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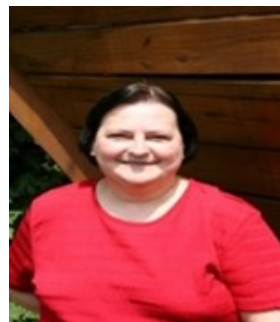
J. C. Schweingrouber
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Some historical blog posts
<http://appalachianauthors.wordpress.com>

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 13, 2021, 11:30-1:30pm
Shoney's Restaurant
Abingdon, VA



Dear AAG,

I am excited to have our first lunch meeting at Shoney's since the pandemic hit. It will be on Tuesday, July 13th from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. JC Schweingrouber will speak after lunch and a brief business meeting. He will be talking on humor in writing. It is sure to be a treat. I hope you can attend. If you can, please let me know by Friday, July 9th. If you know sooner, please let me know. I need to confirm with Shoney's and get materials ready.

We will have a booth at the Virginia Highlands Festival this year. Tables are \$20. There are openings on Tuesday-Friday, July 27th-30th. If you are interested in a space, please let me know by July 9th. I need to pay the booth fees and it will help us greatly if the tables are paid for to help our budget. We will be selling our 3 books there to try to put some much needed funds in the budget. We are okay until September when the website has to be paid. I hope to rerun the GoFundMe page link on our Facebook page before then to hopefully raise some funds.

The week of the Virginia Highlands Festival will also offer writing topics leading up to Writers Day on Friday, July 30th. Greg Lilly and Linda Hoagland, AAG members, will be presenting topics on Tuesday and Wednesday from 12-1:30 pm.

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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 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 Aug 10 2021, with program by poet Rose Klix.

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AAG Go Fund Me page.

Thank you for any support you can offer. Here is the link:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/supporting-appalachian-artists>

You don't want to miss Writers Day. Keep watching the website and Facebook page for registration. It costs \$30. Sharyn McCrumb, Jim Minnick, Rita Quillen, Eugene Wolf, Rebekah Harris, Greg Lilly, Victoria Fletcher, and Tammy Robinson Smith will be doing presentations. More on those will follow on our website and Facebook pages.

REMINDER #1

Due date to be included in the Virginia Highlands Festival is July 9th. Tables are \$20 per day. I need to know asap if you want to have a space.



AAG 2022

As always 'next year' will be upon us before we know it!

If you are interested in being an officer or serving on a committee and can attend Board meetings (2nd Tuesday from 12-1 pm at the Small Business Incubator in February, April, June, August, and October), please let me know.

Thank you for supporting AAG. I am honored to have served you as president this year. It has been a couple of challenging years, but I hope we are moving forward again and hope the rest of the year and 2022 will be successful. I am looking forward to getting our Spring Fling Writers Day going again in May 2022. If you have topics and/or presenters you would like to hear next year, please send me those. I usually begin in October getting the new year's programs ready so contacts can be made to secure speakers. Even if you don't have ideas, it really helps to know what you have enjoyed, who you have enjoyed, and how we can improve AAG. The workshops and presentations are to help us all hone our craft, but knowing what topics would help you most helps me and the Board to do our best to provide them. Again, thanks for being part of this group.

Meetings remaining for the rest of 2021 are:

August 10th, 1-3 pm, Small Business Incubator, Rose Klix speaking

September 14th, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, Shoney's, Dan Swanson speaking

October 12th, 1-3 pm, Small Business Incubator, Linda Hoagland speaking

November 9th, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, Shoney's, 2022 officer installation, Christmas Grab Bag and fellowship.

All 4 AAG & AAG 4 all,
Victoria Fletcher

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. 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.

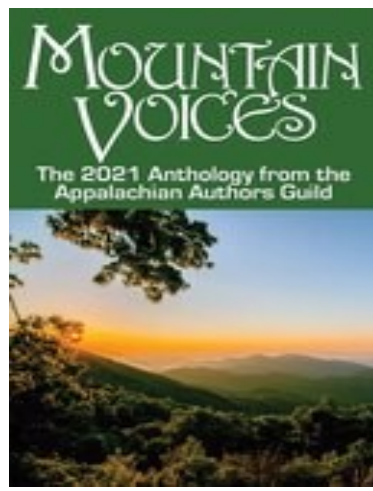
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These are the Guild shirts which can be ordered. For those planning on doing the events for AAG this year, I would love for you to have a shirt so we can all wear them and show our support. Thank you to those that ordered this time. My contact info is vfletcher56@gmail.com or 276-492-8314. Payment may be sent to Vicki at the AAG P. O. Box or via PayPal through the link on the website.

REMINDER #2

Golden NIB entries are due by July 16th for local judging.



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