

March, 2021 AAG Newsletter

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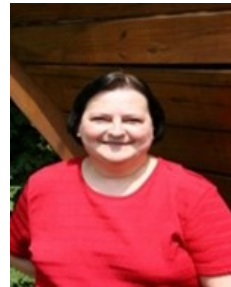
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Some historical blog posts
<http://appalachianauthors.wordpress.com>

AAG Mission Statement

The mission of the Appalachian Authors Guild, a Chapter of the Virginia Writers Club, is to support and promote literary art throughout the Appalachian region, to encourage writers and authors to both preserve and build upon the literary history and heritage of the Appalachian region and to provide opportunities for readers to experience the joy of meeting our people, visiting our beautiful region and understanding the wealth of our culture through literary art.

Next Meeting
March 9, 2021, 1-3 pm
Small Business Incubator
Abingdon, VA



Hello AAG,

I am excited that we now have 49 members with 9 new ones. And we are just now ending the membership blitz (ends March 9th- dues \$20 until then and it will go back to \$25 after that). If you haven't contacted me about the meeting on Tuesday, March 9th from 1-3 pm at the Small Business Incubator or via Zoom and you would like to attend, please contact me ASAP. This is a great networking tool, and I am glad that some of our new members will get to attend.

The winner of our first Free AAG Membership writing contest was Damean Mathews. Welcome Damean. We are so glad to have you with us.

Our anthology entries are due on April 2nd. We are collecting entries in poetry, short stories, and essays/nonfiction. Please send your entries to me at vfletcher56@gmail.com by April 2nd. I will be editing these and then sending them to Kari Kilgore who has graciously said she could format them and get them published for us. Info on purchase cost for those sending entries will be sent later. We want to have this done and books in hand for the Spring Fling as well as the Virginia Highlands Festival.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 13th at the Small Business Incubator. The board will meet from 12-1 pm and any member is welcome to attend this meeting and add their comments to the business of the group. Our workshop will follow from 1-3 pm with Steven James (we just love him!!!) speaking on Character Development. If you have heard him speak before, you know you are



All for AAG and AAG for all!

Members, please send Vicki your brief bio and picture for the AAG website. She would also like pictures of your books and links where potential readers may find them.

Contact Vicki via text/voicemail at vfletcher56@gmail.com or text/voicemail to 276-492-8314.

Board Meetings/Workshop

All members are welcome to attend the AAG Board Meetings as well as General Meetings. Next Board meeting will be April 13, 2021, followed by a program presentation by Steven James on Character Development.



in for a treat. I will be recording this on Facebook Live and uploading it to our newly formed YouTube channel. If you haven't checked it out yet, please go the following link and subscribe:

<https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCykpnKLJasCCtonj7Z-BelP7A>

Stay tuned for more details about the Spring Fling Writers Day event on Saturday, May 15th from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Lots of great speakers lined up. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. It will be held at the Small Business Incubator. We will adhere to guidelines concerning masks and social distancing but more on the details will follow.

Check out the website <http://www.appalachianauthors.com> if you are interested in purchasing a t-shirt with the AAG logo on left front pocket area.



Tidings newsletter- If you have new books, awards, poems/story inclusions, please send those to either Sylvia Nickels mscribe@aol.com or myself (vfletcher56@gmail.com) to be included in one of our issues. The Tidings goes out the week before the general meetings in March, May, July, September, and November. Meetings are the second Tuesday of the month.

VWC anthologies- The Virginia Writers Club will be doing 3 anthologies in 2021 (one will be for the Golden NIB winners.) You must be a member to send entries for this. New members \$15 Returning members \$30.

REMEMBER

AAG website-

The AAG members page on our website will be updated after our March meeting (following the membership blitz). If you want to be included, please send me your bio and photo. Those who haven't renewed by then will be removed. If you decide to renew later, you will be added back. Please check the website and see if you are on the page and if you need it updated, send me the update. If you are not on the page, please send me your pic and short bio. There is also a bookstore page. If you have books you want highlighted, send me front covers of those (jpgs preferred) and links to your website or Amazon page where they can be purchased. This is just another tool to market your books when people are stopping on our website.

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