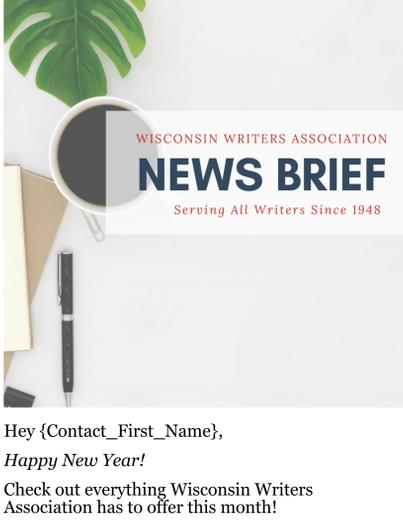
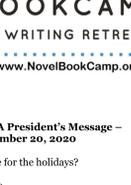


"You can fix anything but a blank page."
- Nora Roberts



Hey {Contact_First_Name},
Happy New Year!
Check out everything Wisconsin Writers Association has to offer this month!



NOVEL-IN-PROGRESS BOOKCAMP & WRITING RETREAT

www.NovelBookCamp.org

Is 2021 finally the year you finish your novel?
WWA is funding two \$500 grants to send two WWA members to the 2021 Novel-In-Progress Bookcamp and Writing Retreat.

[Get all the details and apply here.](#)

WWA President's Message – December 20, 2020
Home for the holidays?
Us too.
And yet, we're fired up about the WWA 2021 event calendar that's coming together. There's the marvelous Silvia Acevedo's *Keep Your Series* workshop on January 7, followed by another WWA Open Mic hosted by our crowd-pleasing Northlanders Tom and Debhi King on February 4. Then Rex Owens, President of the Sun Prairie Public Library Board will lead an authors' roundtable on March 4.

Save the date – April 10 – for a Saturday morning WWA conference featuring past pillars of the beloved UW Writers Institute, Laurie Scheer and Christine De Smet. And the wonderful Wisconsin novelist Christ Clancy and others will join us. More on that soon.

On top of all that, mark your calendars for every third Thursday of the month – WWA's *Craft Solutions Summit* with WWA Board Member and Craft Chair, author R. R. Campbell. Share success, troubleshoot challenges, develop goals. First workshop January 21. Start the year off right. Stay tuned for details.

Of course, all these events will be virtual, all from the comfort of your wherever. No conference rooms, no driving, keep comfy! Keep an eye on your email and our Events page for more details and registrations. <https://wivwrite.org/events>

Got a novel in progress? This could change your world. Here's a reminder from the WWA Scholarship Department: two members of the Wisconsin Writers Association will receive financial assistance to attend one of the marvelous Wisconsin-based *Novel-In-Progress Bookcamps* in 2021. WWA will provide two \$500 grants to help two members participate in this great Wisconsin writing program. Deadline for applications is January 15, 2021, speculative fiction April 15. Details on how to apply may be found here: <https://wivwrite.org/Novel-In-Progress-Application>

Volunteer! Support your Wisconsin Writers Association! We need you – yes, you – to help run the Jade Ring Writing Contest. Coming off a record year (yes, 2020 was a banner year) and one of the oldest writing prizes in Wisconsin (70+ years), the Jade Ring needs you. We're well-organized, very pro. Come help put it on. Send me a note.

One other thing, WWA needs to know what you think. We've got a poll out there that you'll see when you renew (or for new members too). Tell us what you need from WWA, what you're looking for. Keep an eye out for that. Or just drop me a line – that'll work too.

Keep in touch. And keep on writing.




Share your pride in WWA
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](#).

Events to Check Out
[Craft Talk with Silvia Acevedo](#) Jan. 7, 2021
[Novel In Progress Bookcamp and Retreat](#) May 23-29, 2021
[Open Mic](#) Feb. 7, 2021

Take this quick event [survey](#) to help us give you better events in the future.



craft solutions summit
with ryan r. campbell
wisconsin writers association

Have a plot knot you just can't untie? Does your protagonist feel more like a caricature than a character?

Yeah, writing is hard, but you *no longer have to face these challenges alone!*

The Wisconsin Writers Association is pleased to announce its **Craft Solutions Summit** with **Ryan R. Campbell**. This monthly event offers participants the opportunity to troubleshoot their story woes with other writers in our community—with help from the WWA Craft Development Chair and International Book Awards finalist, Ryan (R.R.) Campbell.

How does it work?
The first five people to sign up for the summit each month will be invited to join the call and 1) share one writerly bit of pride, 2) one writing-related woe they're facing, and 3) their goal for the next month.

We'll then, as a group, talk out each other's challenges in order to encourage, inspire, and urge each other back to the page with solutions at the tips of our fingers!

Sounds great, but what if I'm not among the first five to sign up?
Never fear! If you're not among the first five to sign up for the summit, you can still watch the discussion live with other WWA members. During the event, you'll be able to learn from others while sharing your own insight via the Zoom text chat.

And then, hey: you can try to sign up again next month!

When and where will these be held?
The Craft Solutions Summit with Ryan R. Campbell will be held via Zoom on the third Thursday of every month from 7 - 8:15 p.m.

[Details](#)



Craft Talk with Silvia Acevedo
JANUARY 7TH | 7 - 8 PM



Creative Wisconsin Anthology
2020 Jade Ring & Youth Writing Contest Winners
Published: Winter, 2020

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[Order Your Copy](#) of the WWA Creative Wisconsin Anthology Today!

Contests and Submission Opportunities
We've updated our contest and submission page on the website! Make sure to check it out.

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Harvest Moon
JENNY KNIPFER

Book Review(s)
Long Wisconsin Writers are such a wonderful time to curl up with a book, especially books by your fellow Wisconsin Writers. Check the whole line of book reviews under the tab "Book Review" on WWA's website home page or link [here](#).

Harvest Moon, By the Light of the Moon #4, by Jenny Knipfer, Reviewed by Gloria Bartel

Jenny Knipfer creates yet another masterpiece with her fourth book in the *By the Light of the Moon* Series, *Harvest Moon*. Told from the perspectives of Miang-kwe and her son, Nim-mavin, this story of forgiveness and grace intertwines the lives of these characters, their loved ones, and their wrongdoers in a most intricate and passionately descriptive way.

Read the full review [here](#).



WISCONSIN UNDERGROUND
Doris Green

It's never too early to start planning a trip. Check out *Wisconsin Underground: A Guide to Caves, Mines, and Tunnels In and Around the Badger State*, by Doris Green, Reviewed by Gloria Bartel

Doris Green's *Wisconsin Underground* is an eye-opening anthology of historical and current information regarding caves, mines, man-made tunnels, museums, and natural areas all over the state of Wisconsin, northern Iowa, and Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Through the exploration of these underground areas, the author paints a picture of the subterranean landscape of the state of Wisconsin and the immediate surrounding areas. Doris Green engages her deep knowledge and passion for the man-made and natural history of the world she lives in with this well-written, entertaining guidebook. Read the full review [here](#).

Twist of Fate, Finding Meaning Through Life's Ups and Downs by Jerry Ziemer

Reviewer Jan Jensen writes: "WHAT IF...?" I think we all ask ourselves this question from time to time as we look back upon our lives. Jerry Ziemer has written a delightful series of short stories focusing upon those twists of fate that manage to change our lives in one way or another. His characters experience a full range of human emotions – from joy to pain, anger, and acceptance – as they encounter the ups and downs of life. Read the full review [here](#).

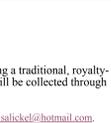
Cretin Boy by Jim Landwehr

Greg Peck, reviewer, says: Jim Landwehr has written two previous memoirs and five poetry collections, but he hits his storytelling stride with a coming-of-age memoir *Cretin Boy*.

Cretin stands for Christian, as in Cretin High School, the Catholic military academy Landwehr attended in Saint Paul, Minnesota, in the late 1970s. Webster's also defines cretin as "a very stupid or foolish person." Landwehr and his buddies sometimes live up to that definition. Read the full review [here](#).

Thank you again to our dedicated team of book reviewers. If you like to read and would be able to help us out by reading one or more books a year in your favorite genre and write up a review, please check the guidelines under the [Blog-Book Reviews](#) tab at <https://wivwrite.org/book-reviews> or email me, lisalickel@yahoo.com. To our members who would like to have their book reviewed, again, please check the guidelines and send me the requested information. I look forward to hearing from you.

Be sure to check out the new line up of craft classes being offered by Red Oak Writing. WWA members receive a discount!
[Click here to access the class list.](#)

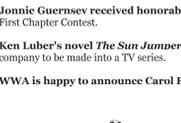


WWA Literary Press Poll

In deciding whether to move forward in potentially establishing a traditional, royalty-paying literary Press, WWA requests your input. Responses will be collected through March 31, 2021.

Any questions or points of discussion can be directed to Lisa Lickel, lisalickel@hotmail.com.
[Take the WWA Press Poll](#)

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Become Your Own Best Editor
monthly mentorship with Katelyn Schultz

If becoming your own best editor sounds appealing, and an immersive program with gentle accountability and real community would help, reach out to me now. Pro bono consults to discuss your needs are offered to all Wisconsin Writers members. Email Katelyn at kateyschultz@gmail.com to schedule, or go straight to the application.

Member News:

Got news? Email [Julia Nusbaum](mailto:julia.nusbaum) by February 20th to share your news in the next brief.

Jonnie Guernsey received honorable mention in the Chicago Writers Associations First Chapter Contest.

Ken Luber's novel *The Sun Jumpers* was recently optioned by an animation company to be made into a TV series.

WWA is happy to announce Carol Paur is the new WWA Student Writing contest.



Write a story that takes place over 10 days.

Write a poem about the new year.



Editors Note: The WWA NewsBrief is about member accomplishments, writing events, and contests. It is delivered at the end of each month. If you have news for the November issue please send it to the **editor**, by January 20th. Thank you.

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"I write to find out what I am talking about."
- Edward Albee