

May 2019 AAG Newsletter

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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.

Appalachian Authors Guild
General Meeting
May 14, 2019
Shoney's Restaurant
Cummings St., Abingdon, VA

Speaker



Joe Tennis is a longtime collector of the folklore and history of Virginia, Tennessee, and North Carolina. He grew up in Virginia Beach, Virginia, and moved to Southwest Virginia in 1993, close to where he has family roots stemming from the late 1700s in East Tennessee. He is a former resident of Kingsport, Tennessee, and has spoken at libraries, schools, clubs, and historical societies. He has also appeared at paranormal conferences in Roanoke, Virginia, and Lynchburg, Virginia.

The Radford University graduate has contributed articles and photos on ghosts and legends to *Blue Ridge Country*, *Bristol Herald Courier*, *Virginia Living*, *Hampton Roads Magazine*, *The Roanoke Times*, and *Appalachian Voice*. He has also written for *The Virginian-Pilot*, *Kingsport Times-News*, *Washington County News*, *Coastal Virginia Magazine*, and *Carolina Mountain Life*.

Tennis has released three books featuring ghost tales: *The Marble and Other Ghost Tales of Tennessee* and *Virginia, Haunts of Virginia's Blue Ridge Highlands*, and *Along Virginia's Route 58: True Tales from Beach to Bluegrass*. The author's history books include *Virginia Rail Trails: Crossing the Commonwealth*; *Washington County, Virginia: Then & Now*; *Sullivan County, Tennessee: Images of America*; and *Southwest Virginia Crossroads: An Almanac of Place Names and*

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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 or text/voicemail to 276-492-8314.

Next Board/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 scheduled board meeting will be June, 2019.

Several members have attended and received valuable pointers at the informative workshop presentations after the board meetings.



From President Vicki



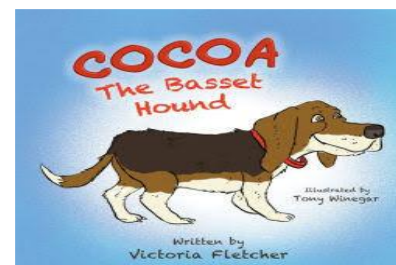
Hello AAG,

I can't believe it is already time for our May general meeting. Time sure flies when you're having fun!!! The meeting will be on Tuesday, May 14th from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Abingdon Shoney's. Joe Tennis will be our guest speaker. You don't want to miss that. Be sure to contact me and let me know you will be attending so I can confirm with the restaurant.

Also coming in May is our first ever writers day event. The AAG Spring Fling Writers Day will be on Saturday, May 18th from 9 am to 4 pm. Our guest speakers will be Steven James, Rita Quillen, Dr. Rebecca Elswick, and our very own Linda Hoagland. It will be a wonderful day to spend writing and enjoying the company of other writers. The book sales will be open to the public from 3-4 pm. If you would like to have your books for sale, please contact me ASAP. There are only a couple of spaces available. I hope you will consider coming to this first-ever event. I am looking forward to seeing you all there. Registration is on the web site under Events or you can send your money to AAG, PO Box 803, Abingdon, VA 24212. It is \$25 for 2019 AAG members and \$30 for nonmembers which will include your registration materials, breakfast, snacks, and lunch. I will be sending out the lunch choices the week of May 6th so get registered by then if you plan to attend.

I hope you are looking forward to the warm weather coming soon. Have a wonderful spring and summer in case I don't see you at one of the events (but I really hope you plan to be at some of them).

I wanted to let you know about my 2 new books. One is a devotional and the other is a children's book. You can purchase them on Amazon or if you would like them personalized, just contact me and I will get them sent to you. The devotional is called *Walking with God* and the children's book is called *Cocoa the Basset Hound*.



Until next time,
Victoria Fletcher, your AAG 2019 president



We have a store at Cafe Press to help us raise money for our AAG store and support us.

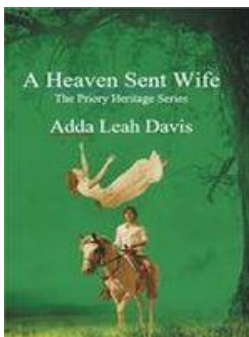
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Places to See. He has also authored two fiction books: *SWAMPED!* and a pick-your-own-plot adventure, *Finding Franklin: Mystery of the Lost State Capitol*.

Tennis' writing has won awards from the Virginia Press Association, Tennessee Press Association, and Northeast Tennessee Tourism Association. He was also honored by the West Virginia Governor's Conference on Tourism when he received the 2015 Stars of the Industry award for best print article for "Dolly Sods and Much More: West Virginia's Potomac Highlands" in *Blue Ridge Country*.

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).



Arranged marriages were the societal custom in Lord Devon Langford's day, but he resisted. His mother and his paternal grandmother were always inviting eligible young women, hoping he would choose one. His maternal grandmother told him "The Lord will provide a wife for you, Devon, but in his own time. This left Devon in a dour mood, but after he had galloped away, he met a young lady in a most unusual way. And unknown to him, his marriage to her was arranged. His story is very amusing, challenging, and filled with prophetic destiny. Finally, as Lady Mary, his grandmother said, "When God moves, things happen."



AAG's J. C. Schweingrouber writes as Cyrus Alderwood.

Revelation Calling is the latest effort from Cyrus Alderwood, and will be available in May on Amazon. *Revelation Calling* is a biblical thriller about a duo out to solve a murder while struggling to stay alive as they embark on a journey to rediscover their own faith and find the truth.

Six recent wins and publications from AAG's
Linda Hoagland

Bluestone Review has accepted 2 poems *Four Seasons* and *Pile of Leaves* for publication.

Northern Stars published 2 poems *Making Angels* won First Place and *Night Life*

Star Poets published 3 poems *Our Bad Faults* won 1st Honorable Mention, *She is Missed* and *Dad*

Front Porch Monthly published a poem *The Penny*

Dangerous Shadow (aka *Dangerous Memories*), a novel, won 2nd place from Green River Writers Fiction Contest

Snooping Can Be Regrettable, a novel, won 2nd place from Green River Writers Children's Prose Contest