

The Creative Writer

White County Creative Writers

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WCCW writers win big at Ozark Conference

Accolades/Accomplishments:

- * Ozark Creative Writers Conference: Gary Rodgers and Kim Vernon were opening speakers at OCW – See the winners’ list on Page 2.
- * John McPherson won six poetry awards for Poetry Day. Alyssa Darby won 14 awards.
- * Del Garrett’s Civil War story was published on a podcast and is now on the WCCW website. He is now working on two anthologies and also needs short stories for his Vault of Terror by Dec. 31, 2024, and shorts for a cozy mystery anthology by Feb. 28, 2024.
- * Gary Breezeel is a finalist for the Scrivenings Press Get Pubbed contest. The winner will be announced at a conference in Hot Springs in November.
- * Anthony Wood’s book The Name Tree came out on Oct. 26, and all proceeds will go to the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.
- * The Western Anthology for WCCW is now available in print for \$10.
- * WCCW Conference Report: Spent: \$5,944.56; Coming in: \$6,041.

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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 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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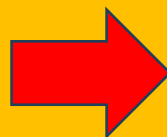
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New Topics:

- * We need to consider a new place for our monthly meetings as our group is outgrowing Simmons Bank.
- * We’ll also need to be thinking of officers for next year by the November meeting.
- * We are considering having the Christmas party at the Carmichael Center and having finger foods as a potluck to reduce cost and have a large enough venue.
- * Rhonda Roberts and Gary Rodgers did a talk on writing short stories and Westerns.
- * Next month’s assignment: write a Western, 750 words max.

Next Meeting



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

Six White County Creative Writers won a total of 33 awards at the 2024 Ozark Creative Writers Conference in Eureka Springs, Ark., Oct. 10-12, 2024.

Gary Rodgers:

- 1st Place, Grand Conference Award – “I’m Not Crazy, Am I?”
- 1st Place, Mike Willis Inspiration Award – “Bull and Bologna Birthday”
- 1st Place, From Dusk Till Dawn – “Red River Terror”
- 1st Place, Historical Romance – “Fort Roots Reunion”
- 1st Place, Senior Moments – “Living Beats Surviving”
- 2nd Place, Quotable Quote Blog – “Change Your Mind”
- 3rd Place, Hometown Nostalgia Column – “King, The Olympian”
- 1st Honorable Mention, Oxbow Award – “Reborn on the Red River”
- 1st Honorable Mention, Published Newspaper/Blog – “Searching for Victims”
- 2nd Honorable Mention, Native American Short Story – “The Departure”
- 3rd Honorable Mention, A Scream In The Night – “The Cavern Dweller”
- 3rd Honorable Mention, Fish Out OF Water Tale – “Too Pretty to Die”



Kim Vernon:

- 1st Place, Oxbow Award – “The Rustler’s Repentance”
- 1st Place, Middle Grade Fiction, “Passage to the Unknown”
- 2nd Place, Haiku – “Thirsty Brittle Grass”
- 3rd Place, My Favorite Trip/Essay - “Red Dust and Blue Skies”
- 3rd Place, Well That Went Sideways - “Detour on the Way to a Man’s Home”
- 3rd Place, Senior Moments - “Now Hiring, Chauffeur”
- 3rd Place, Flash Fiction - “Alzheimer’s Night”
- 2nd Honorable Mention, Tall Tales – “The Chase is On”
- 2nd Honorable Mention, Point A to Z – “Not What it Appears”



Rhonda Roberts:

- 1st Place, Best Forst Paragraph – “The Dead End Job”
- 1st Place, Things That Go Bump In The Night – “The Thong”
- 1st Place, Tail Tales – “George”
- 1st Place, Native American Short Story – “The Rez”



Don Money:

- 1st Place, Quotable Quote Blog – “Never Defeated”
- 2nd Place, Everything But The Kitchen Sink – “Borrowed Time”
- 3rd Place, Oxbow Award – “Ol’ Switcheroo”
- 3rd Honorable Mention, Flash Fiction – “Sandbar Sirens”
- 1st Honorable Mention, Velda Brotherton Memorial – “Atlanta”



Anthony Wood:

- 2nd Place, My Favorite Day in Nature – “The Honesty of Unclothed Trees”
- 2nd Honorable Mention, Things That Go Bump In the Night – “A Knot Finally Tied”

Bambi George:

- 3rd Honorable Mention, Tail Tales – “Tales from an Autumn Love Story”

