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## **WWA...NewsBrief**

what you need to know for the August 2019 wisconsin writers association

Hello,

Here are 10 things we thought were worth sharing this month with you!

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#### Website Refresh

We've got a great public website! Have you noticed? Check it out at: [wiwrite.org](http://wiwrite.org)

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WWA Website



Barb's Editors Note: This WWA NewsBrief is for and about our membership. If you have ideas or comments, suggestions, or complaints, hopefully not :) Please share them with me. [bjm.writer@gmail.com](mailto:bjm.writer@gmail.com).

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*WWA News about member accomplishments, writing events, and contests is sent by email each month. Please send news bits for the June 2019 WWA NewsBrief no later than Monday, May 20, 2019, to Barbara Messick at [bjm.writer@gmail.com](mailto:bjm.writer@gmail.com).*

*Thank you.*

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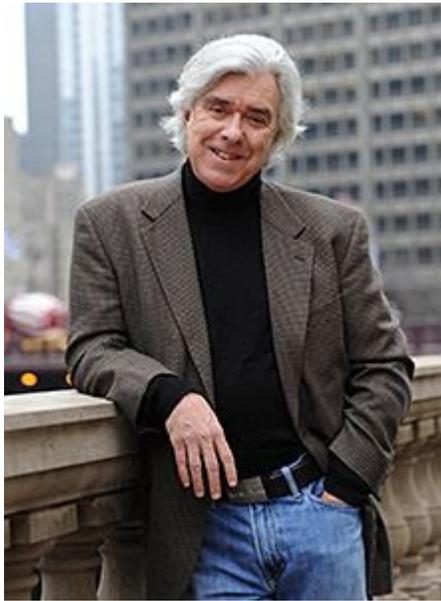


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## **A Note from WWA President Barry Wightman:**

### **WWA President's Message – August 20, 2019**

I'm enjoying a tech-free vacation! So, I ceded this month's column for a report on the Jade Ring Contest and upcoming events. Take it away Barb and Christine!



The 2019 Jade Ring Contest has closed and what a year it was. We were able to compare the entries for this year and the past two years. We are pleased to report that the entries increased by record numbers. Entries for 2017 and 2018 were 76 and 106 respectively. We received 199 entries for 2019! Writers are returning to the contest and telling their fellow writers to join them. We had thirty-two submitting multiple entries. A new option in this contest was to join WWA with an entry at a reduced rate. Thirty entrants took advantage of this option and joined the ranks!

Our judges stepped up and worked harder than ever, not only judging all these entries but providing critiques for those who paid and extra \$10 for an expert review of their pieces. Judy

Bridges, fiction critiqued 17 entries; Jim Landwehr, nonfiction, 27; Mel Miskimen, humor, 8; and Max Garland critiqued 22. Wow! They really brought it home and we appreciate their hard work on a tight timeline. They were tasked with naming the first-place winners in each category to make a July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for the exciting opportunity to have the winning entries published in the magazine *Wisconsin People & Ideas*! Thank you to our esteemed judges for meeting this extraordinary challenge!

Now for the big news, our 2019 winners of the Jade Ring Contest are (drum roll please)

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Pamela J.A. Fullerton, for her work of fiction, "Going to the Dickens."

Janice Wilberg, for her humorous piece, "Crop Tending."

Julia Gimbel for her nonfiction, "My Miss New Orleans."

Kayla Knaack for her poem, "Bathtub Baptism."

We look forward to congratulating them at the October 5<sup>th</sup> workshop in Middleton and to buying this year's edition of *Creative Wisconsin Anthology* where we can enjoy their winning entries. Congratulations to our winners and to all our entrants for their participation in this year's Jade Ring Contest.

[Learn more about the winners](#) and those who placed or received honorable mention.

The inaugural Time to Write workshop was a great success. Over fifty writers joined us in Burlington to learn the craft from an award-winning mystery writer, screenwriter,

poet, and acquiring editor. A survey has been distributed and we are anxious to hear from those who attended.

And now, on to the exciting opportunities coming up ...

St. Croix Writers Northland Fall Conference, sponsored by Wisconsin Writers Association on September 28 in Solon Springs, Wisconsin. A conference for writers and readers, because every writer needs a reader! The conference examines the craft in several genres, giving you the tools to bring it to your own writing. The full-day conference also outlines the benefits of professional editing for your manuscripts. A vendor area to meet regional authors and purchase their books will be available.

[LEARN MORE](#)

October 5th! Hope you've saved the date on your calendars...8 am-5 pm at Holy Wisdom Monastery Retreat Center in Middleton. With a great excellent roster of writers in several genres, you will learn something from each one. \$49 (\$39 for WWA members) early registration deadline is September 18. Registration after deadline is \$55 (members pay \$45.) Vendors are welcome and can register for a table. [LEARN MORE](#)

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## **Board Members Needed:**

WWA is a registered 501 (c) 3, managed by a Board of Directors and is in need of new board member volunteers. Board members serve a three-year term, and duties include attendance at two board meetings per year and accepting a volunteer assignment that fits their time availability.

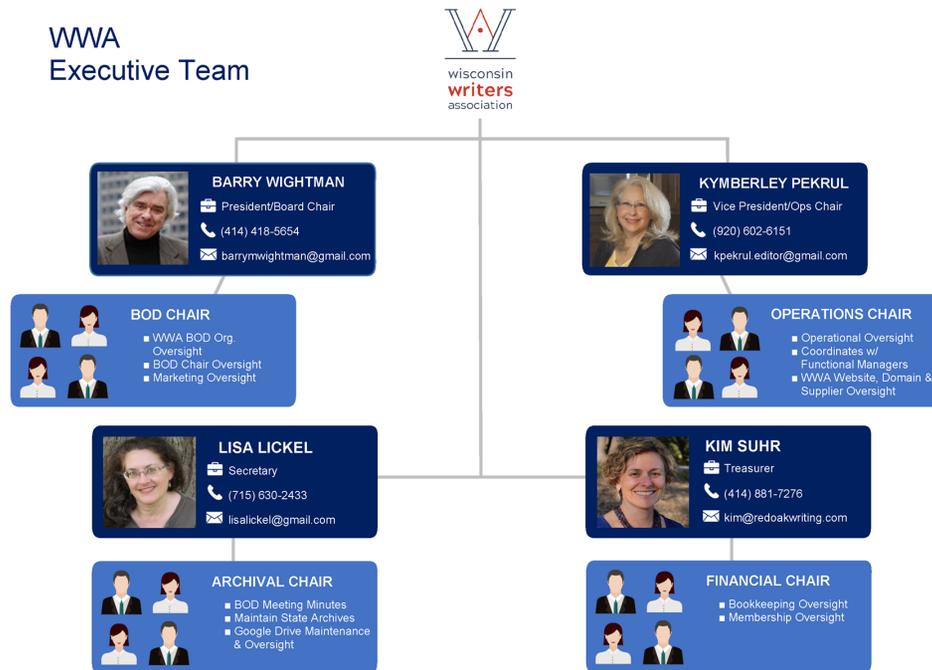
Board members focus on policy and long-range planning to fulfill our mission of supporting Wisconsin writers in achieving their individual writing goals. Please join us in this important work. If interested in further discussion or to ask questions, contact [barrymwrightman@gmail.com](mailto:barrymwrightman@gmail.com).

## **Upcoming Board Vacancies:**

WWA Board Treasurer/Financial Chair - Beginning October 2019

WWA General Board Member - Two general board positions beginning October 2019

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## Meet Your Board

Head on over to the [Board of Directors](#) page for easy links to contact WWA Board Members.

### Executive Committee:

President: Barry Wightman  
 Vice President: Kymberly Pekrul  
 Treasurer: Kim Suhr  
 Secretary: Lisa Lickel

### Board Members:

Gary Banker  
 Nick Chiarkas  
 Charlie Haislet  
 Adrienne Hulbert-Stroud  
 Christine Keleny-Craven  
 Debra Raven-King

Thomas Wayne King  
Russ Klingaman  
Barbara Messick  
Christine Schultz  
Karin Schmidt

You too could be a member of this esteemed group! Contact President [Barry Wightman](#).

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### **WWA Board Calls & Meetings:**

**Wednesday, August 7, 2019 – 10:30 p.m. to 11:00 a.m.** – WWA members are welcome to call in or attend the meeting as observers. To request, a call invite, contact [kpekruleditor@gmail.com](mailto:kpekruleditor@gmail.com)

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### **WWA Business Membership Available:**

Promote your writing-related service business. Just \$35 one-year annual membership for individuals who own/operate a business that provides related writing services may join WWA and secure a listing on the Business Member Profile Directory page of the WWA [website](#).

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### **Become a WWA Member**

[JOIN NOW](#)

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### **Interested in Helping?**

[SIGN UP NOW! VOLUNTEER WITH WWA](#)

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### **Upcoming WWA Events**

Planning for WWA's future. Interested? Want to be involved? Contact [barrymweightman@gmail.com](mailto:barrymweightman@gmail.com) for details.

### WWA Website News:

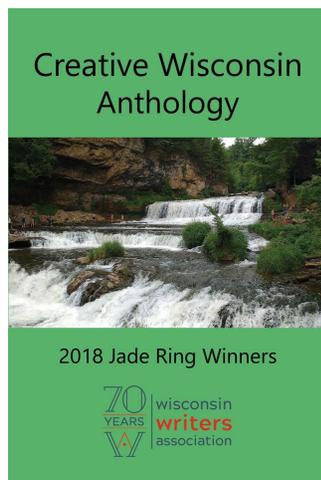
Send all requests for website changes, corrections, routine updates, and questions associated with the WWA website to Board Operations Chair, Kymberley Pekrul, [kpekrul.editor@gmail.com](mailto:kpekrul.editor@gmail.com).

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### Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/WIWrite/> **WONDERING HOW YOU CAN KEEP UP WITH WWA EVERY DAY?** Visit the WWA Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/WIWrite/> – Post your exciting writing news! Stay up with the pulse of what's trending in today's shifting marketplace. Network via Facebook with other members. Explore, learn, discover, keep up with authors, and connect.

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### Help Promote and Support Wisconsin Authors

#### Order Your Copy of the WWA Creative Wisconsin Anthology Today!

Order online: [WWA Shop](#)

Or, to order by mail send a check for \$10 to Kymberley Pekrul at [W1347 Pit Road, Mount Calvary, WI 53057-9508](#) (please include the address to which you would like the copy sent).

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**Share your pride in WWA membership and promote the organization at the same time!**



Download badges to include in your email signature and other areas where you want to tell the world about your associations. Visit the WWA website to [download your badge](#).

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## Writing Quote of the Month:

**The road to hell is paved with works-in-progress."** ~Phillip Roth, author of **Portnoy's Complaint**

"There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside you."  
— Maya Angelou



coffee by Headwaters Roasting.

**Early Registration:** \$49.00 (\$39.00 for WWA members.) Early registration deadline is September 18.

**Late Registration:** \$55.00 (\$45.00 for WWA members)

## WWA Mini Conference!

### Writing & Publishing Wisdom

Mini Conference at the Holy Wisdom Monastery Mini-Conference Hosted by The Wisconsin Writers Association

**When:** Saturday Oct. 5, 8am-5pm

**Location:** Holy Wisdom Monastery Retreat Center - Garden Room [4200 Co Hwy M, Middleton, WI 53562](#)

**Pricing & Registration:** includes conference, catered lunch, morning and afternoon refreshments with Artisanal

**Vendor Registration:** \$64.00 (\$54.00 for WWA members) includes six-foot covered table, conference, catered lunch, morning & afternoon refreshments. Register at: [wiwrite.org](http://wiwrite.org)

### **Itinerary:**

Check - in with coffee & light refreshments

Introduction by WWA President Barry Wightman

Presentation with Wisconsin Poet Laureate **Margaret Rozga**

Mystery Writer **Susanna Calkins** Pathway to Publishing - Panel Discussion

Featuring: ~ **Kira Henschel** - Henschel HAUS Publishing; **Shannon Ishizaki** - Orange Hat Publishing; **Ross Tangedahl** - Cornerstone Publishing

Lunch & Awards Presentation ~ Buffet lunch from Common Ground Middleton

Jade Ring Writing Contest - winners presentation

High School Writing Contest - winners presentation

**Elizabeth Jorgenson**, English & Creative Writing teacher

**Kim Suhr**, Author & Director of Red Oak Writing

Cookies & Coffee ~ mingle, ask questions, visit vendor booths, etc

Closing: Author **Nick Chiarkas**

Watch our [website](#) for more information!



**Have you paid a visit to the new WWA website, yet?**

You'll find tons of great information for writers. Check out the "[Contests and Publishing Opportunities](#)" page for a list of opportunities for your writing.

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## **Jade Ring Contest Winners!**

**A stellar roster of judges took on the challenge of naming winners from strong** submissions in this year's contest. Thank you to our judges - Judy Bridges, Max Garland, Jim Landwehr, and Mel Miskimen! With great appreciation and bravo for a job well done...the judge's chosen winners:

**Pamela J.A. Fullerton**, for her work of fiction, "Going to the Dickens", an engaging, carefully crafted story about an elderly woman who faces a life-and-death problem in her own special way.

**Janice Wilberg**, for her humorous piece, "Crop Tending", a story about a rookie gardener with big time master gardener dreams. The humor was subtle and restrained. There was a quiet sense of futility that built with each paragraph and each growing season. Every year had a renewed sense of hope, along with a new set of problems.

**Julia Gimbel** for her nonfiction, "My Miss New Orleans", a strong, engaging and complete story about launching a child into the world of higher education in a distant, vibrant and sometimes exotic city.

**Kayla Knaack** for her poem, "Bathtub Baptism", that tells a story, the emotion progressing in a surprising, yet convincing way from stanza to stanza. Emotionally, we're a long way from where we started by the time the title echoes itself in the closing words.

Also, congratulations to	2nd Place: Harold Thorpe, Fiction; Pamela Fullerton, Humor; Gary Jones, Nonfiction; Nancy Jesse, Poetry
the second, third,	3rd Place: Lawrence Wilson, Fiction; Pamela Fullerton, Humor; Jim Guhl, Nonfiction; Nick Chiarkas, Poetry
and honorable mentions:	Honorable Mentions: Steve Fox, Emily Berthoff, Myles Hopper; Christy Wopat, Judith Liebaert, Rosie Klepper, Julia Gimbel, Janice Wilberg, Nancy Runner, Kathleen Fletemeyer, Mary Jo Balistreri, and Lora Keller.



ST. CROIX WRITERS &  
WWA PRESENT

## St Croix Writers Northland Fall Conference, sponsored by Wisconsin

Writers Association. September 28, 2019,  
8:30 AM – 4:00 pm.



St. Croix Writers and Wisconsin Writers Association are pleased to announce their Northland Fall Writers Conference, September 28, 2019. Registration begins at 8:30 am, Solon Springs Community Center, 11523 S. Business Highway 53, Solon Springs, WI. Conference fee of \$49.00 (WWA members \$39.00)

includes a catered lunch, morning, and afternoon refreshments.

The conference is designed for you, writers and readers. During this exciting and eclectic day, you will explore and learn about several genres of writing, plus examine the benefits of professional editing for your manuscripts. This full-day conference includes opportunities for you to purchase books by regional authors in a vendor area.

Brian Freeman, international best-selling psychological thriller author, will present "Thrill Seeker: A Writer's Life in the Northland." Freeman, keynote presenter, is well known for his strong, complex characters including Jonathan Stride, Frost Easton and Cab Bolton, with the Stride detective series set in Duluth, MN. Brian's books are sold in 46 countries and translated into 22 languages. He lives and writes in St. Paul, MN.

During his fifteen years as a Midwestern writer, Brian Freeman has seen the publishing world turn upside down and reinvent itself. But one thing hasn't changed: the love that readers have for a great story.

Brian will take you through the evolution of his career, from writing award-winning Northland thrillers to recently taking over Robert Ludlum's Jason Bourne franchise, with the next book in the series, *The Bourne Conspiracy*, planned for 2020 release.

Brian will also speak about how he develops characters and stories for different settings, platforms, and audiences. He will answer your questions about thriving in today's publishing industry.

Please find additional info at Brian's website: [www.bfreemanbooks.com](http://www.bfreemanbooks.com)

Additional guest presenters during the day will include Karla Huston, WI Poet Laureate 2017-2018; Abby Frucht, novelist; and Barry Wightman, author, editor and president of WWA.

Regional authors featured will include, Gary Banker, Thomas Wayne King, Naomi Musch, and Marty Russo.

Book tables and sales by authors and vendors will be available all day until 4 pm.

Your cost to attend will be \$49.00 (WWA members \$39.00) including program, catered lunch, snacks, and artisanal coffees. Authors and other literary vendors can reserve a vendor table for an additional \$15.00.

Full information and details will be available soon at [WiWrite.org](http://WiWrite.org).

Save the date! Plan to attend! Saturday, September 28, 2019. Solon Springs, WI.

If you love to read and write, this day is for you. Don't miss it!



Brian Freeman, international best-selling author of the Jonathan Stride, Frost Easton, and Cab Bolton thriller series will be keynote presenter at the Northland Fall Writers Conference, September 28, in Solon Springs, Wisconsin. Freeman has recently taken on Robert Ludlum's Jason Bourne franchise, and is writing the next book in that series, *The Bourne Conspiracy*, to be released in 2020. To register and for more information check [www.WiWrite.org](http://www.WiWrite.org) This conference is sponsored

by St. Croix Writers and Wisconsin Writers Association. Everyone is welcome, writers and readers.

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## UPCOMING CLASSES, CONFERENCES, RETREATS, WORKSHOPS & WRITING FESTIVALS...

### Announcements

WWA forges relationships to help us better serve our membership, improve our organization's performance, and engage our professional networks.

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### **WWA Affiliate Announcements:**

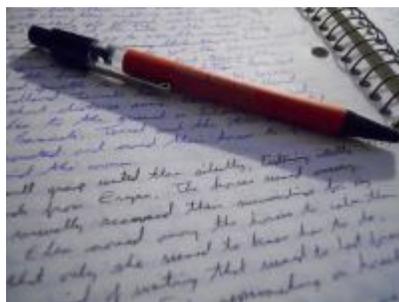
*WWA develops long-lasting partnerships between complementary organizations and businesses where a mutually beneficial relationship serves each organization's interests. WWA will consider proposals to work together or on events and projects but does not guarantee acceptance.*

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**Madison Continuing Studies** offers [Writing Classes](#) (in person and online): Manuscript critiques, writing retreats, and workshops. Prices and times vary. Check



here for details: [continuingstudies.wisc.edu/writing](https://continuingstudies.wisc.edu/writing)



## **WWA is A Proud Sponsor of UW's Weekend with Your Novel Retreat—**

### **Time for you and your writing!**

This annual retreat is small, affordable, and supportive. Meet other writers and return home with a weekend's worth of new ideas, approaches, inspiration, and with new work. Work with an acclaimed novelist in a small group over three days, with time for writing, reading, and networking. Choose from eight workshops led by published writers who are also experienced teachers.

For more info contact Christopher Chambers, [christopher.chambers@wisc.edu](mailto:christopher.chambers@wisc.edu) or phone 608-262-5095.

Visit Weekend with Your Novel website: <https://continuingstudies.wisc.edu/weekend-with-your-novel/>

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## **Announcements from our WWA Friends:**

*WWA provides a monthly listing of non-sponsored, non-affiliate opportunities for its membership community. WWA shares this information solely as a service to its members.*

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## **Call for Submissions! Forward Theater and Wisconsin Wrights**

will begin accepting submissions for Forward Theater's 2020 Wisconsin Wrights New Play Development Project on August 31, 2019. Up to three selected playwrights will be



given the opportunity to develop their plays with professional directors, and actors, culminating in a public reading during Forward Theater's 2019-2020 season. [Check it out.](#)

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## The Masters Review



**Subscribe to Masters Review** for contests and other writing opportunities. Masters Review offers a quality platform for emerging writers. [Click her for details.](#)



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**Red Oak Writing** offers programs for writers of all levels of ability and experience: Registration is open for [Roundtable Critique Groups \(online and in person\)](#), [Craft & Publishing Workshops](#), and [Youth Creative Writing Camps](#).

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**UW-Madison Continuing Studies** offers [Writing Classes](#) (in person and online): Manuscript critiques, writing retreats, and workshops. Prices and times vary. Check here for details: [continuingstudies.wisc.edu/writing](https://continuingstudies.wisc.edu/writing)

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## Contests:

*Contests Listings WANTED!* – Do you know of a contest that may be of interest to WWA Members? Submit contest details with deadlines to [bjm.writer@gmail.com](mailto:bjm.writer@gmail.com).

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**Do you have a story to tell from your own life?** Check out these opportunities from Freedom with Writing: [Personal Essays and Memoir](#)

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**Looking for Freelance Work online?** Check out these sites:

[Upwork](#) offers both short- and long-term projects, hourly or pay-per-project.

[Freelancer](#) allows you to compete with other freelancers in contests to prove your skills. It's a great way to find your niche and attract clients.

[Guru](#) lets you showcase your past work experience and has a daily job-matching feature so you won't miss out on opportunities.

[Freelance Writing Gigs](#): As the name implies, this site is specific to writers, editors, bloggers and others in the industry.

[Fiverr](#): A site for creative types, including writers. Name your service and price and businesses in need of content can contact you. Helps you build a platform and reputation.

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[Subscribe to The Masters Review Monthly Newsletter](#) to receive curated contest lists, free fiction, links to craft essays, and other excellent resources for writers. All for FREE!

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Give a WWA Gift Membership TODAY!**

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### Member News:

Got News? Send your member news by the 20th of each month for inclusion in the upcoming month's WWA NewsBrief issue. Send to [bjm.writer@gmail.com](mailto:bjm.writer@gmail.com).



Telling the story of the WWA at the first-ever CVWG Priory Retreat.

Tom and Debbi King, members of the WWA Board of Directors, represented WWA at the Chippewa Valley Writers Guild (CVWG) Priory Writers' Retreat at the UW- Eau Claire on July 18-21, 2019,

On behalf of WWA, Tom, UWEC professor emeritus, introduced Max Garland, Poet and Keynote presenter at the opening-night dinner event. Debbi and Tom set up and staffed a WWA table with membership and events information.

On July 21, Tom and Debbi King hosted their sort-of-annual \*Sunny Cove Performing Arts Shed\* at their primitive Sunny Cove Farm in northwestern Douglas County, overlooking Lake Superior. Regional MN and WI writers, musicians, poets, speakers

and readers contributed all-acoustic performances. Tom and Debbi's folk band, Hallbjorn, played, sang and spoke several of their own unique Northland creations. Their rugged flock of Icelandic Sheep enjoyed the attention and treats!

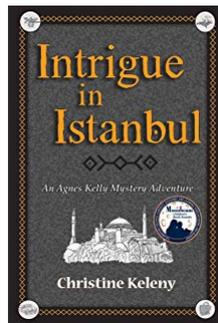


... If you have a few minutes to spare and would like to help WWA out at any of our upcoming events please contact our president Barry Wightman at

[barrymwightman@gmail.com](mailto:barrymwightman@gmail.com) This is

how we grow. This is how we can bring you more benefits through WWA.

**WE NEED YOU!**



**Christine Keleny will hold a book selling event** for her three book series, *Agnes Kelly Mystery Adventure Series: All is Revealed in Russia* on Sunday, September 5th from 10 am to 3 pm in New Glarus at Lawn of Swiss UCC Church (across from the park.)

There is an Art in the Park event that same day and the Wilhelm Tell Fest in town, so lots of people in town.

Half table is \$20, full table is \$30. We will be inside the church if it rains.

100% of the proceeds go to a church mission that helps poor children in El Salvador go to school. We have been working in this area for 18 years. (<https://www.swisschurch.org/outreach>)

They can contact me ([christinekeleny@yahoo.com](mailto:christinekeleny@yahoo.com)) or go to the book sale website ([www.newglarusbookexpo.blogspot.com](http://www.newglarusbookexpo.blogspot.com)) and click on the author tab for details in how to participate.

Keleny will be putting her skills to work for young people, offering a writing contest for grades 3rd through 8th with Mystery To Me bookstore this

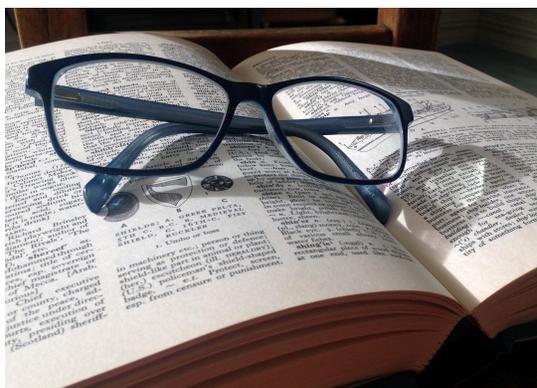
summer.

Kickoff is Saturday, Aug 3rd, 1:00 pm. She'll talk about writing and share tips on how to write a good story.

Kids can pick up an entry form at this event or any time after the 3rd or contact [charolette@mysterytomebooks.com](mailto:charolette@mysterytomebooks.com). Stories are due no later than August 18th.

Winners will be announced in the store on Saturday, Aug, 24th at 10:30 am.

Prizes: a set of [Agnes Kelly Mystery Adventure](#) books for 6,7, or 8th graders and a copy of [Chakra Magic](#). Both are authored by Christine Keleney. Both winners will also receive a \$15 gift card to Mystery to Me.



### Calling Book Reviewers!

Book reviews are an important part of today's book marketing plans. WWA would like to provide our members with a special service that meets reviewer and reviewee networking and support needs. Being a reviewer not only helps published authors, it provides an opportunity for the reviewer to develop his or her own platform and followers.

Currently, we are in the exploratory phase of the program. I would like to have a pool of willing and eager reviewers ready before we officially begin. Reviewers will be expected to provide at least one review per year of at least 200 and no more than 400 words within six weeks of receiving a book, and post the review on at least two other sites. There will be an application which includes preferred genres and availability. You will be matched up by the book review coordinator. Simple guidelines and formatting procedures are provided.

Authors who would like to be reviewed currently should be WWA members and, until we have a better idea of how many reviews we can handle, be limited to one review per year. This is a voluntary program. Reviewers will receive a book the author will provide. Please connect through the WiWrite.org forum under the Members, dropdown to the Community tab, topic: Book Reviews <https://wiwrite.org/book-reviews>(you will need to sign in) or email Lisa at [lisalickel@hotmail.com](mailto:lisalickel@hotmail.com)

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## Opportunities and Events:

**Do you know of an event?** Send event news by the 20th of each month for inclusion in the upcoming month's WWA NewsBrief issue. Send to [bjm.writer@gmail.com](mailto:bjm.writer@gmail.com).

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**Do you live in southeast Wisconsin?** The Kenosha Writers Guild meets at the beautiful Carthage College on the shores of Lake Michigan. See videos of members and their success and upcoming events at [Kenosha Writers Guild](#).

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**Ever wondered where you can find writing opportunities, writing tools, and inspiration online?** Wonder no more. The Write Life has compiled a list of the 2019 One Hundred Best Writing Websites. Join an online community of writers here.

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**Monthly Poetry Readings** First Tuesday of each month at Suzy's Steakhouse in Portage WI; 6:00 - 8:00 pm. The group extends an invitation to Wisconsin Writers to attend or to request an opportunity to be a Featured Poet. The goal for each month is to have one male and one female Featured Poet and time for Open Mic. Contact June Paul at [junepaul@gmail.com](mailto:junepaul@gmail.com) to learn about current openings.

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**Writers Groups** Writing is a solitary endeavor, but we can learn so much from fellow writers, sharing our works, listening to others share theirs improves our writing. Do you know of writers groups in your area that welcome new members? Share them with us, send your information to [bjm.writer@gmail.com](mailto:bjm.writer@gmail.com). Let's work together!

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## Networking Opportunities:

**Did you know that WWA is On Meetup?** Yep, we've been on Meetup since November 2018. What's Meetup you ask? It's a new way for Wisconsin Writers to connect with writing groups and events around the state! Connect through Meetup with other writers you know from all over Wisconsin, learn about writing-related events that happen everywhere! WWA now has 210 Meetup members! Meetup is a great member benefit coordinated by board member Adrienne Hulburt who regularly adds new conferences, events, and interesting writer events and anything else that gets thrown her way onto the WWA Meetup events calendar. Follow the link below to join WWA's, Meetup Page! <https://www.meetup.com/WisconsinWritersAssociation/>

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## Publication Opportunities:

**The Masters Review/New Voices** – The Masters Review New Voices category is open year-round to any new or emerging author who has not published a work of fiction or narrative nonfiction of novel length. Authors with short story collections are free to submit. They accept simultaneous and multiple submissions but ask that you inform them immediately if your story is accepted elsewhere. They pay New Voices authors \$0.10/word up to \$200 and do not charge submission fees but are highly selective. To read previously published stories, or to submit a piece of fiction or narrative nonfiction up to 7000 words, please see the [New Voices](#) page of their website.

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## 2019 WWA NewsBrief Submission Deadline Calendar:

To help WWA Members and our Partner Groups & Organizations schedule submissions for inclusion in the WWA NewsBrief, we've put together a handy Issue/Deadline Reference (see below) for the upcoming year. Feel free to print and keep the reference

in a convenient place to schedule your news submissions.

*Please note that the November and December NewsBrief is combined into one issue. Also, the January NewsBrief has an earlier December submission deadline to allow for timely distribution to members before Christmas week each year.*

- **September NewsBrief 2019** - Deadline Tuesday, August 20, 2019
- **October NewsBrief 2019** - Deadline Friday, September 20, 2019
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