



The Creative Writer

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Awards and party plans for Christmas and Dot Hatfield’s birthday

Results of the WCCW meeting, Sept. 18, 2023:

Old Business

- Steve May confirmed a total of 62 attendees at the 2023 conference..
- Anthony Wood announced 64 wins for WCCW members in the 2023 contest entries.

New Business

Awards and recognitions: 1) Don Money’s story, “Soul of Rock,” was published in Stygian Lepus, Edition 6, in August 2023. His story, “Department of Murderous Vixens,” won first place in the WCCW contest, Death & Dismemberment at the DMV. It was then published in Stupefying Stories, Issue 26. It was released in e-publications on Oct. 1 and will be in the print magazine soon. The magazine is on Amazon in the Kindle Top 100 in three categories (science fiction, fantasy, and horror). 2) Anthony Wood’s book signing of *A Tale of Two Colors* series was hosted by Choctaw County Library in Ackerman, Miss., on Aug. 24. 3) Members, John McPherson and Lisa Lindsey, will join Governor Sarah Sanders and other members of Poets Roundtable of Arkansas at the state capital to announce and honor Poetry Day 2023.

Members discussed a date for the 2023 Christmas party. Rhonda Roberts will check the availability of the suggested dates.

Steve May announced a 90th birthday party for Dot Hatfield, for Saturday, Oct. 21, 2– 4 p.m.

Conference participants and members shared their winning entries and other work in a group read around. Del Garrett even shared a song he has written.

Next meeting is Oct. 16. Terry Engel will lead the learning section of the meeting.

--Donna Nelson

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NEXT MEETING
Oct. 16, 2023, 6:30 p.m.
Simmons Bank 401 S. Main, Searcy, Ark.

SPOTLIGHT

Ellen E. Withers



Ellen E. Withers is a multiple award-winning fiction writer, freelance writer and retired insurance fraud investigator. She is excited about her mystery dual-time series, *Show Me Mysteries*, set in her picturesque hometown of Mexico, Mo. *Show Me Betrayal*, the first book of the series, was published by Scrivenings Press on May 16, 2023. Scrivenings Press will publish *Show Me Deceit*, the second book in the series, in May 2024. She is also proud to be one of three contributors to a Christmas novella collection titled *A Gift for All Time*, to be released Sept. 26, 2023, from Scrivenings Press. Ellen will soon have a nonfiction book to help writers win writing contests. *Magic Words: Enchant Judges; Conjure Contest Wins for Novels, Short Fiction and Nonfiction* is due for publication by Scrivenings Press in March 2024. You can find more information about Ellen's books, writing tips and highlights of guest authors on her website ellenewithers.com. Her Facebook page is [Ellen E. Withers](https://www.facebook.com/ellenewithers). Follow her column, *How to Win Writing Contests*, in [Writers Monthly PDF](#) magazine. When she's not writing or reading, Ellen enjoys spending time with her family, traveling the world with her adventurous friends and performing with Top of the Rock Chorus, a Sweet Adeline chorus in central Arkansas.