

July 2022 AAG Newsletter

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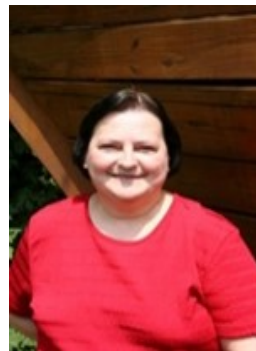
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Some historical blog posts
<http://appalachianauthors.wordpress.com>

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.

AAG General Meeting
July 12, 2022 – 11:30am-1:30pm
Shoney's Restaurant
Abingdon, VA



Hello AAG,

I cannot believe that half of this year is gone. Next Tuesday, July 12th we will have our general meeting from 11:30am to 1:30pm at the Abingdon Shoney's. We will be reading entries that have been sent by members to get feedback on. The meeting is just in person this month.

The meeting in August will be on Tuesday, August 9th from 1-3pm at the Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator with Kari Kilgore doing the presentation on Writing Book Blurbs (Descriptions). This was something she touched on in a presentation last year and the group wanted more.

The board will meet from 12-1pm that day and you are welcome to attend that if you want to get in on the business of the group.

During the Virginia Highlands Festival, the days that Linda, Jason, or I will be there, we will sell our AAG books to earn some money for our treasury. If we could sell them all (30 of the *Mountain Voices* and *From Appalachian Kitchens* cookbook and 20 of the *Mountain Mist* anthology), we would profit about \$175 after the purchase of the books. I will get more info on this to Linda and Jason in the upcoming weeks. The details for selling books will be sent out most likely the week of the 11th so authors have time to read the guidelines and prepare for their days there.

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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 June 14, 2022, VHSBI.



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>

Writers and Readers Day will be held Friday, July 29th from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm during the Festival. Registration should be going up soon. Check their website at-

yahighlandsfestival.com/writers-and-readers-day

As always, all 4 AAG & AAG 4 all,
Vicki Fletcher, your 2022 president

READ FORUM



Read your story to others to listen to or let them read your story.

Encourage the author. Be like the "Home on the Range."

Accentuate the positive. Eliminate the negative. Let the author know what you liked best or how they might improve a part.

Drafts are meant to be made better. Take the comments you think will improve your work.

TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2022

11:30am to 1:30pm
Abingdon Shoney's



2022 AAG Meetings

Tuesday August 9 12-1 / 1-3

Board Meeting/ Workshop

VHSBI

Program: Back Cover Text Writing

Speaker: Kari Kilgore

Tuesday September 13 11:30-1:30

General Membership Meeting

Abingdon Shoney's

Program: Writer's Tips

Speaker: Steven James

Tuesday October 11 12-1/1-3

Board Meeting/ Workshop

VHSBI

Program: Writing Sprints

Speaker: Kari Kilgore

Tuesday November 15 11:30-1:30

(3rd Tuesday due to Election Day)

General Membership Meeting

Abingdon Shoney's

Program: Grab bag fellowship and

Installation of officers for 2023

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. 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*.



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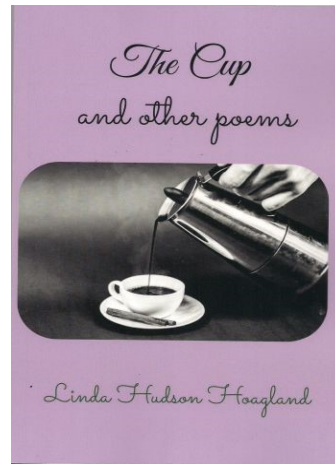
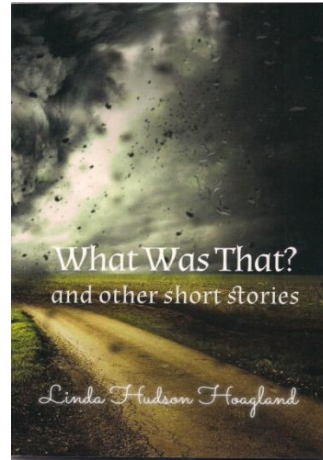
Members who would like to have their new works announced in Tidings should send the info and cover thumbnail, if desired, to the editor's email address.

Mscribe@aol.com
editor, TIDINGS

Congratulations to Linda Hoagland on her First Place win in Adult Poetry at the 2022 Chautauqua Writing Contest.

Linda has recently released two new books. They may be ordered on her website.

lindasbooksandangels.com



Appalachian Authors Guild Blog

Did you know the AAG has a blog? Our Vice President, J. C. Schweingrouber, has posted some good articles with tips on writing. J. C. also interviews authors, among others, on the Appalachian Shine podcast through his non-profit, Foundation for Appalachian Advancement, and posts them on the blog. His February post has information on podcasting as a way for authors to promote their work. Click the Blog link below or on the AAG website to read it.

[Appalachian Authors blog link](#)