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Spring Fling Writers Day

Saturday,
May 18th, 2019
9 am to 4 pm

Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator
851 French Moore Blvd.
Abingdon, VA 24210

For more info contact vfletcher56@gmail.com

FEATURING



Steven James

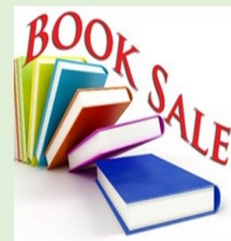


Rita Quillen



Dr. Rebecca Elswick

Check out more @ appalachianauthors.com/events.html



Book Sale Open to the Public
Open from 3-4 pm
Above presenters and other AAG
authors will be there

2019 Spring Fling Writers Day Schedule

- 09:00-10:00 Registration in front lobby/continental break fast in the large conference room
- 10:00-10:15 Welcome. Introduction of AAG Board, speakers, and letter of welcome from the Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator director, Cathy Lowe
- 10:15-11:00 Session 1- Rita Quillen (large conference room)
- 11:00-11:15 Break (snacks/beverages in spill-over room)
- 11:15-12:00 Session 2- Dr. Rebecca Elswick (large conference room)
- 12:00-01:00 Lunch (pick up in kitchen off large conference room)
- 01:00-01:45 Session 3- Steven James (large conference room)
- 01:45-02:00 Break (snacks/beverages in spill-over room)
- 02:00-03:00 Writing Prompts- Linda Hoagland (large conference room)
Linda will give us all a writing prompt. Then we will have about 15 minutes to write something in whatever genre we choose. That will leave about 20 minutes for us to share our work.
- 02:55-03:00 Thanks for attending and invitation to visit the speakers/authors book sales in the small conference room.
- 03:00-04:00 Book sales (open to public as well)
Our guest speakers and the AAG board (or member) will be selling books in the small conference room.
We hope you will stop by and see us.

Please be sure to complete a survey before you leave. If you prefer, there will be a survey available on the website following the writers day. Thank you.



2019 AAG Officers

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Linda Hudson Hoagland

Linda Hudson Hoagland has won acclaim for her mystery novels that include the recent *Dangerous Shadow*, *Snooping Can Be Scary*, *Snooping Can Be Uncomfortable*, *Onward & Upward*, *Missing Sammy*, *An Unjust Court*, and *Snooping Can Be Helpful - Sometimes*. She is also the author of works of nonfiction, 2 collections of short writings along with 2 volumes of poems. Hoagland has won numerous awards for her work, including first place for the Pearl S. Buck Award for Social Change and the Sherwood Anderson Short Story Contest. Her work has appeared in many anthologies. She has latched onto a new calling and that is volunteer teaching of creative writing at Southwest Virginia Community College which is something she truly loves to do.

Workshop Title: Writing Prompts

Linda will give us some writing prompts to get us writing and then we will be sharing our work (if we choose to).



Steven James

Steven James is a bestselling, multiple award-winning author of sixteen novels and numerous works of nonfiction. He serves as a contributing editor to *Writer's Digest* magazine and hosts a biweekly podcast called *The Story Blender*. His groundbreaking books *Story Trumps Structure* and *Troubleshooting Your Novel* won *Storytelling World* awards in 2015 and 2018 respectively. *Publishers Weekly* calls him “[a] master storyteller at the peak of his game.” When he’s not working on his next book, he teaches *Novel Writing Intensive* retreats across the country with *New York Times* Bestselling author Robert Dugoni.

Workshop Title-

The Essence of Story: The Pathway to Transformation

When you focus on what lies at the heart of story—tension, desire, crisis, escalation, struggle, discovery—rather than plot templates and formulas, you’ll begin to break out of the box and write fiction that resonates with your readers. This workshop is filled with practical insights, time-tested writing secrets, and easy-to-implement ideas.



Rita Quillen

Rita Quillen's new novel *WAYLAND*, a sequel to *HIDING EZRA*, will be published by Iris Press in fall, 2019. Her full-length poetry collection, *The Mad Farmer's Wife*, was published in 2016 by Texas Review Press, a Texas A & M affiliation and was a finalist for the Weatherford Award in Appalachian Literature from Berea College. Her novel *Hiding Ezra*, released by Little Creek Books, was a finalist for the 2005 DANA Awards. One of six semi-finalists for the 2012-14 Poet Laureate of Virginia, she received three Pushcart nominations, and a Best of the Net nomination in 2012. Read more at www.ritasimsquillen.com.

Workshop Title– Lightning Round

Her workshop will be a Lightning Round. She will give you prompts to write about and hopefully you will leave with something to get you started on your own project or at least get the writing juices flowing.



Dr. Rebecca Elswick

Rebecca D. Elswick lives in the mountains of southwestern Virginia where she was born, the daughter and granddaughter of coal miners. Her fiction and nonfiction have appeared in many journals and anthologies among them *Deep South*, *Drafthorse*, *Appalachian Heritage*, and *Still: The Journal*. Her debut novel, *Mama's Shoes* (2011) was published by Writer's Digest, the result of winning a contest. Her young adult novel, *No Stopping Her* was published in 2015 by Gemma Media's Open Door Series for Adult Literacy. Rebecca is a mother, writer, and lifelong teacher. She has an MFA from West VA Wesleyan College and currently directs the Writing Center at Appalachian School of Law in Grundy, Virginia.

Workshop Title-

Writing Magical Realism with an Authentic Voice: Borrowing from History, Culture, and Folklore