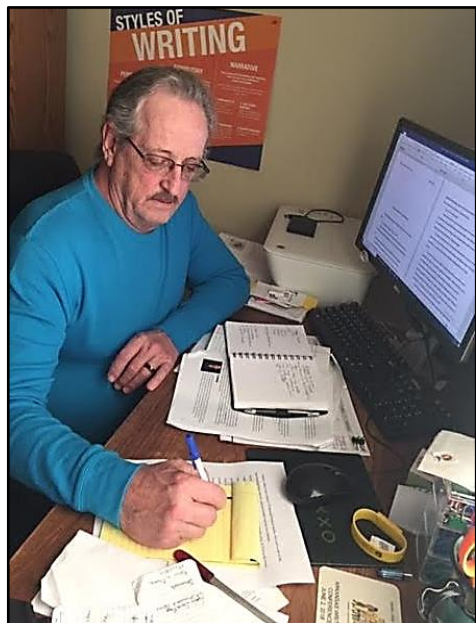


**Next
Meeting**

**Daisy's Lunchbox
311 North Spruce St,
Dec. 12, 2022, at 6 p.m.**

SPOTLIGHT

Gary Rodgers



Gary Rodgers goes over some notes as he prepares another manuscript.

Gary Rodgers is a longtime resident of White County. Having graduated from Pangburn High School in 1977, he worked in the construction industry for several years after graduation and finally settled into the equipment repair and maintenance business for the past 20 years. Gary's work and training other equipment technicians has taken him to all 50 states, as well as most of the provinces of Canada and the country of Jamaica. Travel has given him several areas to draw upon and use in his writing of short stories.

He started writing in high school as a way to bring up his grades. Most of his writing is creative fiction, with his most recent attempt a historical fiction novel.

Gary took up writing again five years ago after a long absence to raise family and pursue a career. Since that time, he has had several award-winning short stories at the WCCW Annual Writer's Conference and the Arkansas Writers' Conference. He has had a story published in *The Vault of Terror, Volume I* by Raven's Inn Press, and other stories in the 2018 White County Creative Writers Anthology.

Gary is currently working on a book series that he says may be somewhat on hold but is always in the process of completion.

"Most of my stories come from real life experience and the tales I heard my dad and uncles tell when I was a child. It was a time when children were seen and not heard. So I have a treasure trove of stories to draw from." Gary says. "There's always a story just waiting for the right prompt."