



# TIDINGS

February 2023 AAG Newsletter

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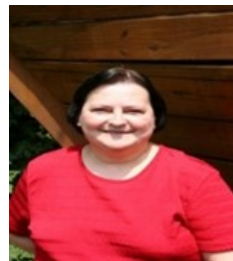
J. C. Schweingrouber  
[Appalachian Authors Blog](#)

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.

**AAG General Meeting**  
**Feb. 14, 2023 – 11:30am-1:30pm**  
**Shoney's Restaurant**  
**Abingdon, VA**



Hello AAG,

- ✓ Don't forget to renew or join by February 14<sup>th</sup> to take advantage of the \$20 dues. If you want a chance to renew or join for free, send your entry to me. Fiction and nonfiction 1500 words or less. Poetry is also welcome. Good luck to everyone.
- ✓ Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at the Small Business Incubator in Room 125. I will be doing a presentation on Facebook Marketing. If you can attend in person or via Zoom, please let me know by Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> so I can have materials ready. If you attend via Zoom, the handout will be emailed to you.
- ✓ Be thinking ahead and checking your calendars for our March meeting on Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. It is the Meet the AAG Authors meeting. Knowing ahead of time helps me plan the length of time for each author. If you see that you can attend, please let me know as soon as you can and whether you'll be in person or via Zoom.
- ✓ We will be doing a 2<sup>nd</sup> edition cookbook as well as a holiday anthology. We want the cookbook available for the VHF so I will need your recipes by May 1<sup>st</sup> to get it completed in time. Appalachian recipes with a brief paragraph about where you got it, if your family had traditions using it, etc. You can email those any time before May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ✓ The holiday stories will be needed by August 1<sup>st</sup>. It can be any holiday. 5000 words or less for fiction and essays. Poems are welcome too.



As always, I love to hear your topic ideas, speakers, and comments about AAG. I am looking forward to another great year with you. Thank you to those that have already renewed and joined. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Vicki  
President, AAG



### 2023 AAG Meetings

Tuesday Jan 10 Board Meeting VHSBI

Tuesday February 14 12p-1p/1p-3p Board Meeting/Workshop  
VHSBI

Program: Facebook Marketing

Speaker: Vicki Fletcher

Tuesday March 14 1p-3p General Meeting

Tuesday April 11 12p-1p/ 1p-3p Board Meeting/ Workshop  
VHSBI

READ Forum

Saturday May 8:30a-3:30p Spring Fling Writers Day  
Jim Minnick, Sara Robinson, AAG Resources

Tuesday June 13 12p-1p / 1p-3p Board Meeting/ Workshop  
VHSBI

Program: Including Horror, Lore, and Legend in  
Appalachian fiction

Speaker: Damean Mathews

Tuesday July 11 11:30a-1:30p General Meeting Abingdon Shoney's  
Speaker: J. C. Schweingrouber

Tuesday August 8 12p-1p / 1p-3p Board Meeting/ Workshop  
VHSBI

Program: Back Cover Text Writing

Speaker: Kari Kilgore

Tuesday September 12 11:30a-1:30p General Meeting Abingdon Shoney's  
Program: Content editing services

Speaker: Jan Taylor

Tuesday October 10 12p-1p/1p-3p Board Meeting/ Workshop  
VHSBI

Program: Writing Sprints

Speaker: Kari Kilgore

Tuesday November 14 General Membership Meeting Abingdon Shoney's  
Program: Grab bag fellowship and  
Installation of officers for 2024

### All for AAG and AAG for all!

Members, please send Vicki your brief bio and picture for the AAG website. Also pictures of your book covers and links where potential readers may find them.

Contact Vicki via text/voicemail at [vfletcher56@gmail.com](mailto: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. Note Board meetings for 2023, VHSBI.

February 14

Workshop Program:  
Facebook Marketing

June 13

Workshop Program:  
Horror, Lore, etc., in  
Appalachian Fiction

August 8

Workshop Program:  
Back Cover Text Writing

October 10

Workshop Program:  
Writing Sprints



## Podcast Opportunity

The Foundation for Appalachian Advancement has started 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 [jc@supportappalachia.org](mailto:jc@supportappalachia.org). The podcast is available online at <https://appalachianshine.podbean.com> / and also on iTunes. You can listen to it on your iPhone by clicking the "podcast" app and searching for *Appalachian Shine*.



J. C. Schweingrouber



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Members who would like to have their new works announced in Tidings should send the info and cover thumbnail, if desired, to the editor's email address.

[Mscribe@aol.com](mailto:Mscribe@aol.com)  
editor, TIDINGS

## Sunday with Friends 2023 Sundays at 3pm in the Conference Room Washington County Public Library Abingdon, Virginia

Quinn Hawkesworth  
Felicia Mitchell  
January 29

Silas House  
February 26

Tom Lee  
March 5

Carter Sickels  
March 26

Leah Weiss  
April 2

Celebration of Regional Poetry  
featuring regional poets  
April 23

Candace Butler, Marion, VA  
Jane Hicks, Kingsport, TN  
Scott Honeycutt, Johnson City  
Gretchen McCroskey, Bristol, VA  
Matt Prater, Saltville, VA  
Amy Wright, Wytheville, VA

Charles Dodd White  
May 7

Suzanne Stryk  
May 21



Sylvia and Mary Ann design and present sample Tidings issue  
to AAG Board---February 2007