

# THE GUILD GAZETTE

Writers Guild of Virginia Online Newsletter

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## It's Still Coming, but...

...even the best-laid plans can result in a schedule conflict.

Writers Guild of Virginia had originally scheduled an in-person book festival for September, but now WGV members have even more time to register, and the board has more time to prepare an outstanding event.

The festival will still take place at Rappahannock Arts League (RAL) arts center, 19 N. Main St. Kilmarnock, VA and its adjoining building. However, it has been rescheduled for **Saturday, November 16.**

See page 2 for details about the Festival and other upcoming Second Saturday events.

## 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.

- ⇒ Writers Guild of Virginia cordially welcomes its newest members: **Carol Amorosi, Denise DeVries, and Bob Waldrop.**
- ⇒ **Dave Cariens** spoke to the Unitarian Church in White Stone on August 11th. The talk was based on the memoir he is finishing: *Outrageous! Investigating Mass Murder, My Personal Journey.*
- ⇒ **Sharon Canfield Dorsey's** article, "My First Book Was Born in Paradise," was just accepted for publication by the National League of American Pen Women in its magazine, *The Pen Woman.*
- ⇒ Turn the Page Bookshop in cooperation with Alewerks L.A.B. in Williamsburg's Premium Outlets announces that **Cindy L. Freeman** will hold a book signing at Alewerks on Sunday, Sep. 15, 12:00—4:00 pm. Stop by for a brewskie and a book signed by the author.

## Second Saturday Social Series Announces Fall Schedule

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 local creative arts community, each event includes light refreshments and drinks, live music, books to browse, and a short program focused on Virginia authors. It also serves as the monthly meeting for Writers Guild members, who are encouraged to attend.

### September 14, 5-7 pm- Local Stories with Speaker Gwen Keane

RAL Art Center and the Writers Guild of Virginia are continuing their Second Saturday Social Series in September an evening focused on local stories presenting Lancaster County author Gwen Keane. Keane is an ardent supporter and board member of Northern Neck Partners for Pets, an organization focused on providing a no-kill shelter for local homeless animals. Keane's book, *Cowboy Finds a Home*, tells the story of her own shelter rescue dog, with the proceeds from sales of the book going to NNPP. Keane's body of work also includes *Local Color*, a humorous and thoughtful memoir about growing up in the Northern Neck in the 1950s; *Fix It*, a moving and personal book about the struggles of being a caregiver to an ailing spouse; and *Swan Wait*, the true tale of an unusual relationship that developed between the author's family and a host of mute swans.



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

RAL Art Center and the Writers Guild of Virginia are continuing their Second Saturday Social Series in October with a workshop focused on the types of writing that have been shown to improve physical and mental well-being. Presenter Ann Eichenmuller 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.



### SAVE THE DATE: Writers Guild Book Festival Coming in November

The Writers Guild and RAL Art Center will present a Literary Arts Festival on Saturday, November 16 from 10 am-2 pm. Authors will have an opportunity to share and sell their books in the gallery space. Space is limited, so tables will be available on a first come, first served basis. There is no charge to participate, but a \$10 refundable deposit is required to reserve a spot. The deposit will be deducted from the member's 2025 dues. A separate email with more information will go out to members in September.

## The Journal

Be sure to check out the summer 2024 issue of *The Journal*, which members can access for FREE on the



WGV website: <https://www.writersguildva.com>

We were fortunate to feature an exquisite photo by Bob Waldrop on the cover, and this issue has been a “hit” on Amazon, with essays, poetry, and photography by other talented members.

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

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

## Important Reminders from the Board

1. WGV enjoys a beneficial arrangement with **Turn the Page Bookshop**, which allows us to display our books and retain 100% of our sales revenue. Members also have the privilege of holding book signings at the store at no cost, along with a 20% discount on all purchases. We remind you to present your WGV membership card whenever requesting any of the benefits available to us.

The WGV Board worked hard to acquire these exclusive privileges for our members, and we ask you to direct any concerns or complaints to a WGV Board member, NOT a store employee. We thank you for being both respectful and appreciative in dealing with the owners and staff of Turn the Page Bookshop.

2. Speaking of Turn the Page Bookshop, Labor Day weekend (Sat. Aug 31—Mon. Sep 2) marks the one-year anniversary of Williamsburg’s only independ-

ent book store.

Be sure to turn out for the cele-

bration that will include a sidewalk sale, kids craft tent, snow cones & popcorn, and author, Christopher Russell. Turn the Page Bookshop is located in Premium Outlets, 5707 Richmond Rd. Suite 40.

3. All WGV members are encouraged to send their headshot (jpeg) and biography to Jeanne Johansen: [j.johansen@hightidepublications.com](mailto:j.johansen@hightidepublications.com) for publication on the WGV website. Please also list your book titles and include a picture of each cover for the Members Bookstore. We want to celebrate you and your work.

Another way we can celebrate your accomplishments is to submit your author news by the 15th of each month to [cindy@cindylfreeman.com](mailto:cindy@cindylfreeman.com) for publication in our monthly newsletter.



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