

The Writer's Wire

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THANKFUL REFLECTIONS



Photo: Jessica Luetzow

November is traditionally a month when many of us look back over the past year and give thanks for those people, events and activities that have had a positive effect on our lives. Sometimes we are even fortunate enough to have life-changing or life-affirming events. Gratitude can be expressed in many ways. This having been my first year as director of Women Who Write, I have number of things to be grateful for, and I want to list them here:

People: Over the course of this year, I have been humbled and honored to have gotten to know so many of you on a much more personal level. Some of you are new members to Women Who Write, but many of you are continuing members who have long been with the writing group, and I am glad that as we grow and develop, you still find that we provide the same level of support and critique to which you have been accustomed. I am also incredibly blessed to hear the stories and poems that many of you hold most closely to your hearts. We have all been treated to glimpses of our fellow members' lives and times and we are all richer for them. (Continued on page 2.)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Women Who Write Holiday Luncheon: Please join other WWW members for the first-ever holiday luncheon on Saturday, Dec. 13, at noon, at the Olive Garden, 1320 Hurstbourne Parkway off I-64. This is an informal, casual get-together, a time for members to celebrate the season and enjoy one another's company. Email Jessica.Luetzow@gmail.com to RSVP.

January Meeting Date Change: The first Thursday of January is New Year's Day. The library will be closed and some of you may be recovering or still celebrating the New Year. So we have moved the meeting to the following week: **WED JAN 7, same place, same time.** This is a one-time change. Start the new year off right and join us.

ABOUT WOMEN WHO WRITE

Membership: Our goal is to encourage, support, and educate all women who aspire to write. Our group is diverse and dynamic, and includes writers who are just starting out, those who are newly published, and those in the middle of their careers.

Regular meetings are from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Highlands-Shelby Park Library, Mid City Mall, 1250 Bardstown Rd., Louisville, Kentucky.

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THANKFUL REFLECTIONS

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Events: Women Who Write has hosted two wonderful events this year! In July we had our annual one-day writers' workshop at JCTCS-Bullitt County and a record number of members and the community came out to learn from local and regional authors who shared their particular craft or writing with us. More recently, we had our annual writers' retreat at Hopscotch House, and for those who were there it was a fruitful weekend of writing and comradery. The peaceful setting and the opportunity to write solo or hang with others certainly provided me with much-needed inspiration!

Activities: Kentucky is a state blessed with a rich literary tradition and many outlets to explore it. Poetry readings, plays and book fairs provide regular opportunities for Women Who Write members to get together and experience the written works of others or just to get to know each other better. I was lucky enough to attend both the Frankfort and Southern Kentucky book fairs this past year, and not only did I meet new authors but had a few adventures as well. So thank you for making this a year filled with poetry and prose.

—Jessica Luetzow

CHECK OUT MEMBERS' BLOGS

WWW member Cory Lockhart has headed to Palestine where she will be for the next six weeks, working with Christian Peacemaker Teams in the city of Hebron in the West Bank. The group's mission is "building partnerships to transform violence and oppression," with the vision of "a world of communities that together embrace the diversity of the human family and live justly and peaceably with all creation." Cory is blogging about her experiences: <http://www.trulylovethyneighbor.com>. Her blog tag line is "Thoughts about trying, sometimes failing, sometimes succeeding, to live in the world compassionately."

WWW treasurer Holly Hinson is also in the blogosphere. Her blog, Holly Ascending, is at <https://hollyhs.wordpress.com>. Her tag line is "Just a writer and 40-something mom and grandmom slowly and delightfully becoming comfortable in her own skin." Check out these member blogs for inspiration and some darn good writing.

CONTESTS, MARKETS & GRANTS*

- [Jane Lumley Prize for Emerging Writers](#) who have not published a full-length book of poetry. Winner receives \$300 and will be published in January 2015. No entry fee. Deadline Nov. 30.
- [Chicken Soup: Inspiration For Nurses](#) seeks true stories (up to 1,200 words) that inspire, support, motivate and nurture those in the nursing profession. Selected stories will be published; writers will receive \$200 and 10 free copies. Deadline Nov. 30, 2014.
- [Poet House Fellowship](#): 12-week program of workshops and meetings in NYC. Application deadline: Dec. 1.
- [Word Hotel](#), the literary journal published by the BFA in Creative Writing program at Spalding University, invites submissions of poetry, short fiction and creative nonfiction (up to 2,500 words). Editors welcome experimental work. Reading period for next issue (June) ends Dec. 12. Submit up to three poems (any length), short fiction/CNF up to 2,500 words, and hybrid texts to wordhotel@spalding.edu.
- [Summer Residency Contest](#): University of Arizona is offering one two-week summer poetry residency in Tucson. Includes a \$500 stipend. Entry fee \$15. Deadline Dec. 15.
- [GENEii Family History Writing Awards](#) for factual family or local history articles, character sketches, or memoir—unpublished or previously published. Prizes in two categories (for articles between 1,000 and 2,000 words, and for articles under 1,000 words). Prizes range from \$20 to \$200. No entry fee. Deadline Dec. 31.
- [Monkey Star Press anthologies](#) seeks content for two mom-lit anthologies: (1) tantrums and babysitters, and (2) moms, children, and lack of sleep. Essays, creative nonfiction, flash memoir, poems, and other forms up to 2,000 words. Pays from \$25 to \$200. Deadline Dec. 31.
- [Boulevard Short Fiction Contest for emerging writers](#); open to people who have not published a book of fiction, poetry or creative nonfiction with a nationally distributed press. Stories must be under 8,000 words and not previously published. First prize \$1,500 and publication. Entry fee \$15. Deadline Dec. 31.
- [International Short Fiction Award from Writers' Village](#). Prose fiction up to 3,000 words. Prizes \$1,600 (first), \$800 (second), \$400 (third), \$80 (runner-up), plus online publication. Entry fee \$24. Deadline Dec. 31.

*Check contest websites for rules and details.

EVENTS FOR WRITERS



Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m.:
Garrison Keillor, “America’s favorite storyteller,” appears at EKU Center for the Arts. <http://ekucenter.com/2014-15-season/1723-an-evening-with-garrison-keillor>.

- Nov. 18–22: Spalding University’s **Festival of Contemporary Writing**. Events held at the university’s Egan Leadership Center, 901 S. Fourth St., and Brown Hotel Crystal Ballroom, 335 W. Broadway, Louisville. Includes MFA faculty and alumni readings, special presentations, and book signings.
- Nov. 21, 9 p.m. to Nov. 22, 9 a.m. **Overnight Write-In**, Joseph-Beth Booksellers, 161 Lexington Green Circle, Lexington. Participating in NaNoWriMo? Wind up weeks of writing with other writers. Optional group sessions during the night; refreshments provided. Bring a pillow, blanket, and writing materials. See [website](#) for info; call 859-273-2911 to reserve a spot. \$35.
- Dec. 13, 9:30 to noon: **Writing the Dramatic Monologue**, part of the “Second Saturday” series through Shape and Flow Writing Studio, Mellwood Art & Entertainment Center, 1860 Mellwood Ave., Louisville KY. Nancy Gall-Clayton, award-winning playwright and popular instructor, will coach participants on how to write dramatic monologues. \$25.
- Jan 10, 9:30 to noon: **Writing the Query Letter (and Other Secrets of Publishing)**, part of the “Second Saturday” series through Shape and Flow Writing Studio, Mellwood Art & Entertainment Center, 1860 Mellwood Ave., Louisville KY. Literary agent Alice Speilburg discusses queries and agents. \$25.

DO YOU HAVE NEWS FOR THE *WIRE*?

The *Writer’s Wire* is a monthly publication of Women Who Write, edited by Susan Lindsey. If you have news to share with members, contact Susan or Jessica Luetzow.

And remember, the *Wire* is a mid-month email newsletter, so look for it in your in-box around the fifteenth of each month.