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WWA...NewsBrief

what you need to know for December 2019 Wisconsin Writers Association

Hey {Contact_First_Name},

Here are some key things we thought would be of interest to you this month!

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Website Refresh

We've got a great public website! Have you noticed? Check it out at: wiwrite.org

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Barb's Editors Note: *The WWA NewsBrief* is about member accomplishments, writing events, and contests. It is delivered on the 25th of each month by email. I welcome your comments, suggestions, ideas, and yes, complaints. Please send news bits for the January 2020 edition by early deadline, December 13, 2019 to bjm.writer@gmail.com. Thank you.



The Joy of Writing

Share the joy of writing this holiday season!

Your gift of a Wisconsin Writers Association membership, or donation to our non-profit organization, can make a positive impact on the writers in your life that will last a lifetime. Act now to take advantage of limited-time WWA gift membership options!

The Wisconsin Writers Association is committed to encouraging writers to achieve their goals by providing current resources and a professional network. Although we are constantly working to spread the word about our organization, we rely on memberships and donations from generous writers like you.

Treat yourself to a renewed WWA membership and give the priceless value of WWA gift membership to the writers on your holiday list. You'll find a variety of giving options to choose from. [JOIN OR RENEW HERE](#)

Consider giving a year-end gift to the Wisconsin Writers Association today. [DONATE NOW](#)

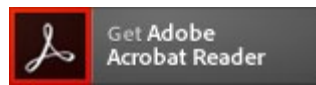
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WWA Website News: Send all requests for website changes, corrections, routine updates, and questions associated with the WWA website to Board Operations Chair, Kimberley Pekrul, kpekrul.editor@gmail.com.



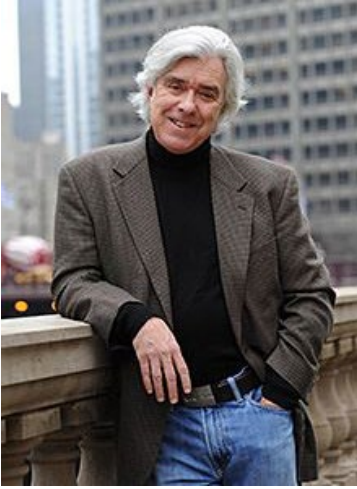
Share your pride in WWA membership and promote the organization at the same time!

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](#).

Facebook: Keep up with WWA every day? Follow the WWA Facebook Page <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 with other members. Explore, learn, discover, connect, and keep up with authors.



Paid a visit to the WWA website, yet? You'll find tons of great information for writers. Check out the "[Helpful Articles for Writers](#)" page for a valuable list of resources from industry experts.



A Note from WWA President Barry Wightman:

WWA President's Message – November 22, 2019

In a writers' group? Writers' club, writers' guild? Here's a thing – WWA supports writers and writers' groups all over Wisconsin. That means we can help you put on your own group event. WWA can provide top-notch speakers and workshop providers – and we can provide financial and logistical support, help you publicize it, help make your event a success. Maybe it's some Saturday morning in a library or a bookstore, giving your members and community a platform for their work. Support writers. Talk to me. We can help. Partner with WWA.

Another thing. Want your book reviewed? WWA's *Members Helping Members Book Review Program* will help get your book out there. Traditionally published, self-published, doesn't matter. It's a WWA membership perk. More info here: <https://wiwrite.org/member-only-announcements/8101955>

Gift Memberships! That time of year again! Wondering what to give that writer friend of yours whose off on her or his own, maybe needs a nudge, a sense of community? Sounds like all of us. *Give the unwrappable gift – give a WWA Membership!* Go here: <https://wiwrite.org/holiday-gifts>

And while you're at it, help support WWA. Strike a blow for writers...and civilization! Donate. It'll make you feel good. <https://wiwrite.org/donate>

Have a wonderful holiday season...and keep on writing.

Barry

WWA Board

Board Members Needed: WWA, a registered 501 (c) 3, is managed by a Board of Directors which focuses on policy and long-range planning to fulfill our mission of supporting Wisconsin writers in achieving their individual writing goals. [LEARN MORE](#) or contact [Barry Wightman](#).

Not ready for the board? Consider volunteering:
[Check out the opportunities](#)

Next WWA Board call or meetings: Wednesday, January 8, 2020, 10:30 am conference call. WWA members are welcome to call in to the meeting as observers. For details, contact kpekrul.editor@gmail.com

Promote and Support Wisconsin Authors!

Creative Wisconsin Anthology



2018 Jade Ring Winners



Great holiday gift for the readers and aspiring writers in your life!

Order Your Copy of the WWA Creative Wisconsin Anthology Today! Order online: [WWA Shop](#) or by mail: send a \$10 check to Kymberley Pekrul, W1347 Pit Road, Mount Calvary, WI 53057-9508 (please include the address to which to send the copy sent.

Writing Quote of the Month:

“Start writing, no matter what. The water does not flow until the faucet is turned on.” — Louis L’Amour, American author of 89 novels

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.

NEW FOR MEMBERS!

[Learn more](#) about the new Book Review Service for members. Have your book reviewed by members who have volunteered to provide this important service!

Giving Tuesday is December 3, 2019. Consider a donation to Wisconsin Writer’s Association. We are a non-profit, surviving on membership and the generosity of others who value Wisconsin writers! Join in by donating yourself or encouraging others to contribute on Giving Tuesday. We thank you! [DONATE HERE](#)

WRITERS ARE DREAMING
of a

WWA
Membership



WiWrite.org

Writers are dreaming of a WWA membership:

Make dreams come true for the writer on your holiday gift list. A membership with the Wisconsin Writers Association offers access to a supportive network where they can advance their skills and achieve success. Our year-round workshops and resources will be remembered as the perfect gift for years to come.

Create or renew a limited-time [WWA gift membership](#) today!

Many years ago, I entered the Jade Ring Contest and attended my first WWA (then called WRWA) event. Though I didn't win the contest, the recognition was a catalyst for taking myself seriously as a writer. The organization has given me writing friends and contacts, speaking opportunities, and pride in the Wisconsin writing scene. I know WWA's best days are ahead! ~ Kim

**New from UW Continuing Studies
Writing Program**

WWA is A Proud Sponsor of UW's Weekend



with Your Novel Retreat

NEW: Online course badges and writing certificates

Earn badges and writing certificates in fiction and nonfiction using our online courses for your professional study. <https://continuingstudies.wisc.edu/writing-badges-certificates/>

We hope to see you this fall or online! And of course, we're here for questions anytime during the year, too.

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

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.



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](#).

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.

Door County Poets Collective Call for Poems

The Door County Poets Collective seeks poems for a second collection, tentatively

titled **From the Heart of Door County**. Submit 1-3 poems about Door County and why it is unique by midnight, December 31, 2019

Poems will be read by several members of the Collective in January. We look forward to hearing from you. [Learn Details Here](#)

Call for Poems!

Write On, Door County partners with Door Community Auditorium in Fish Creek to present Words on Fire for the Fireside Coffeehouse Series 2020. The program will be an eclectic selection of poems and music on Saturday, February 29, 2020 at 7 p.m.

Submit up to three of your own poems, new or previously published by 5 pm Friday, December 31, 2019. Remember, February 29 is Leap Day and our “theme” is eclectic so have some fun. [Learn More](#)



'Tis the season to give the unwrappable gift:

Give the writer in your life a gift that will open up the world. A membership to the Wisconsin Writers Association will unlock opportunities and experiences writers have found successful

for over 70 years. Access to year-round workshops, resources and encouragement will foster networking and growth to achieve writerly goals.

Create or renew a limited-time WWA gift membership today!

I'd heard of WWA, visited the table at various writers conferences, but when I went to a WWA event, I knew I had to join. The ability to network with writers like me and writers who found success, to meet industry professionals, and learn from instructors about craft, editing and publishing, well, I don't know where I'd find this anywhere else. I'm excited to move my career forward with guidance from this organization and its members! Thank you WWA! ~ Barbara

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 early December submission deadline to allow for timely distribution to members before Christmas week each year.

- **January NewsBrief 2020** - Deadline Friday, **December 13, 2019**
- **February NewsBrief 2020** - Deadline Monday, January 20, 2020
- **March NewsBrief 2020** - Deadline Thursday, February 20, 2020
- **May NewsBrief 2019** - Deadline Saturday, April 20, 2019
- **April NewsBrief 2020** - Deadline Friday, March 20, 2020
- **May NewsBrief 2020** - Deadline Monday, April 20, 2020
- **June NewsBrief 2020** - Deadline Wednesday, May 20, 2020
- **July NewsBrief 2020** - Deadline Saturday, June 20 2020
- **August NewsBrief 2020** - Deadline Monday, July 20, 2020
- **September NewsBrief 2020**- Deadline Thursday, August 20, 2020
- **October NewsBrief 2020**- Deadline Sunday, September 20, 2020
- **November/December NewsBrief 2020**- Deadline Tuesday, October 20, 2020
- **January NewsBrief 2021**- Early Deadline Sunday, **December 13, 2020**

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