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November 2021 AAG Newsletter

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<u>Appalachian Authors Blog</u>

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
November 9, 2021 11:30-1:30pm
Shoney's Restaurant
Abingdon, VA



Hello AAG,

I cannot believe our year is coming to a close. Our last meeting will be on Tuesday, November 9th from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Abingdon Shoney's. It will be to induct the 2022 officers and board members. We will also have a grab bag fellowship. If you can be there and would like to take part in this, please bring a grab bag (wrapped please) valued at \$10 filled with "writing stuff" to be put into the drawing. We ended the year with 59 members which I think is great. We may have had 2 more but since we only had the one meeting left, I told them to wait until January to sign up and have the whole year to enjoy their membership.

Lots of great speakers and presentations are lined up for 2022 so I hope you will be able to take part. I hope to have the workshops on Zoom and the general meetings on Facebook Live like we did this year to allow those not close by or that have to work, etc. to be able to take part with us.

On the next page you may read about some new books available from our authors. Send news of your writing accomplishments to Vicki or Tidings editor, mentioning that you are an AAG member.

If I don't see you again this year, I wish the most blessed Thanksgiving and glorious Christmas season ever. Hope your new year gets off on the right foot. Hope to see you in 2022. The membership blitz will be in January 2022 so be ready for those updates and jump in for \$20.

Thanks to everyone. All 4 AAG & AAG 4 all, Vicki



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.

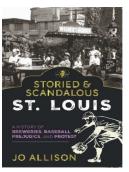
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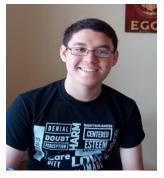
AAG Go Fund Me page. Thank you for any support you can offer. Here is the link: https://www.gofundme.com/f/supporti

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Jo Allison (pen name for member Linda Dobkins) has a new nonfiction work out October 1—and she has reissued the books in a fiction series that debuted five years ago. The new book is one of a string of urban histories published by Globe Pequot Press, the trade imprint of Rowman and Littlefield Publishers. It is Storied and Scandalous St. Louis: A History of Breweries, Baseball, Prejudice, and Protest.



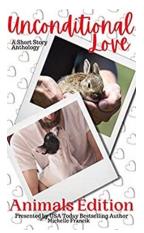
The reissued Julia Nye mystery series is available on Amazon (and as ebooks on Nook and Kobo) but hasn't made it to libraries and bookstores yet. Those are coming soon.



Our newest and youngest member, AJ Higgins, just won third place in the Teen NIB sponsored by the Virginia Writers Club with his poem called *Madman*. We are so excited to see where this young man's writing takes him.

Victoria Fletcher has been in a couple of anthologies and just published her fairy tale, *Happily in Evermore* which will be available on November 4th from her for personalizing. OR today from Amazon.







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 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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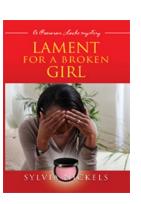


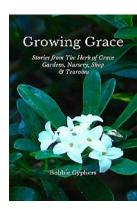
Members who would like to have their new works announced in Tidings should send the info and cover thumbnail, if desired, to the editor's email address.

Mscribe@aol.com editor, TIDINGS The 3rd in Sylvia Nickels' Cameron Locke PI mystery series will soon be available. Hopefully by mid-November.

The video trailer has been uploaded to YouTube. Check it out.

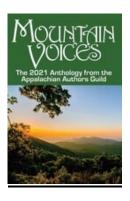
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Bobbie Cyphers's non-fiction book, Growing Grace - Stories from The Herb of Grace Gardens, Nursery, Shop & Tearoom, was published earlier this month and is available now on Amazon and at Independent Bookstores.

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

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