



## WWA NEWS BRIEF for October 2018

WWA News about member accomplishments, writing events, and contests is sent by email each month. Please send news bits for the November 2018 WWA NewsBrief no later than Saturday, October 20, 2018, to Kymberley Pekrul at [kpekrul.editor@gmail.com](mailto:kpekrul.editor@gmail.com). Thank you.

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### A note from Former WWA President Karin Schmidt:

Change is in the air! Pardon the cliché, but it's true. And change is good.

Coming off the high of our successful Annual Writers Conference, held Sept 21-22, 2018 at the Brookfield Sheraton Hotel, we look to a bright future with hope and high anticipation.

First, we have a new President. With my term ending, I welcome Barry Wightman as our new President, Kymberley Pekrul as Vice President and Kim Suhr as Treasurer/Secretary.

Second, with programming coming to a successful conclusion for 2018, we look forward to 2019 with the refinement of programs and development of new and creative ways to meet the needs of WWA members.

Third, WWA would be nothing without volunteers. We need members to step up and accept an assignment. These can be as small or not so small as your lifestyle can manage. Most of our work is done in committee. So, volunteers never feel alone. Think about it and watch for notices of future needs.

It's been a true pleasure to serve WWA for the last few years. I wouldn't be the writer I am without the support and comradery that WWA has provided for me, and for that, I am very grateful.

I'm also confident that the new management team will take WWA into the future and continue to live out our mission of serving the needs of Wisconsin writers. Thank you!

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## **A note from Incoming WWA President Barry Wightman:**

The level of creative energy shown at this year's Annual Conference was inspiring – all those committed writers, the readings, the workshops, Jerry Apps' keynote. It all reminded me that today the role of the writer is critical as a force for good, a source of ongoing truth as we work to tell our own American stories. It's WWA's job to help you do that.

At the Conference, I asked that you tell us what you're thinking — and we got a wall full of Post It notes, all with marvelous ideas and suggestions—I thank you for that. Look for great things in the coming year.

So, now we're all back to our work, our writing. Remember, there's nothing finer than deciding to write. Thanks for being a member — we'll keep in touch.

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

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### **NEXT WWA BOARD MEETING**

Within the next 30 days. Watch your email for the date, physical location, and info about the possibility of web conferencing into the meeting! That's right - we're looking into a way where all members can listen in via the web. You won't have to travel to attend the meeting. We're working on a way that WWA members can listen in via web conferencing. We'll eventually be pushing out an email invite, so members can virtually listen and join in the conversation. Stay tuned!

**Date: TBA – Physical Location TBD**

*All WWA members are welcome as observers.*

**WWA Business Memberships 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.

**Become a WWA Member**[JOIN NOW](#)**Upcoming WWA Events**

WWA Organizational

Planning Meeting

**Planning for WWA's  
FUTURE**Interested? Want to be  
Involved? Contact[barrymwightman@gmail.com](mailto:barrymwightman@gmail.com)

for details.

**Interested in Helping?****VOLUNTEER WITH WWA**[SIGN UP NOW!](#)**Grateful appreciation to all!****With special thanks to:**

Jerry Apps our Friday, 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration & Conference Keynote Speaker.

This year's workshop presenters, Author and Vendor Expo Participants, Member attendees, board and committee members!

Conference attendees were given the opportunity on Saturday afternoon to meet with literary agents and publishers. Those who participated attended one-on-one in sessions to address a variety of genres and topics in writing.

WWA wishes to extend a special thanks to this year's four literary agents and two publishers:

**Agents**

Jennie Goloboy - [Donald Maass Literary Agency](#) (SF& Fantasy)

Cynthia Zigmund - [Second City Publishing Services](#) (Nonfiction & Mysteries)

Michelle Grajkowski - [3 Seas Literary Agency](#) (Romance, Women, YA & Middle Grade)

Kimbal McCollum - [The Purcell Agency](#) (YA & Middle Grade)

**Publishers**

Kira Henschel - [Henschel Haus Publishing](#)

Philip Martin – [Crickhollow Books](#)

**Conference Photo Highlights**





70 years





## Announcements

WWA does not endorse or sponsor any writing services or publishers. WWA shares the names of publishers as a service to its members.

**WWA Website News:** Send all changes, corrections, routine updates, questions and requests for free member Profile/Bio listings ([Find Submission Guidelines Here](#)) to be included on the WWA website to Board Member Kim Suhr at [kim@redoakwriting.com](mailto:kim@redoakwriting.com).

**WWA Website Spotlight:** <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.

**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](http://continuingstudies.wisc.edu/writing).

**Red Oak Writing (ROW): Red Oak Writing Class: No More "Somedays:" Take your writing project from idea to draft in 12 weeks.** Many of us have a project just beyond our peripheral vision: a children's book, family story, novel, a collection of poems, short stories or essays. Others of us don't know exactly what we want to write, only that we do. In this workshop, we'll explore your writing ideas, narrow your scope, create a concrete roadmap to bring it to fruition AND hold you accountable for making it happen. For more information, visit <http://redoakwriting.com/for-adults/no-more-somedays/>. Note: if you are not in Southeastern WI, you may be able to participate via computer. Contact Kim Suhr [kim@redoakwriting.com](mailto:kim@redoakwriting.com) to inquire.

### **Upcoming Wisconsin Romance Writers of America (WisRWA) Meetings**

**WisRWA - Green Bay:** Wednesday, 10/3/18; 11:30 - 3:00; 1951 West Restaurant, 1951 Bond St, Green Bay. Soul Mate publisher Cheryl Yeko will lead us in learning how to develop query letters and pitches to improve our submission process.

**WisRWA – Wausau:** Saturday, 10/6/18; Join WisRWA at the 2018 Fall Workshop! For more information, visit the [Fall Workshop page](#) on the [WisRWA website](#). A one-day workshop featuring Heidi Cullinan as she presents “*Unlock Your A Game*,” a full-day workshop that starts at square one and lays out a personalized plan for genre fiction careers of every stripe. Give us a few hours, and we'll revamp your promo mojo.

**WisRWA – Milwaukee:** Saturday, 10/20/18; 9:00-11:30; Mayfair Mall (Garden Suites Community Room, Lower Level). Finding GMC: The Building Blocks of Story: Discussion led by Victoria Hinshaw. Let's talk about Goal, Motivation, and Conflict.

**WisRWA - Green Bay:** Wednesday, 11/7/18; 11:30 - 3:00; 1951 West Restaurant, 1951 Bond St, Green Bay. We're planning our programming for 2019! Bring your ideas for next year's programming and help us hammer out a schedule.

**WisRWA – Wausau:** Saturday, 11/10/18; 10:00 – 12:00; Marathon County Library, 300 North First Street, Wausau WI. We're planning our programming for 2019! What would you like to learn next year? What could you teach? Join us and bring your ideas!

**WisRWA – Milwaukee:** Saturday, 11/17/18; 9:00-11:30 am; Mayfair Mall (Garden Suites Community Room, Lower Level). Have ideas for our 2019 programming? Something you'd like to learn more about? Bring your ideas and join us as we decide the schedule for 2019.



**The Kauai Writers Conference – November 9-11, 2018:** One of the premier events in the literary world. The 2018 line-up includes some of the nation's most acclaimed authors: Jane Smiley, Garth Stein, Alice Hoffman, Kirstin Hannah, Ellen Bass, Jane Smiley, Sara Gruen, Scott Turow, Jeff Arch, and Nicholas Delbanco among others.

Intensive Master Classes, limited to small groups, will be offered November 5th—8th.

Choose from Fiction, Memoir, Screenwriting, Poetry, How to Get Published and more. Those wanting to attend are encouraged to register soon.

One-on-one Pitch & Critique Sessions with top literary agents, editors, and publishers will be available. For more information follow this link for full details: [Kauai Writers Conference](#) or contact Constance Frenzen at [constance@kauaiwritersconference.com](mailto:constance@kauaiwritersconference.com).

## **Contests**

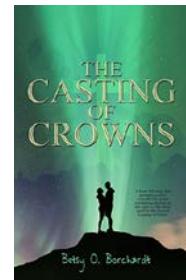
**Dr. Bob Rich Free Book Edit Contest Now Open!** - Send a 200-word synopsis of your book, plus the first 1000 words, as a single Word-compatible file (docx, doc, or RTF), attached to an email. The subject of the email should be "Free edit entry." Send entries to [THIS LINK](#). The synopsis should be like the back-of-book blurb: something that makes a person want to read on. For more information visit <https://bobrich18.wordpress.com/2018/08/05/free-book-edit-contest/>.

**CRAFT Elements Contest Now Open!** - For this contest, stories will be read through the lens of craft; winners will be selected based on the strength of the story in each of the following three craft categories: Setting, Dialogue, and Character. [Send the story](#) that shines in one (or all!) of these categories. They can't wait to read your fiction!

## **Member News**

**Got News?** Send your member news by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month for inclusion in the upcoming month's WWA NewsBrief issue. Send to [kpekrul.editor@gmail.com](mailto:kpekrul.editor@gmail.com).

**Congratulations to WWA Member Betsy O. Borchardt**, of Redgranite, WI – for the publication of her first Christian fiction book, [The Casting of Crowns](#) published by [First Edition Design Publishing](#). The "Casting of Crowns" is Christian fiction set in the Last Days before Jesus returns. This suspense/thriller weaves a dark college tale of A New World Order and its difficult trials for the modern Christian teenager. [The Casting of Crowns](#) is available on [Amazon](#) and on-line wherever eBooks are sold. The 182-page print book version is distributed worldwide to online booksellers. To contact the author, email her [HERE](#).



**Congratulations to WWA Member Christine Keleny**, for the publication of her new book, [Chakra Magic](#). A non-fiction book geared to grade school kids (3-6th) teaching kids about chakras and simple meditation. The book is available on [Amazon](#). For more info visit Christine's author website <https://www.christinekelenybooks.com/>.



## **Opportunities and Events**

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

**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. Current openings are available for October, November, and December.

## **Publication Opportunities**

**2020 Wisconsin Fellowship of Poets Calendar** - Submission period is September 1 – December 1, 2018. Open to all poets who have a connection to Wisconsin. See guidelines here: [wfop.org/poets-calendar](http://wfop.org/poets-calendar).

*Take care and happy writing!*  
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