



The Creative Writer

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Awards for members, plan to stuff bags at next meeting

Awards for the month: 1) Anthony Wood's story, "Blood of My Birth, Part One, The Story of Rainy Mills," and his story, "No Fort Dodge, No Dodge City," were published in the *Saddlebag Dispatches*, Summer 2023 Issue. 2) Terry Engel's short story, "High Range" will be published in prose.onl (Prose Online) on a forthcoming date. 3) Gary Breezeel won an honorable mention in the AutoCrit Short Story Challenge. 4) Alyssa Darby won first place for her poem, "Divergent," in Alabama State Poetry Award at National Federation of State Poetry Society's annual convention. She also won 7th HM in the Massachusetts State Poetry Society at NFSPS convention. 5) Alyssa's Son, Shawn Darby, won a 2nd HM for his entry in Poetry in the Classroom Award: Grades 3-5 at NFSPS. 6) John McPherson won second place for his poem, "Sorry, Petula, You Can't Go There Anymore," in the Poets Northwest Award at NFSPS annual convention. He also won 1st HM in the Social Critique Award, 5th HM in the Wyo Poets Award, at NFSPS annual convention.

New Business

Steve May taught a lesson on *Writing to Inspire*. He included a topic sheet for possible topics and reminded members of the need for future blog posts to meet our goal of one post per week. Kim Vernon-Rodgers reminded members of the contest deadline of July 31. She asked for contests to be submitted as soon as possible because mail can be slow. She reminded members to send conference registration ASAP. John McPherson asked about sending a donation to Arkansas Sheriff's Ranch. Members decided to discuss this again at WCCW Christmas Party in December. Next meeting is Aug. 21. Please bring goodies to fill bags at the end of the meeting. WCCW conference is scheduled for Sept. 2, and September meeting is Sept. 18. --Donna Nelson

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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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put the
finishing
touches on
a library
display
recognizing
members
and the
upcoming
writers
conference.



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**NEXT
MEETING**

**Aug. 21, 2023, 6:30 p.m.
Simmons Bank, 401 S. Main, Searcy, Ark.**

SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Rebecca Foster



Dr. Rebecca Foster was born in Wichita Falls, Texas, during a tornado. This wild introduction into the world has taught her to be a calm force while the storms of life blow.

She and her husband, John, live at Austin, Ark. They have enjoyed over 37 years as man and wife. He, she describes is the love of her life and always her hero. They have three married daughters, six grandsons and one granddaughter.

In 2015, she earned her Doctorate Degree in Educational Leadership from Arkansas State University in Jonesboro. With over 19 years' experience as a Special Education Teacher, she is not ready to step out of the classroom as yet.

Her published work includes contributions to [Vault of Terror: Tales to Tell Volume I](#) and [Volume II](#), [White County Creative Writers Anthology 2018](#). She is a member of the White County Creative Writers and enjoys listening and learning from the others in the group.