

## **TIDINGS**

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<u>Appalachian Authors Blog</u>

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## **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.



Hello AAG,

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 pm at the Small Business Incubator. Kari Kilgore will be presenting on how to do back cover book descriptions. The board will meet from 12-1 pm and all are welcome to attend that as well. We will be discussing next year's meetings. Speaking of that, if you haven't completed the survey, please do. The information really helps us. I need it by the 7<sup>th</sup>.

We had a great turn out for the Virginia Highlands Festival Highlands Writers Fair. We have a great location now. If you were unable to join us this year, I hope you can next year.

For 2024, we would like to add a book launch page to the website and Facebook to add an extra marketing bit for your books. So please send me your book cover pic (or title so I can locate it) and when it will be released. We hope this will be an extra perk of being an AAG member.

Thank you for sending your entries to the Golden NIB contest. They will be sent to the judges and I will let you know who placed and will be moving on to the state competition around the middle of the month.

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## 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.

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The Foundation for Appalachian Advancement produces a podcast to promote our region and local artists. The FAA has already interviewed guild president Victoria Fletcher and other guild members, but is hoping to interview more local authors. If you are interested in being a guest on the podcast, Appalachian Shine, please touch base with J.C. Schweingrouber at.

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The podcast is available online at <a href="https://appalachianshine.podbean.com/">https://appalachianshine.podbean.com/</a>
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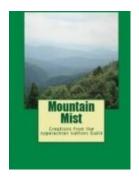
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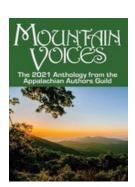
Our last meetings for the year are Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> with Linda Hoagland as our speaker; Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> with Jan Taylor as our speaker; and November 14<sup>th</sup> for announcing officers and having our grab bag fellowship. Hope you'll put these on your calendar and join us either in person or via Zoom.

I can't believe how quickly this year is going. Hope to see you soon,

Vicki All 4 AAG & AAG 4 all

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Links to order both anthologies of stories, poems, and other works by Appalachian Authors guild writers are on the AAG website. Also links to buy the two cookbooks with recipes from Appalachian Authors kitchens.

Mountain Mist: AAG Anthology of 2018 \$10 + \$2 for shipping

Mountain Voices: AAG Anthology of 2021 \$10 + \$2 for shipping

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Dozens of books published by individual members of Appalachian Authors Guild are also available on the AAG website's bookstore. Check them out. You might find a book you'll treasure for a lifetime.

https://appalachianauthors.com/aag-bookstore.html

