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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.



Hello AAG,

I cannot believe our year is almost coming to a close. Our meeting is Tuesday, October 10th from 1-3pm at the Small Business Incubator. Jan Taylor will be speaking on Content Editing.

Our final meeting will be Tuesday, November 14th at the Abingdon Shoney's from 11:30-1:30. More details will be sent about that.

We are preparing our line-up for 2024. January-April is already filled. If you know of a topic or speaker you would like, let me know. If you would like to present (all presentations must be in person), also let me know what topic you would like to present.

I am still accepting entries for our holiday anthology. They are due by October 15th. If not enough are turned in, we will make this a 2024 project. Our anthologies and cookbooks have all been excellent and we want this one to be as well. Hope you'll consider sending something.

As of October 9th, we have 60 members. We will be reevaluating using Zoom at our board meeting in January. The last few meetings have only had a few joining via Zoom. If you want to see that continued for our meetings, I need to hear from you by the end of this year.

Thank you for your support for AAG and for me. You are very much appreciated and our members are what makes our group the best writers group there is (in my opinion anyway).

Vicki
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AAG Meetings at Night

For those that are unable to attend the monthly meetings and workshops we are now offering an opportunity to participate in meetings via ZOOM at night. JC Schweingrouber is now hosting an AAG at Night meeting on the second Thursday of each month at 8:00 PM EST. The next meeting will be September 14th. If you would like to be a part of the panel discussion and workshop you can email JC at

vafinancial@gmail.com

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.



The Foundation for Appalachian Advancement produces a podcast to promote our region and local artists. The FAA has already interviewed president 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*.



Writing Prompt Challenge!

Writing prompts are a great way to generate new ideas and practice our craft. The Writing Prompt Challenge is a weekly prompt writing exercise with other members. Each week JC will email the topic for the challenge and we share those with him (and the group) on Saturday's via email. This is not an exercise for critique, only for fun and practice. If you'd like to be a part of the challenge email JC at

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J.C. Schweingrouber

"The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees opportunity in every difficulty." – Winston Churchill



Dozens of books published by individual members of Appalachian Authors Guild are also available on the AAG website's bookstore. Check them out. You might find a book you'll treasure for a lifetime.

<https://appalachianauthors.com/aag-bookstore.html>

