



TIDINGS

Nov/Dec 2020 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.

Next Meeting
February 9, 2021, 12:00am
Small Business Incubator
Abingdon, VA



Dear AAG,

Wow! I can't believe we have come to the end of this 2020 year. It was certainly not what I had envisioned for our group. But I am pleased to say that we continued to gain members and renewals and finished the year with 46 members. We had some great workshops and presenters for our meetings and next year, we have another great slate of presenters. I hope we will be moving toward normal meetings again by February 9th, 2021, our first workshop. If not, we will continue to follow the CDC guidelines for meeting face-to-face. I am looking forward to serving as your president again next year. Please be sure to send your updates to me or Sylvia for the newsletter and website. I hope you have a wonderful holiday season and the happiest of new years. Hope to see each of you in the coming year. Take care, stay safe, and be well.

As always,
all 4 AAG & AAG 4 all,
Victoria Fletcher

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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.

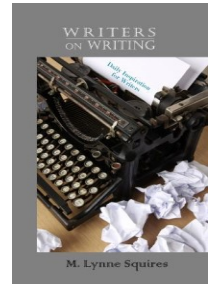
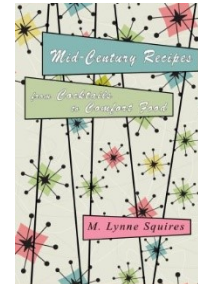
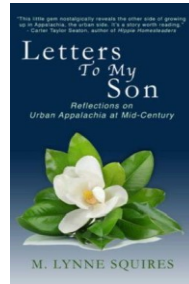
Board Meetings/Workshop

All members are welcome to attend the AAG Board Meetings as well as General Meetings. Next Board meeting will be February 9, 2021, followed by a program presentation by Vicki Fletcher: Events, Reviews, & Tips, Oh My!



Lynn Squires recent books

M. Lynne Squires- is a brand new member of AAG. Her website is [M. Lynn Squires](http://M.LynnSquires.com). Here are the book covers of her work.



Linda Hoagland wins and publications - 2020

October(Fall), 2020 – Front Porch – A Poem – *Really*
September 3, 2020 – Bluefield State College – Certificate of Appreciation – For Sharing Her Thoughts about Her Literary Works
July/August 2020 – Star Poets – A Poem – *Always Alone* – First Place
July/August 2020 – Star Poets – A Poem – *The Ellen Tales*
July/August 2020 – Star Poets – A Poem – *Pinky Swear*
July/August 2020 – Northern Stars – A Poem – *Rejection* - First Place
July/August 2020 – Northern Stars – A Poem – *Oops!* – First Honorable Mention
July/August 2020 – Northern Stars – A Poem – *So Fine*
July 2020 – Appalachian Authors Guild Golden Nib (Local) – Poetry – *The Cup* – Third Place
July 2020 – Appalachian Authors Guild Golden Nib (Local) – Nonfiction – *The Dare* – Third Place
July 2020 – Appalachian Authors Guild Golden Nib (Local) – Fiction – *Spring Forward* - Third Place
Summer 2020 – Chautauqua Festival Creative Writing Awards - Short Story – *Living Like a Pig* – First Place
Summer 2020 – Chautauqua Festival Creative Writing Awards – Essay – *Shameful Gyration*s – First Place
Summer 2020 – Chautauqua Festival Creative Writing Awards – Poetry – *The Cup* – First Place
Short Story *That Was Close* published in Bluestone Review.
Poems published in Star Poets:
The Noisemaker won First Place in Poetry Contest;
Missing; Reflections; The Last Time
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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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editor, TIDINGS

Poems published in Northern Stars: *Instant Replay*; *Saved By a Minute*"

Summer 2020 – Front Porch – *Blend In*

June 2020 – Blue Ridge Writers *The Memoir* Vol 2 Number 2 –
"What Was That?"

May/June 2020 – Star Poets – A Poem – *Mowing the Grass* –
First Honorable Mention

May/June 2020 – Star Poets – A Poem – *A Sign from Sonny*

May/June 2020 – Star Poets – A Poem – *Then There Was None*

May/June 2020 – Northern Stars – A Poem – *The Toolbox* –

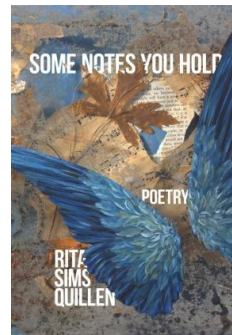
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May/June 2020 – Northern Stars – A Poem – *Homebound*

May/June 2020 – Northern Stars – A Poem – *Waste or Waist*



The newest poetry book by well-known regional poet, Rita Quillen, was released on October 22. Her website is [Rita Sims Quillen](http://RitaSimsQuillen.com). Below is the cover of *Some Notes You Hold*



Vicki Fletcher'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.

