

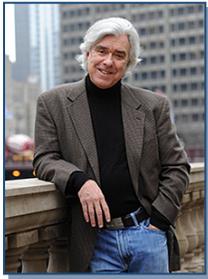
WWA News about member accomplishments, writing events, and contests is sent by email each month. Please send news bits for the June 2019 WWA NewsBrief no later than Monday, May 20, 2019, to Kymberley Pekar at kpekrul.editor@gmail.com. Thank you.

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A note from WWA President Barry Wightman:

Hello All,

April 22, 2019 - I've been brooding. A springtime malaise, or something.

Is it just me? Is spring springing? Or is it just kidding? Are the daffodils just crazy optimistic? Baseball season is indeed here, right? Or did I hear that we've got another six inches on the way—just like last week?

The perfect antidote for us writers—a deadline. A deadline focuses the writer's mind. Gotta get it done.

And we've got some writerly events and deadlines coming up—

- The WWA Jade Ring Writing Contest – Can you win the Ring? Cash prizes! Fiction, poetry, non-fiction, and humor. Fabulous judges – Judy Bridges, Max Garland, Mel Miskimen and Jim Landwehr. Deadline May 31. What're you going to submit?
- The Priory Writers' Retreat – a vibrant, inclusive, and collaborative writing community in the heart of Wisconsin's Chippewa Valley. This summer spend three days writing and learning alongside Nickolas Butler, Mary Mack, Dasha Kelly Hamilton, David McGlynn, Max Garland, and more! Deadline May 1! WWA members – use your discount.
- Lakefly Writers' Conference – May 10 – 11 at the Oshkosh Premier Waterfront Hotel and Conference Center. The delightful Wisconsin author Liam Callanan is keynoting. Two days of great workshops on the craft and business of writing. WWA is a sponsor – members, use your discount!

- The Novel-in-Progress Bookcamp and Writing Retreat – May 19 – 25 in West Bend. Six days of focused work on your book. Last call! WWA members – use your discount.

And coming up, a new WWA writer's workshop — Time to Write – June 22 at The CATHE Center in Burlington. Join the marvelous Edgar Award-nominated mystery author Lori Rader-Day, and five area authors discussing their journeys to success. Share your work, advance your craft, network. Stay tuned for more details in the weeks ahead.

That's it for now, folks...mind those deadlines, and keep on writing.

Barry

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P.S. WWA needs you! Get involved. Drop me a line.

BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED: WWA is a registered 501 (c) 3, managed by a Board of Directors and is always on the lookout for 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

WWA BOARD CALLS & MEETINGS

Friday, May 10, 2019 – 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. During the Lakefly Writers Conference – WWA members are welcome to call in or attend the meeting as observers. To request, a call invite, contact kpekrul.editor@gmail.com.

Wednesday, June 5, 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 kpekrul.editor@gmail.com.

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Planning for WWA's
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for details.

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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.

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 Kymberley Pekrul at kapekrul.editor@gmail.com.

Can **YOU** win the ring?

The Jade Ring

Writing Contest

**CASH
PRIZES!**

Fiction • Poetry • Non-fiction • Humor

What will
you submit?



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wiwrite.org/contests/

2019 Jade Ring Contest – Enter thru May 30, 2019!

[Enter your manuscript Today! Follow This Link for Details!](#)



2019 Jade Ring Judges

Max Garland (former WI Poet Laureate) - Poetry

Judy Bridges - Fiction

Jim Landwehr - Nonfiction

Mel Miskimen – Humor

WWA sends a warm welcome aboard to volunteers Barb Messick and Christine Shultz! Thank you for all you're doing to make this another wonderful year for the Jade Ring contest! Many thanks as well to volunteer Emily Bertholf for joining the proofreading team working on this year's WWA Anthology.

WWA 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.



Help Promote and Support Wisconsin Authors by Ordering Your Copy of the WWA Creative Wisconsin Anthology Today! - To receive your copy, send a check for \$10 to Nancy Rafal at PO Box 340, Baileys Harbor, WI 54202 (please include the address to which you would like the copy sent).

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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WWA Sponsors Lakefly 2019, May 10 - 11 in Oshkosh. Everyone has a story, and Lakefly is one of Wisconsin's premier writers' conferences. Ruth Percey, Conference Director, said, "We're very happy to be partnering with the Wisconsin Writers Association this year. Lakefly 2019 looks to be the best - we've got many marvelous workshops on the

craft and business of writing." Barry Wightman, President of WWA, said, "Lakefly is truly one of the go-to events for Wisconsin writers. If you write, you need to be at Lakefly."

WWA Members get a 30% Lakefly registration discount. Need the discount code to be used when registering? (Look for your discount code in the WWA email that was sent to you on April 15th.) Find it, then visit <https://lakeflywriters.org/> to register.

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LAST CALL FOR THE NIP Bookcamp & Writing Retreat - The sixth annual NIP will be held May 19-25, at Cedar Valley Retreat Center in southeast Wisconsin, about 35 minutes northwest of Milwaukee.

WWA members will receive a \$90 discount on the registration fee when enrolling in the NIP's residential Bookcamp workshop or a \$100 discount to enroll in the concurrent Writing Retreat.

Providing expert advice and guidance to writers working on a fiction or creative nonfiction manuscript, the NIP is staffed by award-winning novelists and editors, assisted by visiting literary agents, writing instructors, authors and publishing professionals. For more information on the Novel-In-Progress Bookcamp & Writing Retreat programs, go to the website <https://novelbookcamp.com>. NIP is also on Facebook, <https://Facebook.com/NIPBookcamp>.

NIP Director Dave Rank can be reached at dave@novelbookcamp.com, or 262-717-5154.

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SAVE THE DATE...A new WWA Writer's Workshop — Time to Write – June 22 at The CATHE Center in Burlington. Stay tuned for more details coming to you soon! Join the marvelous Edgar Award-nominated mystery author Lori Rader-Day, and five area authors discussing their journeys to success. Share your work, advance your craft, network. Stay tuned for more details in the weeks ahead. WOW! You're going to LOVE This!!



WWA Sponsors The Priory Writers' Retreat Keynote Address, Max Garland, July 18 –21, 2019! Deadline for the WWA Discount is May 1st! (Look for the link to apply in the WWA email that was sent to you on April 15th.) The retreat features four incredible writers-in-residence: Dasha Kelly Hamilton (poetry), Nickolas Butler (fiction), Mary Mack (comedy/humor writing), and David McGlynn (memoir/nonfiction). Former Wisconsin poet laureate Max Garland (Sponsored by Wisconsin Writers Association) will serve as the retreat's keynote speaker. Participants will also be treated to a concert by the Eggplant Heroes and a reading at Pablo Center at [Pablo Center at the Confluence!](#)

The cost (due May 30) is \$460. This includes three-nights lodging, on-site meals and drinks, personalized instruction and critique, field notebook, craft talks and keynote address, bus transport to and from the Pablo Center at the Confluence, complimentary ticket to the Writer-in-Residence Reading, and all other on-site events). For non-lodging participants, spots are available for 360.00. Just click the "Non-Lodging" box on the application!

[LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EVENT CLICK HERE!!!](#)

WWA Members will not have to pay the application fee when applying by May 1st!

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WWA is A Proud Sponsor of the Write-by-the-Lake Writer's Workshop & Retreat – Register now for the 21st annual Write-by-the-Lake Writer's Workshop & Retreat, June 17-21, 2019, sponsored by UW-Madison Continuing Studies. Held at the Pyle Center, 702 Langdon St. There are 14 sections to choose from in fiction, nonfiction, memoir, and poetry. Most are 9:30-12:30. NEW this year—afternoon sessions 2:00-5:00 on book proposals for fiction and nonfiction writers, and a section for poets on compiling your publishable poetry manuscript. Also: Limited-enrollment Master Classes for full novel critiques (led by WWA member Christine DeSmet) or your first 50 pages + plot critique. Look for the WWA table at the event! For more info contact Director Christine DeSmet, christine.desmet@wisc.edu, 608-262-3447. <https://continuingstudies.wisc.edu/conferences/write-by-the-lake/>.

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.*



UW MILWAUKEE 2019 NATURAL HISTORY WORKSHOP: “Wisdom Sits in Places” Creative Writing About the Natural World May 3 & 4, 2019 - Dr. Kimberly Blaeser will be teaching a two-day writing workshop at the UWM Field Station in Saukville. Those interested can download the PDF registration form, and details about the workshop [HERE](#). To learn more about the UWM Field Station in Saukville visit <https://uwm.edu/field-station/>.

WWA has partnered with the Nonfiction Authors Association to bring you a special discount off the 9th Annual Nonfiction Writers Conference, happening May 8-10, 2019. This event is completely virtual—all sessions conducted via webinar—no travel is required! New York Times best-selling author and frequent Oprah guest, Cheryl Richardson, will give the opening keynote. Additional sessions cover how to write, publish, promote, and profit with nonfiction books. Attendees can also register for the popular Ask-a-Pro sessions, free 15-minute consultations with literary agents, marketing and publishing pros, and experts. A private Facebook group is also available for attendees to gather and exchange ideas. If you're ready to accelerate your author career, this is a must-attend event!

Save 33% off event registration with the WWA discount code sent via a separate email.

(Look for your discount code in the WWA email that was sent to you on March 25th.)

<https://nonfictionwritersconference.com/register-for-the-2019-nonfiction-writers-conference/>

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Red Oak Writing offers programming 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](#).

Don't Forget... NIP prepares for its sixth annual session - May 19-25, 2019, at the Cedar Valley Center in southeast Wisconsin. **Novel-In-Progress Bookcamp & Writing Retreat** registration information can be found at www.novelbookcamp.com, for application instructions and prices. WWA members will receive a \$90 discount on the registration fee. Contact Director Dave Rank, dave@novelbookcamp.com, 262-717-5154 with questions. Early registrants can take advantage of the NIP installment payment plan.

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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.

Contests

Contests Listings WANTED! – Do you know of a contest that may be of interest to WWA Members? Submit contest details with deadlines to kapekrul.editor@gmail.com

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ROSEBUD POETRY CONTEST IS NOW ACCEPTING ONLINE ENTRIES!! July 31st, 2019 Deadline. *Rosebud Magazine's* 2019 poetry contest is now open. The best poem in any style takes a \$500 grand prize. At least three runners-up will also receive \$100 each. Winning poems will be published in Rosebud's December 2019 issue. Each entry gets a free three-issue subscription. Send up to three poems (with no identifying information on them), a cover letter with contact info and poem titles, and a check/money order for \$20 made out to Rosebud Poetry Awards. Mail entries to ROSEBUD POETRY AWARDS, PO BOX 459, CAMBRIDGE, WI 53523 Or – **E-ENTER ONLINE NOW!!**

See website for more details: www.rsbd.net

Winners will be contacted individually and will be announced on the website no later than Oct. 1st, 2019. The contest will be judged by Rosebud Poetry Editor Mike Kriesel, winner of North American Review's Hearst Prize and past President of the Wisconsin Fellowship of Poets. His poems and reviews have appeared in Alaska Quarterly, Antioch Review, Library Journal, Rattle, The Progressive, Small Press Review, Wisconsin People & Ideas, and 2017's New Poetry from the Midwest. His full-length collection Zen Amen: abecedarians is forthcoming from [Pebblebrook Press](#).

The Masters Review - Stories, Submission Deadlines, and MORE! – [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!**

Member News

Got News? Send your member news by the 20th of each month for inclusion in the upcoming month's WWA NewsBrief issue. Please note that submissions for the January NewsBrief are due by December 13th. Send to kpekrul.editor@gmail.com.



Here's Nick Chiarkas holding down the fort at the WWA Booth in Madison at the **30th Annual Writers' Institute, "Pathway to Publication,"** that took place April 4-7, 2019! Many thanks to board members Nick and Christine Keleny for waving the WWA flag. We got a bunch of new members... 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 This is how we grow. This is how we can bring you more benefits through WWA. **WE NEED YOU!**

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 kpekrul.editor@gmail.com.

A Picture and a Thousand Words 2019 Call for entries - No submission fees. A Picture and a Thousand Words is an annual event that links local writers and photographers in a blind collaboration. Writers choose a photo and write up to 1000 words inspired by it. Ten writers will be selected to read at the event, while the related photo is projected behind them. Selected writers and photographers will not meet prior to the event. All submitting artists are invited to attend the event, whether their work is selected or not. Visit writeapic.com for more info.

Where: Sugar Maple, 441 E. Lincoln Ave, Milwaukee WI

When: Thursday, July 25, 2019

The Nonfiction Authors Association Announces its 9th Annual Nonfiction Writers Conference, May 8-10, 2019. Cheryl Richardson, New York Times bestselling author and frequent Oprah guest, will give the opening keynote. Additional sessions cover how to write, publish, promote, and profit with nonfiction books. Best of all, this event is completely virtual—all sessions are conducted via webinar—no travel is required! WWA members watch your email inbox for your special WWA 33% special discount code. Also, attendees can:

- Participate in the popular Ask-a-Pro sessions, complimentary one-on-one consultations with literary agents, publishing and marketing pros, and other industry experts (delivered by phone or Skype).
- Access a private, attendees-only Facebook group.
- Download bonus material, available as soon as you register.
- Receive event replay recordings (audio and video) and typed transcripts, depending on the registration level you choose.
- Add membership in the Nonfiction Authors Association, depending on the registration level you choose.

Are you ready to accelerate your author career? Join them for this one-of-a-kind event!

<https://nonfictionwritersconference.com/register-for-the-2019-nonfiction-writers-conference/>



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 to learn about current openings.

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/>.

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.

Upcoming WWA NewsBrief Deadlines

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). Print and keep 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.

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- *June NewsBrief 2019 - Deadline Monday, May 20, 2019*
 - *July NewsBrief 2019 - Deadline Thursday, June 20, 2019*
 - *August NewsBrief 2019 - Deadline Saturday, July 20, 2019*
 - *September NewsBrief 2019 - Deadline Tuesday, August 20, 2019*
 - *October NewsBrief 2019 - Deadline Friday, September 20, 2019*
 - *November/December NewsBrief 2019 – Deadline Sunday, October 20, 2019*
 - *January NewsBrief 2020 - Deadline Friday, December 13, 2019*
 - *February NewsBrief 2020 - Deadline Monday, January 20, 2020*
 - *March NewsBrief 2020 - Deadline Thursday, February 20, 2020*
 - *April NewsBrief 2020 - Deadline Friday, March 20, 2020*
 - *May NewsBrief 2020 – Deadline Monday, April 20, 2020*
 - *June NewsBrief 2020 - Deadline Wednesday, May 20, 2020*
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