

WRITE AWAY

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RWG Zoom Meeting June 26

Join our Zoom Meeting: Sunday, June 26 from 1-3 p.m. Rockford time (CST). Our featured artist will be RWG member and author, Hana Ferguson.. Our meeting will be on June 26 due to the Juneteenth holiday. **WRITING PROMPT FOR JUNE MEETING: "FRAME"** See more information on page 3.



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MESSAGE FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP GUY, TOM WALSH

Dear Friends: I encountered this recently. I thought it was an interesting read. I really can't vouch for this author's bona fides; but perhaps you will also find it worthwhile ... Membership Guy Tom Walsh
<https://leighshulman.com/10-things-every-new-writer-experiences/>

"EXPECTATIONS" PROSE CONTEST WINNERS

Zafarul Azam for "Expectations"
Maureen Baldwin for "Unexpected Victory"
Mike Bayles for "The Painted Lake"
Olivia Diamond for "Expectations"
Ann Edmonds for "Origins"
Susan Brazas Goldberg for "The Order"
John Casey Kalkirtz for "The Titanic"
June Thompson for "Miss Havisham"
Al Youmans for "Unexpected Sanity"

Rockford Review Youth Poetry Award

Deadline July 15. Contest award: \$600 total to be dispersed to winners of the 13-18 and 12 and Under age categories. Send entries to sally@rockfordwritersguild.org.

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Thanks to all who voted. We look forward to working together for the growth and success of Rockford Writers' Guild. The new Board begins official duties on July 1.

ORDER YOUR EXTRA BOOKS SOON
We'll order our Summer-Fall edition of *The Rockford Review* around June 20, so order your extra copies soon.

FREE RWG HAIKU WORKSHOP—OCT. 2 VIA ZOOM

RWG has scheduled a Sunday, Oct. 2, free haiku and senryu workshop led by Charlotte Digregorio, from 1 to 3 p.m. (Senryu is written in the haiku form, but its focus is human nature, and human weaknesses/struggles.) The workshop will focus on the specific how-to's of writing/publishing the two forms. Her presentation includes: discussion/analysis of accessible poems and why they work (inviting comments by participants); and reading of participants' work and their questions. The relevance of these two forms as healing avenues in our lives will be the focus. There are many misconceptions about haiku/senryu, but the presentation will dissolve the myths, allowing participants to come away with "practical" tools to write effective, publishable, and even award-winning poems. Charlotte is the author of "Haiku and Senryu: A Simple Guide for All," praised as the "definitive" book on haiku by many international haiku masters/editors. She has given dozens of haiku workshops and has been keynote speaker at national meetings of the Haiku Society of America. She served as the Society's Vice President and Midwest Regional Coordinator.

To register, email me at: sally@rockfordwritersguild.org.

GOOD NEWS about GUILD WRITERS

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

Marie Asner celebrated April Poetry Month with a poetry reading of 19th century poems and Asner's poetry. The poetry reading began a concert, Monday, April 4, 2022, at Asbury Methodist Church, Prairie Village, Kansas. Following the poetry reading was a concert by the Landlocked Opera Company Inc. with selections from "Madame Butterfly" and "La Nozze di Figaro." Marie has also participated in the Addison Library's poetry and poet presentation and the Downer's Grove Library combining artists' work with poetry.

The APRIS Service of WVIK Augustana Public radio aired **Mike Bayles'** recording of his poem, "Over Drinks," on May 25. APRIS is a service aired for the visually impaired during which passages are read out loud by readers. "Over Drinks" is his contribution to the Midwest Writing Center's book, "These Interesting Times," a compilation of works about the challenges faced during the year 2020.

Charlotte Digregorio of Winnetka, IL, calls your attention to her Sunday, July 24 RWG presentation, "You Can Write Engaging and Memorable Poetry." (1 to 3 p.m. Central Time). Charlotte has worn many "writer's hats" during her long career: poet, nonfiction writer, columnist, news reporter, magazine/newspaper/book editor, and professor of Writing and Foreign Languages/Literatures. Author of seven books, including her latest reference: "Ripples of Air: Poems of Healing," she will lead a comprehensive and fun general poetry workshop, covering all the bases for beginning and experienced poets. Samples and analysis of work by famous poets will be included.

In other news, Charlotte recently took First Place in the Joe McClard Haiku Contest (Arkansas), and has had more poetry accepted by the Asahi Haikuist Network journal (Japan) to appear in July.

Hana Ferguson won 2nd place for her poem "Night Owls" in the Colleen Holmbeck poetry prize at Rockford University this April. Hana will be our featured artist at our June 24 RWG Zoom meeting.

Wilda Morris has one haiku each in the May/June issue of *tsuri-dōrō*, *Brass Bell*, and *Autumn Moon Haiku Journal*; three in THE UNEXPECTED WEIGHT, the Mentorship Program Anthology published by The Haiku Society of America and one in HAIKU 2022, the HSA member anthology. She attended Poetry Camp at The Clearing in Ellison Bay, Wisconsin, led by Robin Chapman the week of May 21. Her poem on the war in Ukraine has been published at <https://www.poetryforukraine.org/usa---4>.

Alan Youmans has published his latest book: "Our Emergent Practices -- Usefully Finding Our Meaningful Way." It's available by title through Amazon. Short description: It is highly improbable to provide a simple understanding of our complex existence. This book provides some basic concepts for your consideration. You will decide if these concepts are compelling to use for your own understanding.

NEW MEMBERS

New Members for 2022: Please welcome **Karla Clark** of Rockford, IL; **Judy Cummings** of Loves Park, IL; **Bethamie Montieth** of Jefferson, WI; **Michael Peterson** of Genoa, IL; and **Stephanie Prchal** of Rockford, IL.

And, thanks to those of you who have renewed and continue to support RWG!

May 15, 2022 RWG Zoom Meeting Notes

RWG member and author, Wilda Morris, led an informative meeting, during which she answered a lot of questions and taught us some intricacies of poetic forms. She used many of these forms in her acclaimed book, "Pequod Poems: Gamming with Moby-Dick." A big thank you to Wilda from all of us!

Those who attended were: Mike Bayles, Judy Cummings, Gene Dameier, Rick Danielson, John Davis,, Hana Ferguson, Susan Brazas Goldberg, Cindy Guentherman,, Blanche Kabengele, Wilda Morris, Bill Olewiler, Mike Peterson, Tom Walsh, Linda Woito, Rita Yager, and me (Sally Hewitt). If I missed anyone, please let me know.

**June 26, 2022 RWG Zoom Meeting**

Due to the Juneteenth holiday on the weekend of June 19, we'll hold our Zoom meeting the next Sunday, on June 26. RWG member, author, Rockford University student, and Zoom meeting leader extraordinaire, Hana Ferguson, will be our featured artist. The title of Hana's book is "The Sound of Rain." We'll learn more about her book, her writing process, her award-winning poetry, and her future writing plans.

July 24, 2022 RWG Zoom Meeting

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Zoom meeting link: <https://zoom.us/j/5670839995?pwd=SEhwL2h0UIBTNkN2OEwyaWlkV0ljZz09>



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