

# The Creative Writer

White County Creative Writers

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## February activities: awards, upcoming events, read around

### Old Business

- Kim Vernon collected membership dues (\$12) for the White County Creative Writers, as well as information and money from contest sponsors for the WCCW conference. See her with both if you have them.
- Del Garrett brought attention to changes to the upcoming AWC contest changes. Participants will need to bring contest entries directly to the conference.

### New Business

- Awards and recognition: 1) John McPherson will participate in an interview by a U of A student for a history major project. 2) Micaela Campbell has editors looking at her fantasy novel. 3) Del Garrett has his second novelette publication out, and the next Vault of Terror anthology will be published soon. 4) Ellen Withers will be featured in Del's writing magazine next month.

### Next meeting

March 18, 6:30 p.m.,  
Simmons First Bank,  
401 South Main Street  
in Searcy.

### *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  
[prowriter001@yahoo.com](mailto:prowriter001@yahoo.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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- C. D. Albon, author of short stories and poetry, will be presenting for the Harding Writing Program.
- Kim has been posting stories by members in place of blog posts on the website. Please e-mail her or Steve with more blog posts and articles about writing by April so we can keep consistently posting content.
- We had a read-around of the assignment given last month, followed by a talk from Barry Brown on expanding our writing capacity by limiting ourselves with certain writing criteria. He urged us to always keep practicing and seeking new ways to improve our writing.
- The assignment for next month's meeting is to share better capacity strategies other than writing that help us make our writing better.

--Lisa Lindsey

### ***AWC takes a new twist for its 2024 event, must be present to win***

Rules and procedures have changed. This year, AWC's contest will be a special celebration.

"We have reduced the number of writing contests and will award more money to those who place first, second, or third," said Brenda Iannacone. "The contest entry fee is reduced and contest entrance limited to those attending the conference."

Do not mail contest entries. You must bring a printed copy with you when you register at the door on June 1, 2024.

There will be a \$10 contest fee, payable with your registration. This fee will entitle you to enter all or as many contests as you wish. Only those attending the conference in person will be eligible to enter contests.

For full details, click on their link at: [2024 AWC CONTESTS LIST - ARKANSAS WRITERS' CONFERENCE \(arkansaswritersconference.com\)](http://2024AWCContestsList-ArkansasWritersConference.com)