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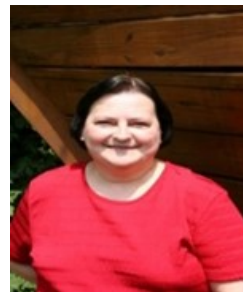
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## **AAG Mission Statement**

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.

**AAG Workshop**  
**February 13, 2024 - 1-3pm**  
**Small Business Incubator**  
**Abingdon, VA**



Hello Past, Present, and Hopefully Future AAG members,  
Our membership blitz will be from January 1st until our first meeting on Tuesday, February 13th. Membership dues will be \$20 during this time. You can pay online on our website or send your renewal to AAG PO Box 803 Abingdon, VA 24212.

Please either complete the membership form on the website or print it out and send it with your check/money order. This will help me update our records. I am looking forward to seeing you this year. We have lots of wonderful meetings and workshops planned for you. Our first meeting on Tuesday, February 13th will be with Steven James. It will be from 1-3 pm at the Small Business Incubator. Please let me know if you will be attending in person or via Zoom. The Zoom session will not be recorded to add to our You Tube channel per the request of Steven James.

Other meetings and workshops will be recorded and added to our You Tube channel. I hope to make it a much better resource this year.

We will be preparing our Holiday Anthology this year as well. If you have a poem or story from any holiday that you would be willing to have in our anthology, please send that to me at [vfletcher56@gmail.com](mailto:vfletcher56@gmail.com). Members from 2023 can send entries as well as anyone planning to join for 2024. The entries will be due by April 1st (no fooling). We want to have it ready for the Virginia Highlands Festival this year in July-August. Speaking of the Highlands Festival, last year was great for us. We joined with the Writers & Readers Day committee to have tables at the entrance and the location was perfect.

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**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. Next Board meeting will be Jan 23, 2024, VHSBI.

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



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You'll be hearing more about that and have the opportunity to sign up for a space if you are a member. AAG and LSWG get first come, first serve on the spaces in April and May. Then in June, we open it to other authors in the area to fill any spaces there might be. More details on payment and space choices will be coming soon.

As always, members that would like to be interviewed about their work can contact JC Schweingrouber at [vafinancial@gmail.com](mailto:vafinancial@gmail.com) to set that up.

JC and Jason Houghton are planning on continuing their nightly Zoom sessions for those of you that can't meet during the daytime when we have our meetings/workshops scheduled. Contact him if you are interested in being part of this group.

I am so thankful to be part of this group. I welcome all ideas, comments, suggestions, etc. from you to improve our meetings/workshops. In our February newsletter, you will see the lineup for this year and I think you will be pleased with what is being offered. I know I am looking forward to seeing you at the meetings/workshops whenever you can be there. Thank you for your support and commitment to this group.

All 4 AAG & AAG 4 all,  
Victoria (Vicki) Fletcher, your 2024 president



If you haven't read the AAG 2023 Golden Nib fiction, nonfiction, and poetry entries to the statewide Golden Nib Writing Contest, click the AAG website link to find the links to those pieces.

<http://www.appalachianauthors.com>

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*Golden Nib*  
**Writing  
Contest**

Enter via your  
local VWC Chapter

FIND YOUR CHAPTER at  
[www.virginiawritersclub.org](http://www.virginiawritersclub.org)





## AAG 2024 Meetings

Tuesday	January 9	1-2:00	Board Meeting	VHSBI
Tuesday	February 13	12-1 / 1-3	Board Meeting/ Workshop	VHSBI Program: The Craft of Writing Speaker: Steven James
Tuesday	March 12	1-3	General Meeting	VHSBI Program: Meet the AAG Authors
Tuesday	April 9	12-1 / 1-3	Board Meeting/ Workshop	VHSBI Program: READ Forum
Tuesday	May 14	11:30-1:30	General Meeting	Abingdon Shoney's Program: Fiction Speaker: Linda Hoagland
Tuesday	June 11	12-1 / 1-3	Board Meeting/ Workshop	VHSBI Program: How AI is Affecting Writing Speaker: JC Schweingrouber
Tuesday	July 9	11:30-1:30	General Meeting	Abingdon Shoney's Program: Tips on Writing Poetry Speaker: Dr. Jesse Graves
Tuesday	August 13	12-1 / 1-3	Board Meeting/ Workshop	VHSBI Program: Write On! Speaker: Vicki Fletcher
Tuesday	September 10	11:30-1:30	General Meeting	Abingdon Shoney's Program: Battling Imposter's Syndrome Speaker: Chrissie Anderson Peters
Tuesday	October 8	12-1 / 1-3	Board Meeting/ Workshop	VHSBI Program: Making a List and Checking it Twice (checklist for authors for their books) Speaker: Vicki Fletcher
Tuesday	November 12	11:30-1:30	General Meeting	Abingdon Shoney's Program: Grab bag fellowship and Installation of officers for 2023

Please feel free to contact me for more information: [vfletcher56@gmail.com](mailto:vfletcher56@gmail.com)