



Appalachian Authors Guild  
A chapter of the Virginia Writers Club

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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.

## From Vicki

Hello AAG Members,

We look forward to more members from the Lebanon and surrounding area at the General Meeting, Tuesday September 13, 6pm-8pm, at Pat's Kountry Kitchen. For the restaurant's headcount, please email me if you plan to attend, [vfletcher5@gmail.com](mailto:vfletcher5@gmail.com).

Speaker for the meeting will be best selling and very entertaining author, Gayle Trent, from Bristol. Gayle writes two successful cozy mystery series and once had her own publishing company. You will surely enjoy hearing of her writing journey and maybe a tip or two.

Our final meeting of the year will be Tuesday, November 8th at 11:30 am at the Abingdon Shoney's. I realize this is election day but hope as many as possible will attend this meeting. Our plans are to have Scott Pratt as our speaker.

This meeting will also include the induction of officers for the 2017 year. If anyone is interested in holding an office or position on the board, I need that information before the October 11th board meeting.

The AAG Board congratulates Linda Dobkins. Her third novel just won the James River Writers self-published book award. She will get to meet the NY Times author that was the judge, go to the awards ceremony, and earn a little prize money. Way to go, Linda!



Several in the Guild know that I have provided assistance to some authors in getting manuscripts publication ready, many using Amazon's Createspace platform. I decided to go the formal business route and now offer those services through my company, *Hoot Books*. If interested you may find information on services I offer and prices by visiting <http://www.facebook.com/HootBooks> and also on my main website <http://www.victoriafletcher.biz/>

Vicki Fletcher,  
2016 president of AAG

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Facebook page , and is on  
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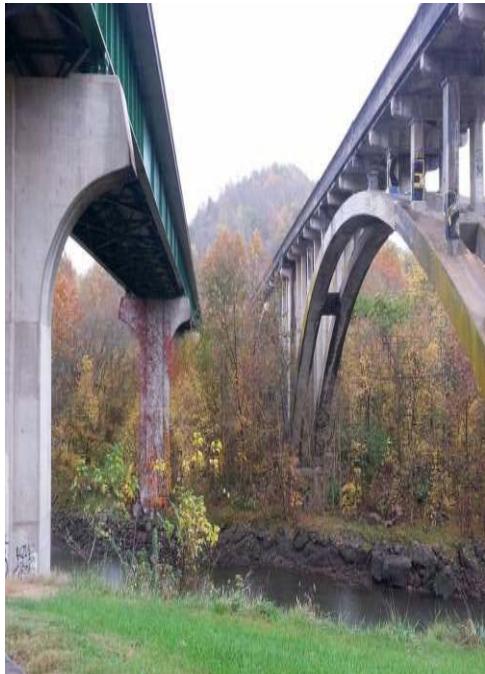


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Dig deep for your story!



National Novel Writing Month

"To achieve great things, two things are  
needed: a plan, and not quite enough time."  
—Leonard Bernstein

Write 50K words in 30 days?  
Try it, it's fun!

<http://www.nanowrimo.org/>

## Appalachian Authors Guild

General Meeting  
Pat's Kountry Kitchen

Lebanon, VA

September 13 , 2016 – 6:00-8:00pm



Successful author Gayle Trent will be the speaker for the dinner meeting at Pat's Kountry Kitchen in Lebanon, VA.

Gayle's most recent book, in the the Calamity Café mystery series, is published under the pseudonym of Gayle Leeson. . As Gayle Trent, she writes the Daphne Martin Cake Mystery series and the Myrtle Crumb Mystery series. As Amanda Lee, she writes the Embroidery Shop Mystery series set in Oregon.

Gayle lives in Virginia with her family, which includes her own "Angus" who is not an Irish wolfhound like the canine in the Embroidery Shop mysteries, but a Great Pyrenees and provides plenty of inspiration for the character of Mr. O'Ruff.

Says Dean Koontz, #1 New York Times bestselling author, "One day I found myself happily reading . . . mysteries by Gayle Trent. If she can win me over . . . she's got a great future."

### Note

Please be aware that Virginia DOT is working at the Exit 14 interchange of I-81. Lanes will be closed at times so watch for signs.

## Helpful Links

[authorspublish.com/manuscript-guide-2016](http://authorspublish.com/manuscript-guide-2016)

Guide to over one hundred publishers who don't require agented subs

### [Writing for Dollars](#)

There is a Markets Database on this website

### [Preditors & Editors](#)

A guide to publishers and publishing services since 1997.

## Spotlight Opportunities

AAG member Gina McKnight invites all members to interview for her blog about their writing and books. Her blog is -Riding and Writing

<http://ginamc.blogspot.com/>

Links to books may be posted, etc. She would like a brief bio and links in the initial request, if available, to read so she can ask appropriate questions. She sends the questions and the person responds via email.

<mailto:gmcknight11@gmail.com>

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JC Schweingruber, Appalachian Authors Guild member, and others have formed a nonprofit group, The Foundation For Appalachian Advancement. He invites AAG authors to talk to them about the possibility of being featured on their website as "Artist of the Month."

Contact

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<http://www.supportappalachia.org/>  
(Foundation For Appalachian Advancement)

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Markets  
<http://www.ralan.com/>

Writing Prompts  
<http://www.toastedcheese.com/>  
<http://www.writermag.com/writing-prompts>

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Writing Classes

<http://www.writersvillage.com/index.php/membership-information>

(Editor) My first online short story was published in the Writers Village ezine. Unfortunately the ezine is no longer published.

## Seventh Street Books Submission Guidelines

Seventh Street Books® publishes only mystery and thriller fiction. We are not currently looking for short story collections, anthologies, novellas, or nonfiction.

There are two required methods of submission:

Unagented submissions:

Email submissions only, and only full manuscripts accepted – no partials or outlines.

Please send an email that includes your name, address, telephone number, and a one to three paragraph synopsis of your work, along with the manuscript attached as a word or RTF file, to [dmayer@prometheusbooks.com](mailto:dmayer@prometheusbooks.com)

Note that due to the volume of submissions, a detailed reply in the case of a rejection may not always be possible.

## Kensington Books Submission Guidelines

Kensington guidelines too long to reproduce here:

<http://www.kensingtonbooks.com/page.aspx/LyricalSubmissions>

