

THE GUILD GAZETTE

Writers Guild of Virginia Online Newsletter

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Williamsburg, VA Book Festival

February 24, 2024, 10 am - 4 pm

Stryker Center and Community Building, 412 N. Boundary St.

Speaker Schedule:

11:00 – 11:45 Laura Elliott, Young Adult author “Finding Story in Virginia: hidden-history, unexpected heroes & some jaw-dropping twists”

12:00 – 12:45 Student Writing Contest awards

1:00 – 2:00 Keynote: Mollie Cox Bryan

2:15 – 3:30 Poets Panel:

Moderator: Ed Lull, Poets: Sofia Starnes, Ron Smith, Carolyn Kreiter-Foronda, Henry Hart, Luisa Igloria.

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

⇒ **Patti Gaustad Procopi** will be interviewed by Neal Steele on WXGM 99.1 FM radio, Mon. Feb. 12 at 8:00 am. Patti will also participate in the Williamsburg Book Festival Feb. 24.

⇒ **DM Frech** announces two book signings:

Sat, Feb 3, 2024, 12 – 4 pm you can find her at the

[Book Exchange](#) 116 E. Little Creek Rd, Norfolk, VA 23505

Sat, April 11, 2024, from 12 – 4 pm **Frech** will be at

[Turn the Page Bookshop](#) 5707 Richmond Road Suite 40, Williamsburg, VA.

⇒ **Cindy L. Freeman** will be signing her books Sat. Feb. 3, 12—4 pm at [Turn the Page Bookshop](#) 5707 Richmond Road Suite 40, Williamsburg, VA.

Sunday, Feb. 18, 3:00 pm on Zoom, **Cindy L. Freeman** will present “It’s Never too Late to Write” on Zoom. The login information will be available soon.

The Journal



The winter 2024 issue of *The Journal* is now available for purchase on Amazon, but members may access it on the WGV website for free. It features poetry by Kathleen Decker, David Reid Brown, DM Frech, James Garrett, Marjory Gowdy, Reyn Kinzey, Peggy Newcomb, and Joyce Stedelbauer, also photography by Frech, Gowdy, and Kinzey.

Remember: all WGV members are eligible to submit their best poetry, prose, photography, or original artwork to *The Journal*. The deadline to submit to the spring issue is February 29. Contact Cindy Freeman:

cindy@cindylfreeman.com.

Board of Directors Report

The Board of Directors met virtually on January 14 to continue planning events for 2024. Members present were Jeanne Johansen, Chair, Cindy L. Freeman, Gwen Keane, and Martha Hall. David Cariens phoned in his report.

David is working on securing venues in the Northern Neck of Virginia for WGV authors' book talks, readings, and presentations.

Martha Hall is researching grants to support the continued work of the Writers Guild and will report on her findings at the next meeting.

On Sunday, February 18, 3:00—4:00 pm, Cindy Freeman will present a talk via Zoom, "It's Never too Late to Write." Jeanne Johansen will publish the login information soon.

Jeanne announced that the winter issue of *The Journal* will be released soon, and Cindy will call for submissions to the spring issue. Jeanne also reported that WGV will continue its exclusive relationship with Turn the Page Bookshop in Williamsburg's Premium Outlets as a free benefit to WGV members.

The next virtual meeting of the board is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 25, 3:00—4:30 pm.

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/@hightidepublications3649>

Language Matters

More quotes from actual church bulletins:

1. The Pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning.
2. The third verse of “Blessed Assurance” will be sung without musical accomplishment.
3. Due to the Rector’s illness, Wednesday’s healing services will be discontinued until further notice.
4. Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.
5. Ladies, don’t forget the rummage sale. It is a good chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
6. Don’t let worry kill you – let the Church help.
7. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say “hell” to someone who doesn’t care much about you.
8. The peace-making meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.
9. Next Thursday, there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
10. At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be “What is Hell?” Come early and listen to our choir practice.



Calendar of Events

- ⇒ **Fri, Feb. 2, 7:00 pm**, Slam Connection (slam poetry performances) at [Column 15 coffee shop](#), 701-R Merrimac Trail, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185. Arrive by 6:00 to sign up.
- ⇒ **Sat, Feb. 3, 12—4 pm**: Cindy L Freeman’s book signing at [Turn the Page Bookshop](#) 5707 Richmond Road Suite 40, Williamsburg, VA.
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- ⇒ **Feb. 25, 3—4:30 pm**: Board meeting via Zoom
- ⇒ **Thu, Feb. 29**: Deadline for submitting to *The Journal*, spring issue. Send to cindy@cindylfreeman.com
- ⇒ **Fri, Mar. 1, 7:00 pm**: Slam Connection (slam poetry performances) at [Column 15 coffee shop](#), 701-R Merrimac Trail, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185.