

WRITE AWAY

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Lots of News!

September 15 Meeting: James Marshall has outlined a schedule for RWG meetings titled "A Year of Re-Creation." For the first two meetings, we will look at how people retell familiar stories. In the September meeting, bring in an example of an author or poet who is retelling a well-known story. We will discuss these works and have a writing contest.

October 20 Meeting: Now it is our turn. Bring in your own retelling of a well-known story to share. We will discuss our work and have a writing contest.

July Un-Gala: Members in attendance read their writings published in the summer-fall edition of *The Rockford Review*, Connie introduced Sally Hewitt (who traveled from WA state) as the incoming editor, and conducted a writing contest. The theme was "Adaptations" — those present wrote stunning prose and poetry in 15 minutes! Winners were: Tom Walsh, Emily Marshall, Sam Kuntz, Susan Brazas Goldberg, and Jesse Kuntz. Sam and Jesse gave their award cash back to RWG.

New President and Editor: Sally Hewitt presided over a Board meeting after the Un-Gala.

Web Director: Sally Hewitt will step in as web director. We're rebuilding our website (see next column for details).

The Board: We miss Connie, and are "adapting." Seasoned board members Cindy, James, and Lori are working with new board members Tom Walsh and Sally Hewitt. Hana Ferguson and Cindy are drawing people to the Guild's Facebook page with witty, poignant posts. Thanks to all!

September 15, Oct. 20 Meetings: Back at Burpee Museum of Natural history downstairs in the Riverview Room from 1-3.



Winners to be Announced in Our October Newsletter

Thank you to the writers who entered the *Smooth as Ice* Fall Poetry Contest. We will select ten \$10 winners, and their work will be published in the 2020 Winter-Spring edition of *The Rockford Review*. Winners are invited to share their poems at the October meeting.

Winter-Spring *The Rockford Review*

We've already received quite a few extraordinarily well-written poems and short stories for our Winter-Spring edition. Keep those submissions rolling in! It's such a pleasure to read these entries and to get to know Guild members little by little in this manner.

RWG Website Rebuild

We, the Board, decided to update our website, which has been a rewarding process. Our blog will be down for a week or so during the change. But, our Facebook page will be available during the entire time. To make it easier for writers to submit works, you can soon use our submission form on our website.

Notes from July 21, 2019 Meeting

Attendance: Kandie Bott, Ron Bott, Tom Walsh, Tom Lee, Katie Marshall, Alex Marshall, Emily Marshall, Lori Marshall, Connie Kuntz, Jesse Kuntz, Jocelyn Kuntz, Sam Kuntz, Fern Kuntz, Angelo Kuntz, Cheryl Sheinman, Cindy Guentherman, Alan Jimenez, Gene Dameier, Sally Hewitt, Wilda Morris, Susan Brazas Goldberg, Christopher Sims, Rhonda Parsons, Vicki Marcum, Becky Wyant

Connie introduced outgoing and incoming board members.

Wilda promoted her newest book, "Pequod Poems."

Writers shared published works from "Goodbye Hello" edition of *The Rockford Review*:

- Kandie Bott
- Wilda Morris
- Tom Lee
- Alan Jimenez
- Cindy Guentherman
- Tom Walsh
- Sam Kuntz
- Angelo Kuntz
- Fern Kuntz
- Susan Brazas Goldberg
- Jocelyn Kuntz

Writing Contest: Based on active listening and sharing as well as writing

Theme: Adaptation

Winners: Tom Walsh, Susan Goldberg, and Jesse Kuntz; Youth winners: Emily Marshall and Sam Kuntz.

Connie introduced Sally Hewitt as the new President.

Tom presented Connie a farewell and thank you gift on behalf of the Board and the Guild.

Next Meeting: 1-3 p.m. Sunday, September 15, 2019, at the Burpee Museum of Natural History

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Marshall

GOOD NEWS about GUILD WRITERS

To have your literary good news published here and on our Facebook page, email sally@rockfordwritersguild.org every month.

On January 28, 2020, **Mike Bayles** will be a guest speaker for the Eastern Avenue Branch of the Davenport Public Library (Iowa). The topic will be, *The Family of an Alzheimer's Patient*, in support of his book, "Breakfast at the Good Hope Home."

Olivia Diamond, Whitefish, MT, will be interviewed by CUTV News Talk Radio on September 5 at 1 p.m. ET in their Empowered Women Series. Jim Mathews will interview Olivia for 30 minutes to talk about her writing. Their programs are archived on their website <https://www.cutvnews.com/>, so that the program can be listened to at any time.

Charlotte Digregorio of Winnetka, IL is exhibiting her illustrated haiku in September at Winnetka Community House in Winnetka. In other news, Charlotte's haiku was recently published in two anthologies: *at the water's edge* (Canada) and in *Driving Cars* (USA). Charlotte's poetry reference book, *Haiku and Senryu: A Simple Guide for All*, is used as a supplemental text in university courses and at private preparatory schools, in addition to being a reference tool for adults.

Dixon Hearne, Sterlington, LA, writes, "I would like to share with fellow RWG members that I have new poems forthcoming in *Deep South Magazine*, *Arkansas Review*, *UCity Review*, *Mojave Heart Review*, and *Mused Literary Review*." He also encourages fellow RWG members to submit to his new online literary journal: deltapoetryreview.com.

d.n. simmers' book of poetry, "The Red School Bus," was recently published by Silver Bow Publishing in New Westminster, B.C.

In August, **Wilda Morris** read from her latest book, "Pequod Poems: Gamming with Moby-Dick" in Arrowhead, where Herman Melville wrote "Moby-Dick," and also at Nantucket Atheneum. You can order your copy from Amazon.

New Members for 2019: Please welcome **Jason Cant** of Silvis, IL; **John Day** of Stockton, IL; **Karen DeFranco** of Twinsburg, OH; **Travis Morgan** of Roscoe, IL; **Amy McFarland** of South Beloit, and **Randal Stowell** of Rockford.

Thanks to those of you who've renewed and continue to support RWG!

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