

THE GUILD GAZETTE

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Helpful Books and Events for Writers and Aspiring Writers

- *On Writing: a Memoir of the Craft* — Stephen King
- *The Elements of Style* — Strunk & White
- *How to Market a Book* — Joanna Penn
- *Writing Down the Bones* — Natalie Goldberg

Upcoming Live Events Offered by Writers Digest University

<https://www.writersonlineworkshops.com/>

An Affordable Writing Seminar

https://www.trianglesinc.com/beyond_the_pen.html

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WGV Members in the News

Send your author news to: cindy@cindyfreeman.com
by the 15th of each month.

- ⇒ *The Avocet* nature journal has chosen one of **Sharon Canfield Dorsey's** poems for publication in the print version of its spring issue.
- ⇒ **DM Frech** will be signing her books Sat, April 11, 2 – 4 pm at [Turn the Page Bookshop](#) 5707 Richmond Road Suite 40, Williamsburg, VA.
- ⇒ **Marjie Gowdy's** new chapbook, *Pillow Fight*, has been accepted for publication by Prolific Press in Indiana. She says, "It recounts my ongoing search for peace and forgiveness, sprinkling in observances of the natural world and human foibles."
- ⇒ **Reyn Kinzey's** third book of Irish-inspired poetry, *True North*, is scheduled for release this month by High Tide Publications.

The Journal



The spring 2024 issue of *The Journal* will soon be available for purchase on Amazon, but members will have free access to it on the WGV website: <https://www.writersguildva.com/>. It features provocative poetry by David Reid Brown, Sharon Canfield Dorsey, James Garrett, Reyn Kinzey, and Peggy Newcomb, intriguing prose pieces by Ann Eichenmuller, Bradley Harper, Peggy Newcomb, and Patti Gaustad Procopi, and exquisite photography by Rebecca Day.

Remember: all WGV members are eligible to submit their best poetry, prose, photography, or original artwork to *The Journal*. The deadline for submissions to the summer issue is April 30. Contact Cindy Freeman: cindy@cindylfreeman.com. Click [Anthology Guidelines.docx](#) to access the submission guidelines.

More Strong Verbs

Advance	Command	Glare	Moan	Recoil	Transfigure
Advise	Crush	Gleam	Modify	Report	Trim
Attack	Dash	Glisten	Multiply	Revitalize	Tussle
Balloon	Demolish	Grasp	Muse	Revolutionize	Uncover
Bash	Depart	Gravitate	Notify	Scan	Untangle
Batter	Detect	Heighten	Order	Scorch	Veil
Beam	Envelop	Hobble	Peck	Seize	Vindicate
Blast	Explode	Inspect	Peek	Shrivel	Wail
Capture	Fly	Intertwine	Picture	Skulk	Wind
Charge	Fuse	Journey	Pilot	Slink	Wrest
Collide	Garble	Leap	Plant	Sparkle	Zing
			Position	Sprinkle	Zip

In the Works

Have you thought about writing your memoir, but didn't know how to go about it? Have you struggled with doubts, thinking nobody would want to read it? Then this masterclass is for you!

Sneak Peek: Ralph Tedeschi of Turn the Page Bookshop in Williamsburg, VA has already shown his support for WGV authors in myriad ways. Now Ralph is working with Jeanne Johansen and Cindy Freeman to offer a unique in-person masterclass on memoir writing. Watch the newsletter and website for an official reveal coming soon.



Another Opportunity: WGV is creating a new critique group for authors.

The initial group will be limited to only six members, but others can be created, as needed. Writers will submit their work electronically to be reviewed by each member then meet in person once a month for discussion. If you are interested, contact Jeanne Johansen: writersguildva.com@gmail.com.

Calendar of Events

- ⇒ **Fri, Apr. 5, 7:00 pm:** Slam Connection (slam poetry performances) at [Column 15 coffee shop](#), 701-R Merrimac Trail, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185. Poets should arrive by 6:00 to sign up. Everyone is welcome to come and listen.
- ⇒ **Fri, Apr. 10:** Deadline to register for [Beyond the Pen](#), all-day writing workshop in Morrisville, NC.
- ⇒ **Sat, Apr. 11, 2-4 pm:** Debra Frech's book signing at [Turn the Page Bookshop](#), Williamsburg, VA.
- ⇒ **Tue, Apr. 30:** Deadline for submitting to the summer 2024 issue of *The Journal*.
- ⇒ **Fri, May 3, 7:00 pm:** Slam Connection (slam poetry performances) at [Column 15 coffee shop](#), 701-R Merrimac Trail, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185. Poets should arrive by 6:00 to sign up. Everyone is welcome to come and listen.

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Writers Guild YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JZU7VZKke0Y>