



# The Creative Writer

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## **Members' honors announced; future events discussed to include possible sponsorship for local library**

**Old Business:** Kim Vernon collected membership dues (\$12) for the White County Creative Writers. Shirley Howard won the group's Winter Contest and will gain free entry to the next WCCW conference. The group's Western anthology, Tales of the Western Trail, is now available to order on eBook platforms, and is being reviewed by Cengage Five Star Media for possible hard cover publication, getting it into more hands and libraries, most likely by June 2024.

**New Business:** Awards and recognition: 1) Anthony Wood will be the third member of the group to be inducted into the Arkansas Writers Hall of Fame. He'll also be published in a Saddlebag Dispatches anthology. 2) John McPherson took three poetry awards in Illinois and Missouri, and will also have a poem published in Saddlebag Dispatches magazine. 3) Gary Rodgers will have a short story published in Saddlebag Dispatches. 4) Don Money recently became a line editor for Roan & Weatherford Publishing Associates (formerly Oghma Creative Media.) 5) Debbie Archer will be at the Grand Opening of Barnes & Noble in Jonesboro, Ark., for a book signing. 6) Jim Gabelhousen had his fifth book published and available on Amazon.

WCCW is currently seeking speakers for the next conference. Contact Rhonda Roberts with any possible speakers or contacts. Also give her information for sponsoring contests for the conference by March.

Any updated membership information for the website should be sent to Kim Vernon or Steve May.

Del Garrett mentioned possible changes to the Arkansas Writers Conference, with information soon to come.

Barry Brown suggested sponsoring a table for the new Searcy library once it's complete, as they are in need of furniture before opening. We will consider it closer to time for the opening as it is still several months away.

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### *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](mailto: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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## **NEXT MEETING**

**Feb. 19, 2024, 6:30 p.m.**

**Simmons Bank**

**401 S. Main, Searcy, Ark.**

Rhonda Roberts led the night's program, encouraging everyone to enter at least one contest this year, and those who enter often to try something outside their usual genre. She took suggestions for future programs and asks that anyone with ideas send them to her. She also brought attention to two books: Granite by Susan Butcher and David Monson, and Airick Flies High by Eric Gaffney.

The assignment from Rhonda for next month's meeting is to write a two-page max story on a positive experience you've had, or a great story of someone you know.

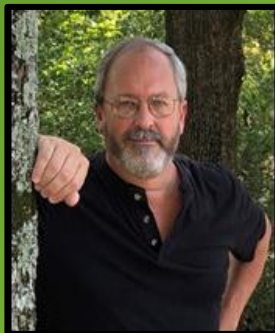
Next month's program will be led by Barry Brown on an exercise in expanding horizons.

--Lisa Lindsey

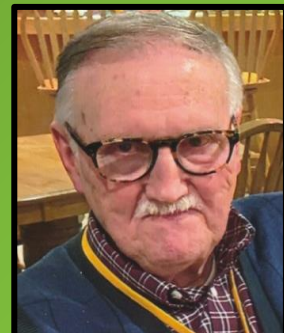
## Congratulations to honor recipients for last meeting



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