

Dear Writers Guild of Virginia Member,

You are invited to the Second Saturday Social at the Rappahannock Art League Art Center, a vibrant community space in Kilmarnock, Virginia, held on the second Saturday of each month from 5 to 7 p.m. This is an excellent opportunity to socialize with fellow members and the public, enjoy refreshments, and have a table to sell your books during the two-hour social time.

Here are the dates for the monthly events:

- June 15, 5–7 p.m.
- July 13, 5–7 p.m.
- Aug. 10, 5–7 p.m.
- Sept. 14, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. (book festival)
- Oct. 12, 5–7 p.m.
- Nov. 9, 5–7 p.m.
- Dec. 14, 5–7 p.m.

During each monthly social, nine members can have a dedicated table provided by RAL Art Center and sell their books to attendees. Two of the nine members can do a short reading and discuss their book (20-minute time limit). The RAL Art Center will handle sales through their register and pay the sales tax. RAL will take a 10% fee to cover the transactions. One of our Board of Directors members will be at each social with their own table to host the event, help with questions or issues that may arise, and ensure you have a great experience. They will also be available to assist with any technical issues related to the sales process. You need not bring anything except your books, business cards, etc.

If you are interested in being an exhibitor, please email Jeanne Johansen at j.johansen@hightidepublications.com with the names of your books, your genre(s), and the dates you are interested in having a table. You will be notified by email if your application was accepted and what dates you are given to exhibit, and we will include your books in our advertising and press releases.

We encourage all non-exhibiting members to attend this social time. It's not just an opportunity to get together once a month, but also a chance to come out of our writing caves, talk to each other, and gain inspiration from fellow writers. You might even discover a new favorite book or author!

Our highly anticipated annual book festival will be held on September 14, 2024. This is a fantastic opportunity for WGV members to showcase their work to a larger audience. Members can sign up to participate, and there will be no charge for their table. All sales will be handled through the RAL Art Center register. A 10% commission will be paid to the art center, and you will receive a check from them for your sales. We look forward to seeing you there!

The Board of Directors is excited about this event and hopes to see you each month to chat, have a glass or two, and get to know each other better.

Thank you, as always, for your unwavering support and dedication to the Writers Guild of Virginia. Your contributions are what make our community thrive.