

The Writer's Wire

Women Who Write: A Place, a Space, a Voice

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VOTE FOR NEW BOARD ON DEC. 3

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Encouraging, supporting and educating women who aspire to write

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November is the month when we give thanks and express our gratitude for all that has been good over the past year. Women Who Write has had an amazing year with much to be thankful for! We began the year with a first-ever fundraising event when we hosted the movie, *Muffin Top:*



A Love Story and managed to get great attendance despite holding it in the lull between blizzards. We then went on to host our fifth and most successful writer's conference in July where we blew the doors off with a greater-than-expected attendance of folks coming to learn more about the craft of writing. And finally, we wrapped up the year with the writer's retreat weekend at the Hopscotch House where so many came together to share their work and spend time together.

These past few weeks alone have seen our members participate in an open mic reading of short pieces during Kim Crum's Shape and Flow Memoir Reading at the Bard's Town on Nov. 5 (photo above). This was the first time we ever moved the monthly meeting to a different venue to support all those women who were reading. Two totally awesome events occurred just this past weekend. Many of you made the trip to Frankfort for the annual Kentucky Book Fair and were rewarded with up-close and personal meet-and-greets with over 200 local, regional and nationally renowned authors. I know how special this was because it was my first time meeting Wendell Berry! And if that wasn't enough, many of you attended the Louisville Literary Arts Writer's Block Festival and heard from such award-winning authors as Lee Martin and Adam Johnson.

I truly have much to be thankful for. I might add to that list the names of those members who have stepped forward as candidates for the new Women Who Write board for 2016 and 2017. They include: Selene Phillips as director, Dana Lindley as associate director, Joan Dubay as secretary and Melony Dixon as treasurer. I will stay on the board as associate director of PR and communications. Nominations of other candidates can be accepted at the Dec. 3 meeting, as well. Of course, our membership needs to elect the new board, so come to our next meeting to cast your vote. I look forward to seeing you there.

—Jessica Luetzow

JOIN US FOR HOLIDAY LUNCH DEC. 5

Last year's buy-your-own holiday lunch at the Olive Garden was a great success. We're doing it again this year on Saturday, Dec. 5. Meet us at noon at the Olive Garden at 1320 Hurstbourne Parkway, just north of the intersection with Interstate 64. Join us for a great afternoon of relaxing and socializing! If you plan on joining us, please RSVP to charlet.johnson@yahoo.com.



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.

WOMEN WHO WRITE BOARD

Director [Jessica Luetzow](#)
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Associate Director, Communication & PR, Editor
..... [Susan E. Lindsey](#)
Secretary Charlet Johnson
Treasurer..... Holly Hinson

MEET THE CANDIDATES FOR THE NEW BOARD

Selene Phillips, Director: Selene is a member of the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe nation in Wisconsin. She is a professor at the University of Louisville in the Communication Department, where she teaches writing and Native American Studies. Her “i miss lac du flambeau” piece won the 2013 WWW International Poetry Contest. Besides writing, she enjoys her two great nephews and looks forward to the arrival of their baby sister.

Dana Lindley, Associate Director: Dana retired from a career with the United States Senate and the *Better Homes and Gardens* book division. Now she spends time with her grandchildren or reading, gardening, and traveling. She has published numerous short essays and continues to work on her second novel.

Melony Dixon, Treasurer: Melony works as a bookkeeper for a racehorse practice. She started writing a few years ago and enjoys the outlet and creativity it offers her.

Joan Dubay, Secretary: Joan is a retired Jefferson County Public Schools K/1 teacher, and has been a member of WWW since the autumn of 2012. She is an observer of life, in search of a genre.

Jessica Luetzow, Associate Director, PR & Communication: Jessica is the past director of Women Who Write. She has an MA in English Literature from the University of California at San Diego. After ten plus years in corporate positions, she is finally chasing the dream that has always been waiting just out of reach—writing a book. She hopes to keep the group growing by sharing the story of Women Who Write.



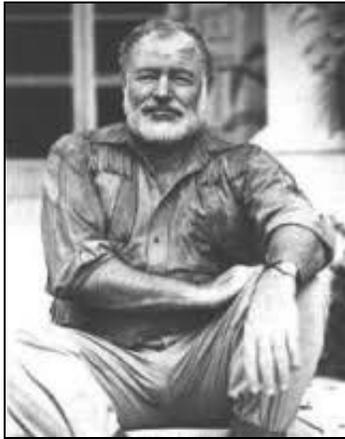
WISDOM FROM WRITERS

I love writing; I love the swirl and swing of words as they tangle with human emotions.

—James A. Michner

CONTESTS, MARKETS & GRANTS*

- [Writers' Village Contest](#). Seeking short fiction in any genre up to 3000 words. Prizes \$1600, \$800, \$400, five runners up, \$80. All entries get feedback. Entry fee \$24. Deadline Nov. 30.
- [Monica Schreiber Prize for Humor / Fiction and Nonfiction](#). Fiction or nonfiction humor up to 750 words. Prizes \$500, \$250, \$100. Entry fee \$5. Deadline Dec. 1.
- [Fiction Southeast / Ernest Hemingway Flash Fiction Award](#) for stories 1,500 words or fewer. Prize: \$200 and publication in *Fiction Southeast*. Entry fee \$10. Deadline Dec. 1.



- [The Writer "Two Roads Diverge" contest](#) seeks 2,000-word short stories that include elements of duality and divergence. First prize, \$1000 and publication in *The Writer*. Entry fee \$25. Deadline Dec. 6.
- [Blue Mountain Arts Poetry Contest](#). Prizes \$300, \$150, and \$50. No entry fee. Deadline Dec. 31.
- [Monadnock Essay Collection Prize](#) is a new writing contest for a book-length collection (120-160 pages or 50,000-60,000 words) of previously unpublished nonfiction essays. Prize \$1000 plus publication by Bauhan Publishing and 100 copies. Entry fee \$30. Deadline Jan. 15, 2016.
- South Carolina First Novel Award. Accepting manuscripts between 150-400 pages. Winner receives a \$1,000 advance against royalties. Hub City Press will publish at least 2,000 copies of the books. Entry fee \$35. Deadline March 15, 2016.
- Azule Residencies. AZULE, is an emerging art and community-based organization with retreat and residency programs for anyone wishing to enjoy Appalachia. 50 miles from Asheville, NC.

*Be sure to check contest websites for complete rules and submission guidelines.

EVENTS FOR WRITERS

- Nov 24, doors open 7 p.m., show at 8 p.m. [The Moth](#), open-mic storytelling competition, featuring true stories on "gifted." Headliners Music Hall, 1386 Lexington Rd. \$8
- Dec 3, 5:30 p.m., reading and signing: [Angela Correll](#), featuring her novel *Guarded*. Carmichael's Bookstore, 2720 Frankfort Ave.
- Dec 7, 7 p.m., [Portland Poetry Series](#), McQuixote Books & Coffee, 1512 Portland Ave.
- Dec 8, Doors open at 7 p.m. Show at 8 p.m. [The Moth GrandSLAM](#), open-mic storytelling championship. Bomhard Theater, 501 W. Main St. \$8.
- Dec 11, 7 p.m. [InKY Reading Series](#) featuring Mark Neely, Ian Stansel, and Ashley Farmer, Curtis Crisler, and Sarah McCartt-Jackson. The Bard's Town, 1801 Bardstown Rd.
- Dec 14, 6 p.m. [Flying Out Loud](#), featuring monthly poetry readings. To read contact Steve Cambron at barbu68@hotmail.com. Sunergos Coffee Shop, 2122 South Preston St.

KENTUCKY BOOK FAIR WRAP-UP



It was another great year for the [Kentucky Book Fair](#), the state's premier literary event. This year's book fair was on Saturday, Nov. 14, in Frankfort.

Nearly 200 authors attended the fair, including David Bell, Wendell Berry, Sallie Bingham, George Ella Lyon, Bobby Ann Mason, Sharyn McCrumb, Kim Michele Richardson, Virginia Smith, James Alexander Thom, and many others.

Pictured above are Kim Michele Richardson (author of *Liar's Bench*), Mike Barnes (cover model for *One Tenth of the Law*), Jessica Luetzow, and Ray Peden (author of *One Tenth of the Law*).