

# THE GUILD GAZETTE

Writers Guild of Virginia Online Newsletter

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## It's Only a Few Weeks Away

Be sure to register early for the Writers Guild of Virginia's first in-person literary arts festival since before the pandemic. Spaces are limited:

<https://www.writersguildva.com>

The festival will take place at Rappahannock Arts League (RAL) arts center, 19 N. Main St. Kilmarnock, VA and its adjoining building

**Saturday, November 16, 11:00 am—3:00 pm.**

See page 2 for further details about the festival.

## WGV Board of Directors

If *you* could serve on the WGV Board or volunteer on a committee, please contact a current board member:

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## WGV Members in the News

Send your author news to: [cindy@cindylfreeman.com](mailto:cindy@cindylfreeman.com) by the 15th of each month.

- ⇒ **DM Frech** announces her new Amazon author page: <https://www.amazon.com/author/dmfrech>, where you can find her poetry books, *Words from Walls* and *Quiet Tree*, also two new ebooks, *Doggies Get Depressed Too* and *Never Count Your Chickens before They Hatch*. Her author page also includes the three issues of *The Journal* in which her stories are published.
- ⇒ **Cindy L. Freeman** will hold a book signing at [Turn the Page Bookshop](#) on Sat, Nov. 2, 12:00—4:00 pm. Stop by for a compelling book signed by the author.  
Then, on Saturday, Nov. 9, Cindy and **Patti Procopi** can be found at the Hanover Book Festival, 7168 Flag Ln, Mechanicsville, VA, 10:00 am—3:00 pm.
- ⇒ **Susan Williamson** had a busy September! She exhibited her horse-themed mysteries at the Georgetown, Kentucky Festival of the Horse, Sep. 6 - 8, with record sales. She also held a book signing at Objects Art Gallery Sep. 14 in Irvington, VA: [www.objectsartandmore.com](http://www.objectsartandmore.com) and [Turn the Page Bookshop](#) in Williamsburg on Sep. 15.

## Second Saturday Social Series Continues

The Second Saturday Social is a free event held at the RAL Art Center, 19 N. Main Street, Kilmarnock VA. Open to anyone with an interest in the creative arts community, each event includes light refreshments and drinks, live music, books to browse, and a short program by a WGV author. It also serves as the monthly meeting for Writers Guild members, who are encouraged to attend.

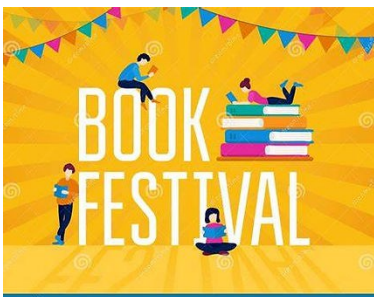
**October 12, 5-7 pm - Writing for Physical, Spiritual, and Emotional Health with Speaker Ann Eichenmuller**

Ann Eichenmuller will present a workshop focused on the types of writing that have been shown to improve physical and mental well-being. She will provide an overview of the research on writing for health and discuss sample writing activities from her book, *The Writing RX*. Eichenmuller is an author, educator, and recipient of the *Washington Post's* Agnes Meyer Excellence in Education Award. In addition to *The Writing RX* and its accompanying workbook, she has written a four-novel mystery series and a children's chapter book.



**Saturday, October 28, 12-4 pm**, Ann Eichenmuller will hold a book signing at [Objects, Art and More Gallery](#), 4462 Irvington Rd, Irvington, VA 22480. FYI: this opportunity is available to all WGV authors. To schedule *your* signing at Objects, contact David Cariens: [dcariens@gmail.com](mailto:dcariens@gmail.com).

## Writers Guild of Virginia Literary Arts Festival



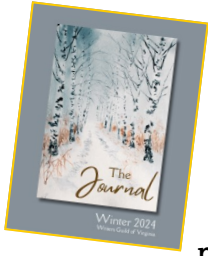
**Saturday, November 16 from 11 am-3 pm**, the Writers Guild and RAL Art Center will present a Literary Arts Festival. WGV authors will have the opportunity to share and sell their books in the gallery space. The festival will be open to the public and include live music and special activities for children.

Advance registration at \$20 per table is required for participation. Registration opens October 1 and closes November 1. Since space is limited, tables will be assigned on a first-come-first-serve basis. The registration form is available on the WGV website: [writersguildva.com](http://writersguildva.com)

Participating authors should plan to **set up at 10:00 am and remain until 4:00 pm to pack up**. You will need a means of processing your own sales, including credit card sales and will retain 100% of your proceeds.

Lunch will not be provided. Participants can either “brown bag” it, or check out one of many excellent restaurants within walking distance of the gallery.

## The Journal



While the fall issue of *The Journal* is still in production, you can read previous issues on the website <https://www.writersguildva.com> and start polishing your submissions for the winter issue.



**Remember:** all WGV members are eligible to submit their best poetry, prose, photography, or original artwork for publication in *The Journal*. The deadline for winter is **October 31**. Access the guidelines [here](#).

Send submissions to Cindy Freeman: [cindy@cindylfreeman.com](mailto:cindy@cindylfreeman.com).

## Handy Grammar Rules for Writers

1. “A” is placed before consonants and consonant-sounding words; “an” is placed before vowels and vowel-sounding words. Ex. a foot, a mop, an herb, an honor.
2. Alot is not a word. A “lot” is either a place to build a house or a bunch of something. “Allot” is a verb meaning to give or apportion something.
3. Moral vs. amoral vs. immoral. A “moral” person knows the difference between right and wrong and chooses the right way; an “immoral” person knows the difference and chooses the wrong way; an “amoral” person has no understanding or recognition of right vs. wrong.
4. Advice vs. advise. “Advice” is a noun (I gave her advice on how to shop in Paris). “Advise” is a verb (I always advise my employees to set up retirement funds).
5. Alright is not a word. “All right” means okay.
6. Bi-annual means twice a year; biennial means once every two years.
7. Bolder vs. boulder. “Bolder” means more bold. “Boulder” refers to a big rock (or a city in Colorado).
8. “Canceled” is the common American spelling; “cancelled” is correct in British English.
9. Canon vs. cannon. “Canon” is an accepted rule, a musical form (like a round), or collection of books; “cannon” is a big, loud gun.
10. Capital vs. capitol. “Capital” can refer to an upper case letter, net worth, or capital city; “capitol” refers to a specific government building.
11. Dialogue (not dialog) is the best way to refer to conversations between your characters.
12. E-mail vs. Email - It’s official now. Drop the hyphen.
13. Fable vs. parable vs. allegory. “Allegory” is a symbolic fictional narrative with a secondary meaning. “Fables” and “parables” are allegories, with fables typically featuring animal characters and parables featuring humans.
14. Further vs. farther. “Farther” refers to physical distance; further is used in all other cases.
15. Lead vs. lead vs. led. As a noun, “lead” is a type of metal. As a verb, the past tense of “lead” is “led” (He led the parade).

### Check Us Out:

Writers Guild Website: <https://www.writersguildva.com>

Writers Guild Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100069653723114>

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