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Some Helpful Online Resources for Writers:

- ♦ <https://winningwriters.com/the-best-free-literary-contests/contests-to-avoid> - provides contest opportunities for writers, often without fees.
- ♦ <https://www.jerryjenkins.com> - writing tips and workshops by a NY Times bestselling author, Jerry Jenkins
- ♦ <https://www.bang2write.com> - writing craft tips for screenwriters and authors by Lucy V. Hay & other experts
- ♦ <https://www.authorspublish.com> - free online magazine and lecture series for creative writers

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WGV Members in the News

(Send your author news to: cindy@cindylfreeman.com)

Ginny Brock's new book, *A Scent of Lemons* is now available on Amazon: https://www.amazon.com/Scent-Lemons-Ginny-Brock-ebook/dp/B0BGYGYGVC/ref=sr_1_3?crid=M8ANUXR8I453&keywords=ginny+brock+books&qid=1677515274&s=books&sprefix=Ginny+Brock%2Cstripbooks%2C75&sr=1-3

Bradley Harper's screenplay *Dark Tryst* won Best Midnight Movie at a festival in Paris <https://www.bciff.co/film-screening-schedule/>

Jeanne Johansen of Firebellied Frog Graphic Design has been voted Local Business Person of the Year by Alignable Small Business Network.

Reyn Kinzey's second book of poetry, *Sleeping Dragons* is expected to be released in April by High Tide Publications.

An Opportunity to Market Your Books

The Writers Guild of Virginia has been offered vendor space for the Saturday markets at Deltaville's Maritime Museum. It is FREE for our members, and the space can accommodate two authors for each date. All they need to take is their books, any promotional materials, and a means of accepting credit card payments.

The dates are May 6, May 27, June 24, July 22, August 26, September 23, October 21 and November 25. The market runs from 9 AM to 1 PM.

May 6th is the grand opening. October 21st is the Taste of Middlesex Festival (always sold out) and November 25th is the Holiday Gift Festival.

Interested authors should contact Jeanne Johansen: wgvirginiamail@gmail.com

Deltaville Maritime Museum: 287 Jackson Creek Road, Deltaville, VA 23043



Deltaville, VA Maritime Museum

More Evidence that English is a Weird Language

Thanks to Julie McCoy of expresswriters.com for these weirdly funny words! Be sure to use one in your next conversation to sound like a bloviate* or your next book to keep your readers bumfuzzled.**

Abibliophobia. fear of running out of things to read.

Absquatulate. leave suddenly or abscond with something.

Bibble. eat or drink noisily.

***Bloviate.** person who talks for a long period of time or inflates their story to make themselves sound better.

Borborygm. sound of stomach rumbling from hunger.

Brouhaha. uproar or big event.

Bumbershoot. umbrella

****Bumfuzzled.** confused, perplexed, flustered.

Cattywampus. in disarray, askew, or not directly across from something.

(Enjoy more weird words on the next page.)

Collywobbles. strange feeling in your stomach or an overall bellyache.

Comeuppance. what they deserve or “their just deserts.”

Donnybrook. an uprising, melee, argument, or riot.

Erinaceous. resembling a hedgehog.

Flibbertigibbet. someone who is silly and who talks incessantly; a flighty person

Gardyloo. (Scottish) what people in Edinburgh shouted as a warning before dumping their slop buckets out of their windows.

Gubbins. an object that has little or no value; gadget or device.

Impignorate. to pawn or mortgage something.

Lollygag. mess around or waste time; procrastinate.

Malarkey. words that are insincere and talk that is particularly foolish.

Nincompoop. someone who is silly, foolish, or just downright stupid.

Nudiustertian. the day before yesterday.

Pandiculation. what happens when you wake up in the morning, still sleepy, and stretch.

Pauciloquent. a person of few words.

Quire. two dozen sheets of paper.

Ratoon. small shoot or growth that comes from the root of a plant.

Sialoquent. condition of being spat upon in the front row by the speaker.

Snickersnee. (from 1700s sword fighting) a long, dangerous knife.

Snollygoster. a politician who does or says something unprincipled for personal advancement.

Taradiddle. someone or something that is filled with pretentious nonsense or a lie.

Wabbit. (Scottish) exhausted.

Widdershins. moving counter-clockwise or moving in the wrong direction.

Xertz. eating or drinking quickly and/or greedily

Yarborough. when the card dealer deals a hand without any numbers above nine.

Zoanthropy. having delusions of being an animal or having changed into an animal.

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