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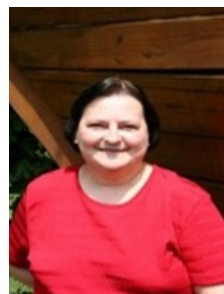
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[Appalachian Authors Blog](#)

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.

**Next Meeting**  
**July 14, 2020, 11:30am**  
**Shoney's**  
**Abingdon, VA**



Dear AAG,

I hope you will feel comfortable in attending some of our meetings left for 2020. Shew!!! What a year. This was certainly not my vision for our group for this year. Anyway, here are the remaining meetings/locations/times for you to add to your calendar. Be sure to let me know when you can attend in person. I am also hoping to do Facebook Lives that you can view so you don't miss out on the wonderful speakers we have planned. Speaking of which, I am getting things in place for 2021. I would love to have your ideas for topics or speakers for next year's meetings. If you know of a speaker and have their email contact information, please send that to me and I will be happy to contact them. Thank you for your help.

On a sad note, the board decided not to have our Writers Day this year. It was scheduled for May and since we missed it, we thought maybe a fall event might work. But with the uncertainty and the lower budget, we felt it best to just wait until next May to have it again.

The July meeting is on the 14th at Abingdon Shoney's from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm with Dr. Donna Watson as our guest speaker. We hope to do the Facebook Live for this. You can watch it Live at 12:30 pm or I hope to have a link to send out that you can view at your convenience.

The meeting in August is on the 11th at the Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator from 1-3 pm. Kari Kilgore will be

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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](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. Member input is very valuable in scheduling guild activities.

The next Board meeting will be August 11, 2020, followed by a workshop by presentations by Kari Kilgore on publishing with Ingram and one on Book Brush offerings by Kathleen Sweeney.



presenting publishing with Ingram. Kathleen Sweeney, marketing manager at Book Brush, will present what Book Brush has to offer authors. Both of these should be excellent presentations.

The meeting in September is on the 8th at Abingdon Shoney's from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. JC Schweingrouber, our AAG Vice President, will be the speaker. Also, we will be taking names for officers for 2021 so that those can be confirmed by the October meeting. If you would like to serve as an officer or on the board, please let me know.

The meeting in October is on the 13th at the Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator from 1-3 pm. This will be a virtual presentation from Penny Sanseveiri. She is known as the guru of Amazon sales. I think this will be a very beneficial presentation. She will also have time for questions and answers. If you cannot attend in person but have something you would like to know about how to make more sales through Amazon, please send me your questions and I will ask those. I also hope to make this a Facebook Live or possibly a Zoom meeting for those that cannot attend in person.

The final meeting in November will be on the 10th at Abingdon Shoney's from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. This will be our installation of 2021 officers and a gift exchange. This was such a nice time last year. I hope more of you will be able to take part. As always, all 4 AAG & AAG 4 all, Vicki

AAG members, this is a reminder that the Golden NIB entries are due Friday, July 10th. They can be emailed to Vicki and she will prepare them for blind judging. As soon as the decisions are made, she will be posting those on the website. The actual entries will not be posted until judging has been completed at the VWC level.



Vicki's poem Social Distancing (in the May Tidings) was accepted by the 2020 Spring Fever Challenge for their upcoming anthology. Her story "Lost Little Indian Boy" will be part of the Jan-Carol anthology "These Haunted Hills: part 2."

**Linda Hoagland has had recent publications**

**March/ April 2020 – Star Poets – A Poem – “Widowhood”**

## 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 author Dan Swanson, but is hoping to interview more local authors in the next weeks and months. 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



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

(Linda (cont'd))

March/April 2020 – Star Poets – A Poem – “My Prize” – Honorable Mention

March/April 2020 – Star Poets – A Poem – “Linger in Sunshine”

March/April 2020 – Star Poets – A Poem – “Steve Peery – My Friend”

March/April 2020 – Northern Stars – A Poem – “The Cup” – Honorable Mention

March/April 2020 – Northern Stars – A Poem – “Growing Up and Growing Old”

April 2020 – Writers of Grace – “Ten Years Too Late” – 2nd Place

Linda also won first place in all 3 categories at the Wytheville Chautauqua Festival this year. They will be posted on the AAG website for anyone that wants to read them.



We trust everyone had a safe  
and  
Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July