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September 2022 AAG Newsletter

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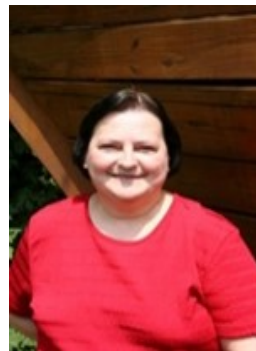
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Some historical blog posts  
<http://appalachianauthors.wordpress.com>

## 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.

**AAG General Meeting**  
**Sept. 13, 2022 – 11:30am-1:30pm**  
**Shoney's Restaurant**  
**Abingdon, VA**



Hello AAG,

The AAG will have the September meeting next Tuesday the 13th at the Abingdon Shoney's from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Steven James will be our guest speaker. His topic is "Suspense Essentials: Secrets to Tapping into Tension" (whatever genre you write). He will have copies of his new book, *The Art of the Tale*, available for purchase.

Be sure to let me know by Friday, September 9th if possible or you can email/text me by Monday, September 12th since we are getting the newsletter out to you later than usual (which is my fault) (Not just President's fault, Editor let it get by, too!)

Our October meeting is on the 11th from 1-3 pm at the Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator. Linda Hoagland will have a workshop on Mystery writing. Our final meeting of the year will be on November 15th (third Tuesday due to elections) at the Abingdon Shoney's from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. This will be our officer induction and our grab bag fellowship. More details for the next meetings will be coming soon.

As always,  
all 4 AAG & AAG 4 all,  
Vicki Fletcher, your 2022 president



## 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](mailto: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 Oct 11, 2022, VHSBI.

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Tuesday September 13 11:30-1:30  
General Membership Meeting  
Abingdon Shoney's  
Program: Writer's Tips  
Speaker: Steven James

Tuesday October 11am 12p-1pm/1-3pm  
Board Meeting/ Workshop  
VHSBI  
Program: Writing Sprints  
Speaker: Kari Kilgore

Tuesday November 15 11:30am-1:30pm  
(3rd Tuesday due to Election Day)  
General Membership Meeting  
Abingdon Shoney's  
Program: Grab bag fellowship and  
Installation of officers for 2023

### Steven James

Steven James is the critically acclaimed author of more than three dozen books, including two thriller series, and he has recently released the first book of his teen suspense trilogy, *Blur*.

Steven's most recent book on writing is *The Art of the Tale*, which follows his other two very successful writing resource books, *Troubleshooting Your Novel* and *Story Trumps Structure*, a favorite of this editor.

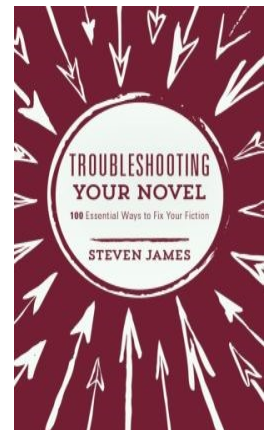
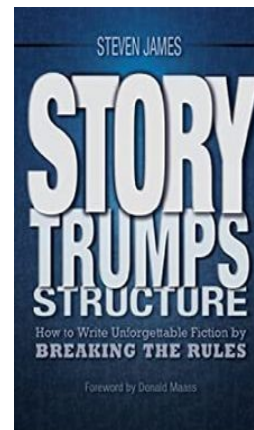
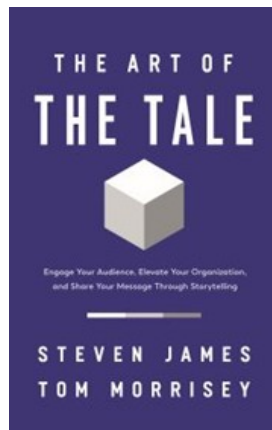
He is the award-winning author of two suspense series, The Patrick Bowers Files and the Jevin Banks Experience. His other works span a variety of genres including non fiction, fantasy and drama.

Steven has a master's degree in storytelling and has taught writing and creative communication around the world. When he's not writing or speaking, you'll find him trail running, rock climbing, or drinking a dark roast coffee near his home in eastern Tennessee.

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Website link: <http://www.stevenjames.net>

Three of Steven's books for writers.



## 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 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](mailto: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



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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](mailto:Mscribe@aol.com)  
editor, TIDINGS

## Virginia Writers Club, Inc Golden Nib Writing Contest AAG Chapter winners

### Fiction:

- 1st- "Magic at the Dollar Tree" by Wendy Dwyer
- 2nd- "Bits and Pieces" by Tammy Robinson Smith and Starlyte by Damean Mathews
- 3rd- "The Truth Is" by Linda Hoagland and Those Hidden Things by Addie Davis
- HM- "Peter's Quest" by Dan Swanson

### Nonfiction:

- 1st- "Death of My Hometown" by Dan Swanson
- 2nd- "I Remember October" by Addie Davis
- 3rd- "Novel?" By Linda Hoagland
- HM- "Essay on Consciousness" by Carol Cutler

### Poetry:

- 1st- "Alone" by Linda Hoagland and Heart of Appalachia by Vicki Fletcher
- 2nd- "A Balm for Gilead" by Addie Davis
- 3rd- "An Awakening" by Dan Swanson
- HM- "Consciousness Powers Resistance" and "My Lovely VA Lady" by David Simms



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### Appalachian Authors Guild Blog

Did you know the AAG has a blog? Our Vice President, J. C. Schweingrouber, has posted some good articles with tips on writing. J. C. also interviews authors, among others, on the Appalachian Shine podcast through his non-profit, Foundation for Appalachian Advancement, and posts them on the blog. His February post has information on podcasting as a way for authors to promote their work. Click the Blog link below or on the AAG website to read it.

[Appalachian Authors blog link](#)

