

The Creative Writer



Exploring the Short Story

Our July meeting, had 34 writers in attendance. The program focused on shaping the short story. We talked about how to develop story ideas from scratch, how to follow word count guidelines, and 10 guidelines to giving your story greater impact.

In our next meeting we will focus on the process of writing a short story (500 words). We'll look at a number of different strategies and guidelines you can follow to ensure your stories have the greatest possible impact.

We'll include the essential elements of a short story, including character, desire, conflict, and structure. We'll be looking for a simple, effective approach to building a focused narrative that moves with purpose and ends with meaning.

Speaking about short stories...

Writers Monthly PDF wants your fiction and nonfiction stories. Send your stories as Word.doc in 12-point, Times New Roman, single spaced with your byline, a 100-word bio and a portrait of your smiling face. Make it an attachment to your email and send to prowriter001@yahoo.com.

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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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NEXT MEETING

Aug. 24, 2026
6:30 p.m.

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800 E. Beebe Capps Expressway
Searcy, Ark.

