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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.



From Vicki

Hello AAG Members,

I did not see anyone at the June board/writer's forum meeting. I had planned a presentation on using Word files to format for Create Space and using Create Space to self-publish books. I had several people asking about those things but no one came. So sad!!! I know some of you work during the day or have other obligations that keep you from attending meetings. I do hope more members will take advantage of these writing topics at each board meeting. Well, enough of that.

Our July meeting will be on July 12th at the Abingdon Shoney's. NOTICE the difference in the TIME though. It will be from 6-8 pm. This was one of the suggestions from the survey sent out before the first meeting this year. This will let us know if this new time will allow more people to come to the meeting. With that said, please email me at vfletcher56@gmail.com if you can attend that meeting. I will need to have your confirmation by Friday, July 8th in order to confirm everything with the restaurant. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Jack Beck and Wendy Welch, owners of the Little Bookstore in Big Stone Gap will be our speakers. I know it will be a treat for all who come. See you soon.

Lastly, we are approaching our time to secure officers and board members for the 2017 year. If you are interested in serving in a position, please let me know. OR if you would be willing to serve on the committee for finding the slate of officers/board members, also let me know. We hope to have this committee ready to announce at the July meeting. If not, we can send an email out with this info as soon as we have it.

Vicki Fletcher,
2016 president of AAG

**Appalachian Authors Guild
General Meeting
Shoney's Restaurant
Abingdon, VA
July 12, 2016 – 6:00-8:00pm**

**AAG has a Blog,
Facebook page, and is on
Twitter**



[May Gen Mtg Minutes](#)

[April Bus Mtg Minutes](#)

**Virginia Highlands Festival
July 29-August 7, 2016**

To reserve a day (or days) under the big tent, send your preference and alternate dates to Festivals Chair Jack Rose along with a \$25 check for each day requested.

Mail to:
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Jack Beck and Wendy Welch own TALES OF THE LONESOME PINE USED BOOKS, the subject of Wendy's hit memoir THE LITTLE BOOKSTORE OF BIG STONE GAP. Jack presents a weekly radio show of Celtic music for public radio and is a lifetime honorary member of the Traditional Music and Song Society of Scotland. The couple rescue kittens and books in their bookstore.

Note

Please be aware that Virginia DOT is working at the Exit 14 interchange of I-81. Lanes will be closed at times so watch for signs.

Coming Soon!

Virginia Highlands Festival

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Come on out, participate, support your fellow authors.

Helpful Links

[:Writing for Dollars](#)

There is a Markets Database on this website

[Preditors & Editors](#)

A guide to publishers and publishing services since 1997.

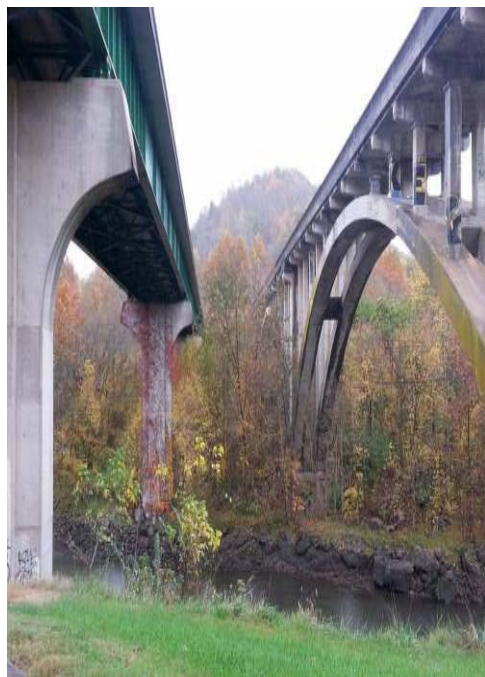


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Dig deep for your story!

Spotlight Opportunities

AAG member Gina McKnight invites all members to interview for her blog about their writing and books. Her blog is –Riding and Writing
<http://ginamc.blogspot.com/>

Links to books may be posted, etc. She would like a brief bio and links in the initial request, if available, to read so she can ask appropriate questions. She sends the questions and the person responds via email.
<mailto:gmcknight11@gmail.com>

OR

JC Schweingrouber, Appalachian Authors Guild member, and others have formed a nonprofit group, The Foundation For Appalachian Advancement. He invites AAG authors to talk to them about the possibility of being featured on their website as "Artist of the Month."
Contact

JC Schweingrouber
<http://www.supportappalachia.org/>
(Foundation For Appalachian Advancement)

OR

Markets

<http://www.ralan.com/>

Writing Prompts

<http://www.toastedcheese.com/>
<http://www.writermag.com/writing-prompts>

OR

Writing Classes

<http://www.writersvillage.com/index.php/membership-information>

(Editor) My first online short story was published in the Writers Village ezine. Unfortunately the ezine is no longer published.

Seventh Street Books Submission Guidelines

Seventh Street Books® publishes only mystery and thriller fiction. We are not currently looking for short story collections, anthologies, novellas, or nonfiction. There are two required methods of submission:

Unagented submissions:

Email submissions only, and only full manuscripts accepted – no partials or outlines.

Please send an email that includes your name, address, telephone number, and a one to three paragraph synopsis of your work, along with the manuscript attached as a word or RTF file, to dmaver@prometheusbooks.com

Note that due to the volume of submissions, a detailed reply in the case of a rejection may not always be possible.

Kensington Books Submission Guidelines

Kensington guidelines too long to reproduce here:
<http://www.kensingtonbooks.com/page.aspx/LyricalSubmissions>

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