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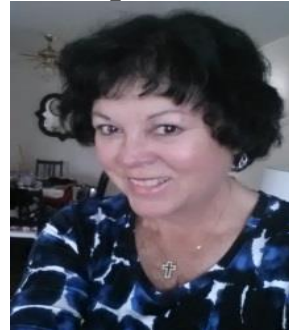
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AAG Mission Statement

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
November 13, 2018
11:30am-12:30pm
Shoney's Restaurant
Abingdon, VA
Speaker



Ellen Myatt

Ellen Myatt says she knew at age eight she wanted a career as a writer. It began when she learned the influence of the written word first-hand while creating bookmarkers to sell for pen money. Early on, she learned the need to identify a target audience and deliver what it likes. She began her newspaper career in 1979 as a classified advertising representative with *The Oregonian*, Portland, Oregon.

The path led to being hired as a general assignment reporter with the *Southwest Virginia Enterprise* in Wytheville, Virginia in 1982. In 1985, she was promoted to editor, which also included serving as editor of *The Bland Messenger*, Bland, Virginia. In 1987, she was named vice president of editorial with Family Community Newspapers of Southwest Virginia.

The owner of the group named her publisher of the *Smyth County News*, Marion, Virginia in 1989. The newspaper was once owned by Sherwood Anderson.

In 1990, Ellen accepted the role of publisher/editor of *The Rogersville Review*, Rogersville Tennessee, where she published a twice-weekly newspaper and small books. One such book she was inspired to produce following engagement with the Birthplace of Country Music organization in 1999 is *Grass Roots – A Musical History of East Tennessee*.

In 1997, Jones Media, Inc., of Greeneville, Tennessee, named her publisher/editor of *The Business Journal for Tri-Cities TN/VA*. Nine years later, she sold the magazine and returned as publisher/editor of *The Rogersville Review* until 2008 when she left publishing to pursue an MBA at East Tennessee State University.(cont'd Pg. 3)



From President Vicki



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 final board meeting for 2018 was October 9, 2018. The schedule of board and general meetings will be announced soon and in the first issue of Tidings in January.

Several members have attended and received valuable pointers at the informative workshop presentations after the board meetings in 2018.

We hope all members will enjoy a Happy Thanksgiving and stress-free days leading up to end of year festivities.



Hello AAG,

The Golden NIB winners were announced at our last workshop. The first place entries have moved on to the state VWC competition. They were Linda Hoagland in poetry, Dan Swanson in nonfiction, and Ellen Myatt in Fiction. All the winners are on the website. Entries will be added as soon as VWC makes their decisions. I cannot have them on the website before that due to guidelines of VWC.

The final general meeting will be on Tuesday, November 13th at Abingdon Shoney's from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm.

NOTICE THE TIME CHANGES TO JUST ONE HOUR.

INDUCTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2019 WILL BE BROUGHT UP DURING THE BUSINESS PORTION AND THEN WE WILL ADJOURN.

I just wanted to thank everyone for making this a successful year in AAG. I am looking forward to moving on in 2019 with more writers workshops and hopefully a writer's day. You will hear more about each of these as the year begins. Our November 13th meeting is our last one for the year. It will be at the Abingdon Shoney's from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Ellen Myatt will be the speaker and we will also install the 2019 officers. I hope you can join us for this final meeting of the year. Please email me to let me know you plan to attend by Friday, November 9th so I can let Ellen know how many to prepare materials for. Thanks again for your support. Hope to see you there.

As always,

Victoria Fletcher

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

[AAGStuff](#) at Cafe Press

Members who would like to have their new works announced in Tidings should send the info and cover thumbnail to the editor's email address (Mscribe@aol.com).



Appalachian Authors Guild wishes everyone a Merry Christmas And Happy New Year 2019

And our members another year of successful writing adventures.

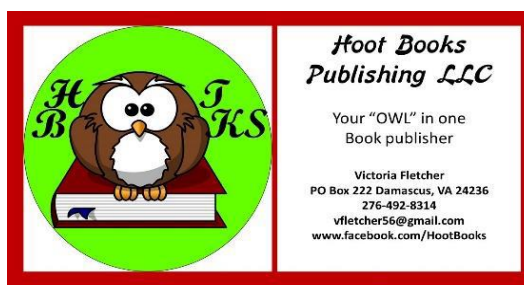
(Ellen Myatt – cont'd from pg. 1)

"All that experience was great. While I gained great skills, I realized as a participant in the Golden Nib contest this year that writing fiction is much more difficult than reporting news in eight to 12 inches, one newspaper column wide. The Golden Nib experience provided me with authentic fodder for my upcoming AAG presentation."

As a winner of press awards in Virginia and Tennessee, Ellen enjoys sharing writing and editing skills today with students at King University.

Vicki Fletcher, Publisher, Hoot Books

Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator Suite 127 at 851 French Moore Blvd. Abingdon, VA. If I can be of help in getting your book published, please contact me.



New book from Vice President JC Schweingrouber, who writes as Cyrus Alderwood.

The link for my latest book is below. *Grave Legends* is the first of a four part horror series. Originally completed in 2002 under a different title, this book was eighteen years in the making. I have written about the history and effort behind this book and that can be found at my website,

<http://www.cyrusalderwood.com>
https://www.amazon.com/dp/1721755225/ref=nav_timeline_asin?encoding=UTF8&psc=1

Linda Hudson Hoagland has a new addition to the Lindsay Harris Murder Mystery Series with the release of *Snooping Can Be Scary*. Please see Linda's website:

<http://www.lindasbooksandangels.com> to order a copy of the book.