

VWC E-NUNCIATOR

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GUEST SPEAKER

Booker T. Mattison

Author & Filmmaker

Talks about:

Writing for Young Adults

Writing Screenplays

Adaptation from Novel to Film

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NEXT MEETING

Saturday, May 19, 2012

Hosted by the Hampton Roads Chapter VWC

10:30 AM - 12:00 Noon	Board Business Meeting
12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM	Lunch*
1:30 - 3:00 PM	Afternoon Program with Booker T. Mattison (Open to the Public)

LOCATION:

Old Dominion University
Virginia Beach Higher Education Center - Room 169
1881 University Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23453

** Lunch orders and payment will be required in advance. Details to be e-mailed separately to members and posted at VWC's Facebook page.*

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Larry Turner Roasted by Riverside Writers Chapter

The Riverside Writers Chapter of Fredericksburg began their New Year by having a "Roast" to honor their Past President, Larry Turner. The event was a surprise for Larry. Members took turns at the podium as "witnesses" of Larry's guilt in being charged "King of Poetry." After numerous speakers roasted and toasted Larry, "Judge" Jim Gaines officially declared him guilty as charged and Larry was duly crowned.



Mark Your Calendar – August 4, 2012

VWC "Navigating Your Writing Life" Symposium

Keynote Speaker:

Charles J. Shields, *New York Times* Bestselling Author & Biographer

Charlottesville, Virginia – *More details coming in May, 2012*



Message from the President

June F. Forte (703) 497-0523; home1270@msn.com

LAST CALL!
Renew for 2012
(Form on last page)

I'm delighted to be serving as your Club president through such a promising and developing period of progress. The "can-do" spirit of our Board of Governors – its officers, chapter representatives and members-at-large – is electrifying. The results they are achieving are a direct reflection of their determination to improve members' benefits and to better equip our organization to meet the challenges of an ever-changing writing environment. In 2012, our Club is stronger because of their talents, enthusiasm and efforts. And the Club is stronger because of your support and confidence in the Board of Governors.

With great regret, I accepted the resignation of First Vice President Austin Camacho in January. Austin was a catalyst for change – a fearless risk manager – whose hand played heavily in orchestrating our first "Navigating Your Life" Symposium. What could have been a stumbling block to our forward momentum was averted when Betsy Ashton seamlessly stepped up to the First Vice President's seat and Chuck Lumpkin came on board as the 2nd Vice President.

One of our primary focuses has been to standardize our accounting processes and make them more consistent and transparent. To this end, we also welcomed CPA Christopher Evans to the Board as Interim Treasure, finishing out Norma Redfern's term.

I also want to thank all VWC members who took the time to respond to the survey sent out in the November-December *E-NUNCIATOR*. Your feedback is important to us and helps ensure that your Board of Governors plan and make decisions directed at meeting your present and future needs. Many of your wishes are set to come true when our new website is launched. There is a multitude of opportunity associated with having an interactive website for Club business, member networking and writing-related resource sharing. Below is the Survey summary:

Survey Results

Twenty-one VWC members completed and returned the membership survey. Eight of nine Chapters had at least one member who took the survey: Appalachian Authors' Guild – 6; Valley – 5; Blue Ridge – 3; Northern Virginia and non-chapter affiliates – 2 each; and Chesapeake Bay Writers, Hampton Roads, Richmond and Riverside – 1 each.

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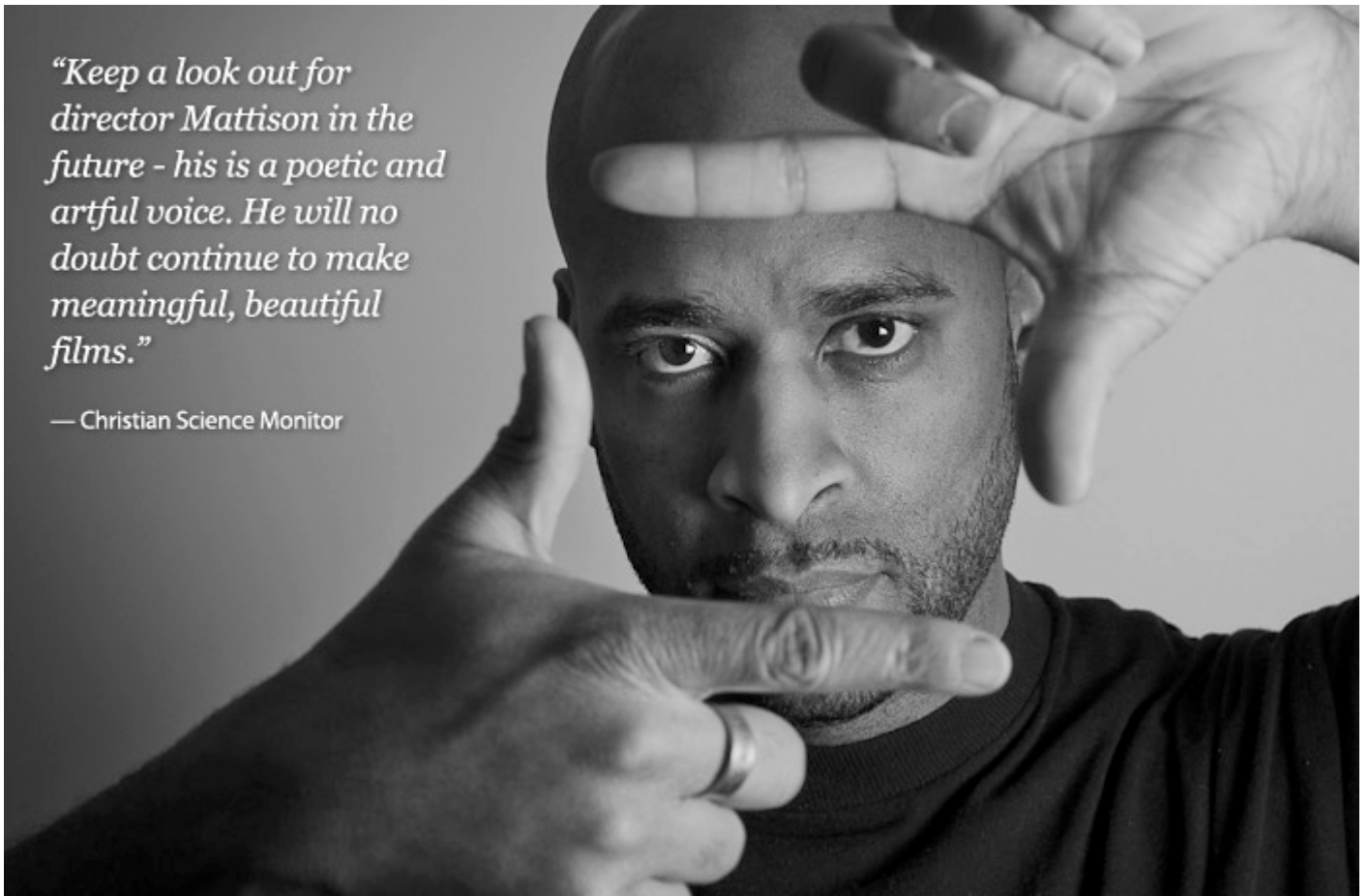
The Virginia Writers Club, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization of writers and poets, screenwriters and playwrights, journalists and essayists, and other publishing professionals whose purpose is to support and stimulate the art, craft and business of writing, as well as advocate the literary arts in the broader Virginia community. (Federal ID# 54-1370703) VWC, P. O. Box 115, Bremo Bluff, VA 23022; www.virginiawritersclub.org

ABOUT OUR MAY 19 SPEAKER

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“Keep a look out for director Mattison in the future - his is a poetic and artful voice. He will no doubt continue to make meaningful, beautiful films.”

— Christian Science Monitor



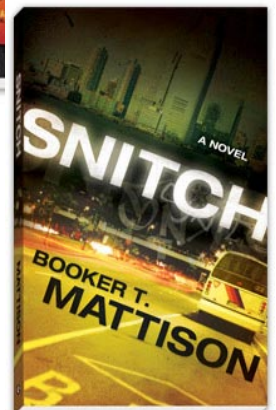
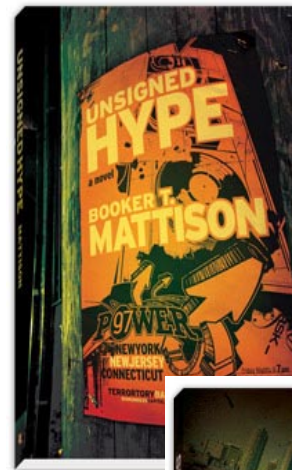
BOOKER T. MATTISON is an author and filmmaker who wrote the screenplay for and directed the film adaptation of Zora Neale Hurston’s classic story “The Gilded Six Bits,” which aired on Showtime. The Hollywood Reporter said of the film that, “Mattison’s direction and feel for her characters match up to Hurston’s sterling piece of fiction...full of atmosphere and strongly developed characters.”

Mattison’s second novel *Snitch* received a starred review in *Publishers Weekly* that said, “Author and filmmaker Mattison’s sophomore outing reads like its ready for screen adaptation... Mattison has a superb ear and his skills keep on growing.”

Mattison’s debut novel *Unsigned Hype* was published in 2009 and is in its third printing. Producer Stephanie Allain Bray (“Hustle and Flow,” “Black Snake Moan” and the forthcoming “We the Peebles”) is attached to produce the film adaptation of *Snitch* and *Unsigned Hype*.

Mattison received his Master of Fine Arts in film from New York University and his Bachelor of Science in mass communication from Norfolk State University. He has taught Literary Criticism at the College of New Rochelle in New York, film production at Brooklyn College and is currently teaching Advanced Directing, Screenwriting and Directing Actors at Regent University in Virginia.

For more information, visit: www.bookertmattison.com



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Those who completed the survey have been VWC members for an average of three-five years. Twenty were active members and one was an associate member. They overwhelmingly said that networking and engaging with other writers was the primary reason they joined the VWC. Other reasons for joining were associated with the VWC being a resource for learning, improving writing skills, finding publishing and marketing opportunities and participating in activities such as workshops and the *Navigating Your Life* Symposium.

These members said that the VWC was doing a good job, but wanted us to do more in the areas of contests, writing events, establishing new Chapters and/or occasional activities in areas of the state where there is no VWC Chapter. They also asked us to find ways the VWC can communicate more frequently with members and to increase their visibility on our website. They felt that we should facilitate Chapter interaction and activities in regional areas. E.g., two or three Chapters holding one writing event. Another member suggested more outreach to aspiring writers and to consider activities aimed at readers – “We need readers to survive.” Others asked for new resources, such as a list of Virginia editors and a sharing among the Chapters of proven guest speakers.

Perhaps our most impressive accomplishment goes to the “Navigating Your Life” Symposium. In 2011, it received rave reviews by attendees, and to our delight, it came in under budget. This year’s August 4 “Navigating Your Life” Symposium is set to move that bar even higher. The symposium committee, under Betsy Ashton’s direction, is bringing together award-winning speakers, practical workshops, great friends and good food in a stimulating networking environment. Mark your calendar now!

I’d like to leave you with a call-to-action quote from noted trial lawyer and author Gerry Spence’s book, How to Argue and Win Every Time:

When we engage in the physical act of writing, a connection is struck between the hand and that portion of the brain where our creative powers are stored, so that we are more likely to produce a new idea while we write or type than while we engage in the simple act of thinking alone.

My warmest wishes to you for a continued year of writing successes. JF

The VIRGINIA WRITERS CLUB presents

Navigating Your Writing Life 2012



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

*New York Times Bestselling
Author & Biographer*

Charles J. Shields

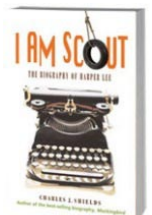
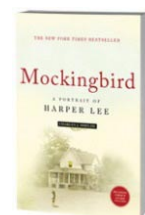
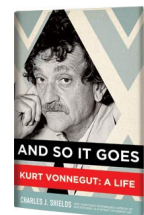
A Symposium for Writers of All Ages & All Stages

Saturday, August 4, 2012 9:30 - 4:00

The Dickinson Fine & Performing Arts Center

Piedmont Virginia Community College • Charlottesville, VA

www.virginiawritersclub.org



2012 VWC Golden Nib Writing Contest



ABOUT THE CONTEST:

In 2005, the Virginia Writers Club, Inc. created a two-tier writing contest. Entries would be submitted and judged at the VWC Chapter-level first, and then each Chapter would forward its first-place winning entries for judging at the (second tier) State VWC level. Entrants who live within the jurisdiction of a VWC Chapter must enter the first tier of the competition through that Chapter. For those living in an area where no Chapter exists, they must submit their entries to the Chapter closest to them.

SUBMIT ENTRIES TO YOUR LOCAL VWC CHAPTER BY THEIR SPECIFIED DEADLINE

Each Chapter has its own guidelines, deadline and membership requirements for entering the Chapter-level contest. All Chapters must adhere to the state contest rules. Some Chapters require membership in their Chapter, some don't.

All entries in the second-tier State VWC contest must be a first-place Chapter-level entry and the entrant must be a State VWC member. If winner at the Chapter-level is not a member of the State VWC, a membership application and payment of dues must accompany the entry.

Contact your local VWC Chapter to find out what the deadline is for Chapter Contest Submissions!

NOTE: Entries sent by writers directly to VWC for State contest will not be accepted.

Each Chapter president is responsible for forwarding only the first-place entries from the Chapter competition (in each of the three categories), written by a member of the VWC or a writer who completes and application to join the VWC and submits a check for annual dues of \$30 to accompany the entry.

STATE VWC AWARDS: *There are nine VWC Chapters in the state. Only first-place winners from the Chapters will be eligible for the state contest.* That means only 27 entries will be forwarded for the State competition – nine entries total per category (fiction, nonfiction, poetry) – by the **State Deadline of Sept. 3**. Winners of State VWC Contest will be announced and awards presented at the State VWC Annual Meeting on **NOVEMBER 3**. Awards for each category: **First Place-\$100; Second Place-\$50; Third Place-\$25.**

CONTEST RULES

Entries will be accepted on any subject the author or poet so chooses, in the categories of Fiction, Nonfiction and Poetry.

1. Manuscripts must be the original, unpublished work of the entrant, and must not have won a prize at any level in any other competition. The VWC State competition will now allow entries published in your personal blogs. Writing published in blogs other than your own or on social network sites or in an online publication are ineligible and should not be submitted.

2. Entrants may submit only one entry per category of fiction, non-fiction and poetry.

3. Fiction and non-fiction entries must be not longer than 3,000 words. Poetry entries must be not longer than 40 lines.

4. Format:

a. Detachable cover sheet including author's name, address, telephone number, email address (if available), category (fiction, non-fiction, poetry) and title.

b. All other pages must show contest category, title and page number in the header. If the author's name appears on any page of the manuscript other than the cover sheet, the entry will be disqualified.

c. Prose (fiction and non-fiction) manuscripts must be printed in a plain and eligible font, such as Times New Roman in 12-to 14-

pitch. Manuscripts must be printed on 8 ½ by 11-inch white paper, double-spaced, with one-inch margins top, bottom and left, and a ragged right margin.

d. Poetry manuscripts must be printed in a plain, legible font, such as Times New Roman in 12- to 13-pitch. Manuscripts must be printed on 8 ½ by one-inch margins top and bottom.

5. Submissions must include an original and one copy of the manuscript.

6. Submissions not in accord with format and other rules will be disqualified.

7. State winning entries in each category will be published in Portable Data File (.pdf) format, on the VWC Web site. All other rights remain the property of the author.*

8. Manuscripts for the second-tier contest will not be returned.

ATTENTION VWC CHAPTERS!

Winning Chapter entries need to be submitted by **SEPT. 3** to: **Christine Valenti, VWC Contest**
10103 New Scotland Dr.,
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For more information, contact ChristineRoseValenti@hotmail.com
or call: 540-645-0549

CHAPTER REPORTS



APPALACHIAN AUTHORS GUILD CHAPTER - *Serving the City of Norton and Counties of Buchanan, Dickenson, Lee, Russell, Scott, Tazewell, Washington & Wise, and north-east Tennessee.*

The AAG is having a “Wine and Words” even on April 14 from 11 am to 2pm at Vincent’s Vineyard. Then, the Board will meet April 24, 2012. Members are welcome. The speaker for the general membership meeting on May 15, 2012 will be Wendy Welch of Big Stone Gap, Virginia. The meeting will be at the Tuscan Italian Grill in Abingdon, VA. An author herself, the topic of her talk will be, “An Idiom is Worth a Thousand Pictures: Writing Memorable Characters with Dialogue.” Wendy Welch, PhD, owns Tales of the Lonesome Pine Used Books and Cafe. She is the author of *The Little Bookstore of Big Stone Gap: A memoir of friendship, community and the uncommon pleasure of a good book* published by St. Martin’s Press. Wendy was for several years a newspaper columnist in Tennessee. She is co-editing a book on Appalachian Health with Dr. Gary Crum (McFarland Press, 2013). A past member of the National Storytelling Network’s board of directors, Wendy is assistant editor for the *Journal of Appalachian Studies*.

The AAG is once again co-sponsoring the Appalachian Heritage Writers Symposium, June 15-16, 2012, at the Southwest VA Community College in Richlands, VA. In addition to symposium workshops, the event features a writing contest for adults and teens. The mission of the Symposium is, “Enhancing Pride in Appalachian Literature and Culture.”

Also, again this year, from July 28, 2012 - August 12, 2012, the AAG will have an authors’ booth as part of the Virginia Highlands Festival in Abingdon, VA (www.vahighlandsfestival.org).

For more information about the Appalachian Authors Guild Chapter visit, www.appalachianauthors.com, or contact: Darrell Fleming (423) 279-0530, dfleming429@charter.net.

BLUE RIDGE WRITERS CHAPTER – *Serving the City of Charlottesville and Counties of Albemarle, Augusta, Fluvanna, Greene, Madison, Nelson, and Orange.*

Activity slowed for the Blue Ridge Writers Chapter during the holidays, but club officers met Monday, January 9, 2012 to plan for the new year. During the latter part of 2011, officers placed huge importance on collecting the comments and recommendations of members about changes that could be incorporated which would stimulate member interest and participation. Personal and e-mail contacts were made, and questionnaires were utilized to collect comments. The chapter has a diverse and interesting slate of guest speakers scheduled for upcoming months. Officers additionally are tossing about ideas for special events our membership might undertake in 2012—such as a fundraiser, an additional writing contest, and a workshop.

Members (BRWC) requested more well-known guests, and great effort is being made to meet this request. Austin Camacho, author of many books—including five detective novels in the *Hannibal Jones Series*, *Blood and Bone*, *Collateral Damage*, *The Troubleshooter*, *Damaged Goods*, and *Russian Roulette*—was guest speaker on January 25, 2012. In addition to his diverse and prolific writing life, Austin is active in several writing organizations, and also teaches writing.

The BRWC hosted the Virginia Writers Club, Inc., Board of Governor’s Meeting on Saturday, February 4, 2012. The Afternoon Program featured readings by BRWC members.

Clifford Garstang, BRWC member, and leader of SWAG (the Staunton, Waynesboro, Augusta Group), meets with BRWC members “over the mountain” at the Darjeeling Café, 103 W. Beverley Street, Staunton, Virginia. Kudos to Cliff who continues to thrive in his role as leader of SWAG—many good things are happening with SWAG, all a result of Cliff’s dedication and energy.

The Blue Ridge Chapter meets on the FOURTH Wednesday of each month unless announced otherwise. For additional information, visit our website www.blueridgewriters.org, or contact Lauvonda Lynn Meade Young (434) 589-1899; beaches01@sprynet.com.

CHESAPEAKE BAY WRITERS CHAPTER – *Serving the City of Williamsburg and Counties of Charles City, Essex, Gloucester, James City, King & Queen, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex, New Kent, Northumberland, Richmond & Westmoreland.*

The CBW held their annual Luncheon Meeting with Elections of Officers for 2012-2013 on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 followed by a program entitled, “Enriching Your Novel With Personal Experience, Avoiding the Pitfalls, and Finding the Best Publisher for It.” The presenter was Kathleen Toomey Jabs, who discussed two issues which many writers

struggle: with in the process of deciding how much detail to include when writing fiction informed by the author's real-life experiences, and where and how to best publish your book. Her new novel *Black Wings*, published by Fuze Publishing, is a mystery set at The Naval Academy, in which Bridget, a female midshipmen feels compelled to investigate the death of her roommate, the first female fighter pilot before her plane crashed into the sea. The Navy claims it's an accident, but the facts don't add up. The story is loosely based on Kathleen's experiences as a midshipmen in one of the first classes to admit women at the U.S. Naval Academy of which she is a graduate. She is currently a Captain in the Navy Reserve and holds an MA from the University of New Hampshire and an MFA in Creative Writing from George Mason University. Her stories have been published in a number of literary journals and received several prizes, including selection in the National Public Radio Selected Shorts program

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HAMPTON ROADS CHAPTER – *Serving the Cities of Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, and Virginia Beach.*

The Hampton Roads Chapter will be hosting the spring meeting of the VWC Board of Governors on Saturday, May 19, 2012. After the morning business meeting, an afternoon program--free and open to the public-- will featured author and filmmaker, Booker T. Mattison. (See page 1 and 3). We hope VWC members will travel to Virginia Beach for the weekend and enjoy this special program with us.

The Hampton Roads Chapter meets every Tuesday from 10 AM to Noon at the Higher Education Center of Virginia Beach. We've restructured our meetings to begin with about a 10 to 15 minute presentation on the craft of writing, issues in marketing, and other such items of interest to our members. Then we have a half-hour critique session. Any member may submit up to 5 pages for detailed critique the week before and for the first half-hour we discuss the good, the not so good, and suggestions for improvement. Then each writer gets their work returned with markings from each participating member. The rest of our meeting is basically an "open mic" session: we allow each writer 10 minutes to read a maximum of 5 pages of material (fiction, poetry, memoir, screen- or stage-play, etc.) for instant critique from the group. Each reader brings two copies of their work—one to read and the other to project on our overhead projector. We try to get through as many writers' material as possible. Those that are unable to read, go to the first of the list the next week.

For more information, contact: Dennis Bounds (757) 482-2493 jdb@jdennisbounds.com or Ed DeLong at (757) 481-0121 eddelong@aol.com.

HANOVER WRITERS CHAPTER - *Serving the Counties of Hanover, King William, and Henrico*

Hanover Writers Club met in December at the Riverbound Cafe in Mechanicsville for a holiday dinner. New officers were discussed in preparation for elections. Meetings were held Tuesday, January 17 and Tuesday, March 20 at the Hanover Fire Station meeting room in Mechanicsville.

For information, contact: Chapter president Harvey Tate, President (804) 730-1610; htaterbug@aol.com or visit www.hanoverwriters.org.

NORTHERN VIRGINIA WRITERS CHAPTER - *Serving Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudon, and Prince William*

The Northern Virginia Writers Club celebrated its 2011 achievements with a retreat at the Haymarket home of Patricia Daly-Lipe on December 10. Food and drink was contributed by all who came, and members hunkered down for a fantastic feast. Once sated, a business meeting was held, mainly to review achievements through the year. Small awards were given to the hostess of the day and each of the officers who served throughout the year: Don Collier, President; Dorothy Hassan, Vice President; Anne DeMarsay, Treasurer and Karen Cantwell, Secretary. A special memento was given to 2010 President Matt Iden for shepherding the club through that year. Misha Crews and Rebeca Chapa were recognized for special services they rendered in 2011. President Collier reviewed highlights of chapter meetings during 2011: guest speaker Karetta Hubbard in March; guest speaker Clifford Garstang in April; tutorial on Kindle and other devices by Karen Cantwell in May; open-mic session emceed by Dorothy Hassan in May; guest speaker Patrick O'Donnell in June; guest speaker Patricia Daly-Lipe in July; guest speaker Art Taylor in August and again in October; and sponsorship of a panel discussion arranged by Dianne Hennessy King and emceed by June Forte at the Fall For The Book Festival at George Mason University in September.

For more information about the NOVAWC, contact, Dorothy Hassan, President at dshassan@aol.com or visit northernvirginiawriters.org.

RICHMOND CHAPTER – *Serving the City of Richmond and Counties of Chesterfield, Henrico, Goochland and Powhatan*

On January we had our quarterly “Project Feedback” meeting where members bring a 3 minute selection of a work-in-progress to share with the group for feedback. In February, Greg Smith, founder of Richmond’s Agile Writers group (formerly the Chesterfield Writers Club), spoke to the group about his novel writing workshops. In March, we had another “Project Feedback” meeting since the ice storm in January made it difficult for many of our members to attend. Our next meeting is April 21 and we’ll have a poetry workshop led by poet Sara Marie Allen.

For information, visit www.richmondwriters.org, or contact facilitators: Linda Layne (434) 842-6203; VWCMail@aol.com.

RIVERSIDE WRITERS CHAPTER – *Serving the City of Fredericksburg, Lake of the Woods, and the Counties of Caroline, King George, Louisa, Spotsylvania, and Stafford*

We started the new year off in January with a “Roast” of our past-president Larry Turner and crowned him “King of Poetry” (see page 1). In February, Larry Turner and Dan Walker gave their presentations on their experiences with their respective publishers, Infinity and CreateSpace. In March, Tracy Dietz presented a program on the importance of critique groups. We will be hosting the Celebration of Poetry on April 14 (moved from March) and the Parade of Prose in October.

Officers for 2012 are: President - Madalin Bickel, Vice President - Michelle O’Hearn, Acting Treasurer for Norma Redfern - Judy Hill, and Secretary - Liz Talbot. Our dues are \$15.00 a year and due in January. We meet the second Saturday of the month at the Salem Church Library at 1 PM. For more information visit riversidewriters.com or contact Madalin at madalin60@comcast.net.

VALLEY WRITERS CHAPTER - *Serving Roanoke, Bedford, Franklin, Pittsylvania and Campbell counties*



Newly elected officers of the Valley Writers Chapter for 2012 are (from left to right): Ken Thornsbury, secretary; Betsy Ashton, president; Donna Knox, vice president; and Wayne White, treasurer. For more information about the Valley Writers visit roanokevalleywriters.org or contact: Betsy Ashton, Chapter President (540)297-3585; betsy_ashton2005@yahoo.com.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

(December 2, 2011 - April 6, 2012)

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Joined February, 2012

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Member AAG Chapter

Fiction Author of *Humanizing the Jaguar*

Joined February, 2012

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Joined February, 2012

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, April 13 - Sunday, April 15, 2012

SciFi and Fantasy Convention in Richmond, VA

RavenCon 2012

Holiday Inn Koger Center
1021 Koger Center Blvd.
North Chesterfield, VA 23235
www.ravencon.com

Saturday, April 14, 2012

The Riverside Writers Chapter Presents

Tenth Annual Celebration of Poetry

9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Salem Church Library, Meeting Room A
2601 Salem Church Road, Fredericksburg VA 22407
www.riversidewriters.org

Friday, April 20, 2012*Paul D. Camp Community College Presents***Fourth Annual Literary Festival****Poetry & Prose: A Path to Progress**

6:00 - 9:00 pm

Hobbs Suffolk Campus, 271 Kenyon Rd, Suffolk, VA
 Panel readings by authors/poets: Nathan Richardson, Brenda Hughes Andrews, Reginald O. Johns, Don Roberts and Tony Ruggiero. Storytelling by: Dr. Paul Conco and Dr. Harriette Arrington.

Thursday, May 3, 2012*12th Annual Writing Your Personal History Symposium***Writing Your Life's Stories:****The Many Routes to Memoir**

10:00 am - 2 pm

Vienna Community Center,
 120 Cherry St. SE, Vienna, VA 22180

Fee: \$25 symposium only. Bring a bag lunch or pre-order a boxed lunch for \$7.50. Four workshops by authors and writing teachers. Create a more vivid and clear memoir with techniques learned from guest speakers, audience discussions, and writing opportunities. All beginning and seasoned writers are welcome. Guest speakers and Workshop Topics: Sandra Beasley—"Projecting Your Voice on the Page." Clifford Garstang—"From Idea to Story." Art Taylor—"Creating More Texture in Characters." Dianne Hennessy King—"The Many Routes to Memoir." To register log on to the Vienna Town website www.viennava.gov and click on the Parks and Rec Registration under Resources. You can register online with a user ID or download a registration and fax to 703-255-6399 or mail it to the **Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E. Vienna Va. 22180**, or pre-register in person at the Community Center. Make checks payable to the Town of Vienna. Write Course #442484A1 for symposium & #442484B1 for lunch. Information: 703-255-6360

Friday, May 4 - Saturday, May 5, 2012*The Virginia Romance Writers present***2012 For the Love of Writing Conference**

Virginia Beach Resort Hotel & Conference Center
 Virginia Beach, VA

\$200 VRW & CRW Members; \$225 Non-Members
 Keynote Speakers: Barbara Samuel (aka Barbara O'Neal) and Cathy Maxwell. Featuring workshops and editor & agent appointments. www.virginiaromancewriters.com

Saturday, May 12, 2012*The Chesterfield County Public Library Presents***Spring Arts & Authors Fair**

at the Chester Branch Library - 10 am - 3 pm

11800 Centre Street, Chester, Va 23831

Authors interested in signing up for a space should contact Kate LaPrelle laprellek@chesterfield.gov by May 1. Outdoor spaces only - rain or shine.

Friday, June 15 - Saturday, June 16, 2012

*The Southwest Community College, Appalachian Arts Center,
 and Appalachian Authors Guild Chapter VWC Present*

Appalachian Heritage Writers Symposium

Southwest Virginia Community College, Richlands, Va
www.appheritagewritersym.wordpress.com/

Want a Review? Write a Review*By Gary D. Kessler*

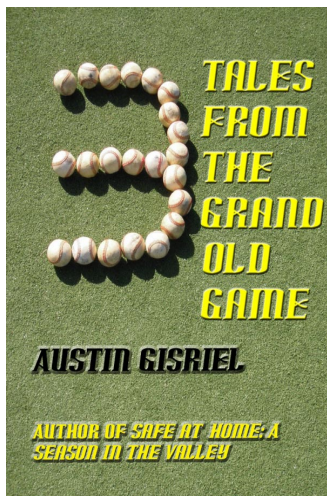
Have you been thrilled to see a favorable review on your book listed at Amazon or BarnesandNoble online (or not thrilled to never see one there), or to notice that the "like" numbers mount up on your books listed there, or, at Amazon, to see your book listed in the top 100 of some category? Within your VWC chapters—and soon at the state VWC level—the opportunity readily exists to make that happen. All you have to do is to help each other in the VWC.

Both Amazon and BarnesandNoble online lift your books higher in their "noticed" lists on the basis of the attention the book listing is getting. Part of joining together in writers groups is the opportunity this provides to pool our efforts and help each other in book publicity. The Blue Ridge Writers Chapter has opened an initiative to compile a list of all chapter members' books listed on the two major online distribution sites. This list will then be sent back out to its participating members so that they can help each other by giving reviews, punching the "like" button, and, in Amazon's case, bolstering and expanding the tagging information to lift the book in the distribution site's ratings lists.

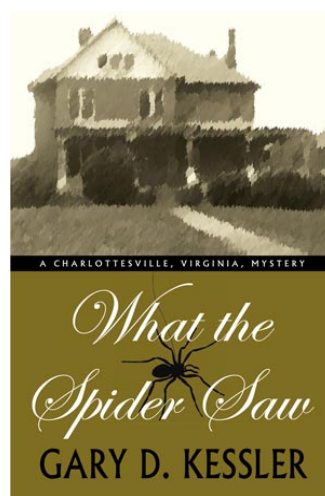
Each chapter of the VWC could do so itself within its chapter, and the state level will be compiling and maintaining such a list too—probably on the new state VWC website soon to launch. One of the best ways to get attention for your books is readily available to you through your membership in the VWC—join the synergy by giving attention to the books of others in the club

VWC MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS

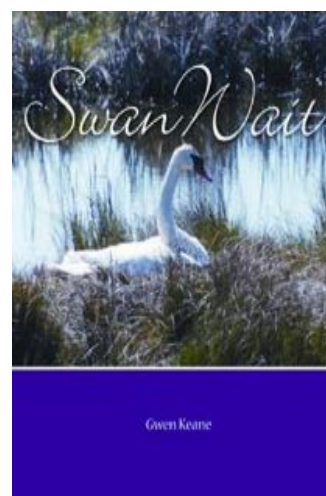
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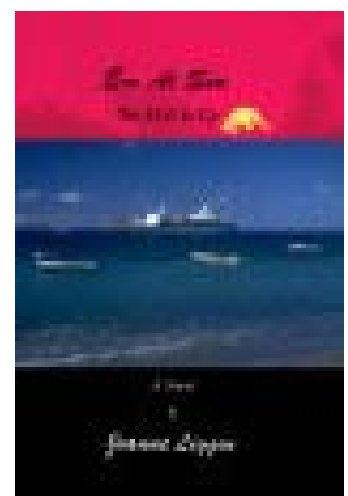
AUSTIN GISRIEL
E-Book, Short Stories
3 Tales from the Grand Old Game
(November, 2011)



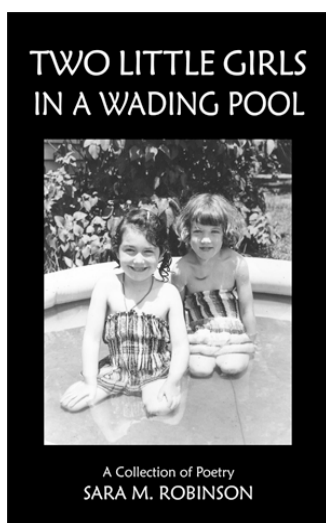
GARY D. KESSLER
Book, Mystery
What the Spider Saw
(Cedar Creek Publishing, March, 2012)



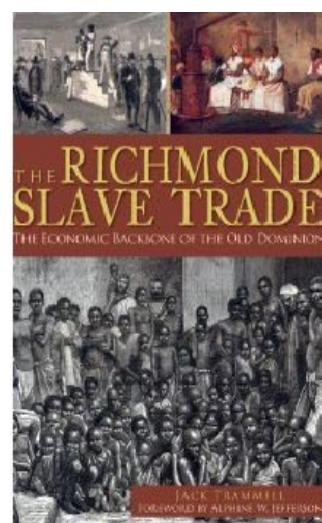
GWEN KEANE
Book, Nonfiction
Swan Wait
(Keane Writers Publishing, October, 2011)



JOANNE LIGGAN
Book & E-book, Fiction
Err at Sea
(CreateSpace, January, 2012)



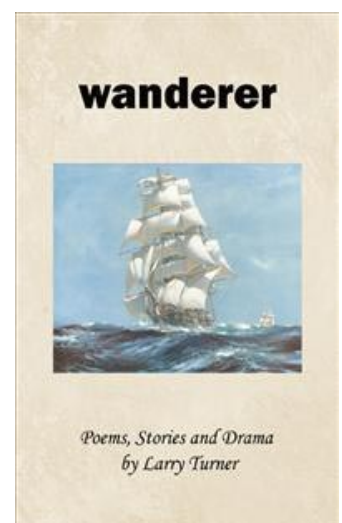
SARA M. ROBINSON
Book, Poetry Collection
Two Little Girls in a Wading Pool
(Cedar Creek Publishing, January, 2012)



JACK TRAMMELL
Book & E-book, Nonfiction
The Richmond Slave Trade
(History Press, February, 2012)



JACK TRAMMELL
Book & E-book, Young Adult-Historical Fiction
Grandmother's Attic
(Whiskey Creek Press, December, 2011)



LARRY TURNER
Book, Poetry Collection
Wanderer
(Infinity Publishing, November, 2011)

If you would like to have YOUR recent book or writing-related achievement included in our Member Achievements, YOU need to get in touch with JOHN ROMJUE.

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE - JUNE 1, 2012

See Guidelines on next page.

VWC MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS

APPEARANCES, AWARDS, PUBLICATION CREDITS, ETC.

BECKY MUSHKO: Short story in *Discover Smith Mountain Lake*, October-November 2011. Readings: Galax Library, September 15, 2011 and Artspace in Lynchburg, November 17, 2011. Book signing at Heartwood in Abingdon, November 19, 2011. Literary coordinator for Mountain Spirits Festival, Rocky Mount, October 1, 2011.

MARY MONTAGUE SIKES: Book signing, Griffin Bookshop, Fredericksburg, October 22, 2011 for novel, *Jungle Jeopardy*, Oak Tree Press, August 2011.

LARRY TURNER: Poems in online magazine, *Voices in the Wind*, “Song of a Continent”, July 2011, and “Cabinet of Curiosities” and “Storm Warning”, October 2011.

ACHIEVEMENTS DEADLINE

FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER – JUNE 1, 2012

SEND YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS TO: John Romjue at JOHNLROMJUE@cox.net
(E-mail is preferred for reducing errors!) Or, mail to: 105 Lochmere Court, Yorktown, VA 23693
Book Images E-mail book cover image to VWCMail@aol.com after sending announcement to John.

GUIDELINES:

- Achievements are featured for permanent record in our e-newsletter, *The E-Nunciator*.
- Submit achievements by the e-newsletter deadline (see current issue for next deadline).
- No retrospectives, no phone-ins.
- Be complete: give title, publisher (or periodical), and publication date.
- **NEW!** *If you have just published a book, you may also send a cover image to be placed with your announcement.* (E-mail a .JPG of the book cover image to VWCMail@aol.com. You still need to e-mail John at his e-mail address with your announcement.)
- Send clipsheets for writeups. *Don't send anything you want returned!*
- No uncompleted or not yet published projects are included.
- Vocational positions occupied are not included unless it's a new appointment.
- We've included conference directing/presentations, if submitted.
- Ordinarily, non-writing related items cited by achievers are not included.

MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS ON THE WEB: Member achievements will be sent to our Webmaster and posted on the VWC web site after publication in *The E-Nunciator*.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION ☐ New ☐ Renewal

Membership is open to all regardless of race, gender, national origin, age, religion or disability.

Membership in the VWC does not constitute or imply endorsement, by the Club or its members, of a writer's body of work.

(Circle one) Miss Ms. Mrs. Mr. Dr. (or specify) _____ DATE _____

Name _____ Pen Name _____

Company Name (If Applicable) _____

Address _____ County (to determine Chapter) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____ Fax (____) _____

E-mail _____ Website _____

BLOG _____ FACEBOOK _____ TWITTER _____ Other _____

Occupation _____

PRODUCTS OR SERVICES YOU PROVIDE WRITERS _____

☐ MEMBER OF THE _____ CHAPTER OF THE VIRGINIA WRITERS CLUB, INC.

WRITING INTERESTS: ☐ Fiction ☐ Nonfiction ☐ Poetry (OTHER specific writing interests: _____)

INDICATE THE VWC ACTIVITIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN:

☐ Advertising in the E-Newsletter

☐ Chapter Meetings

☐ Distributing VWC information in your area

☐ Speakers' Bureau

☐ Conference & Symposium Planning and Assistance

☐ Attending Workshops (indicate specific area of need) _____

☐ Conducting Writer's Workshops (indicate specialties) _____

☐ Young Virginia Writers Club (middle & high school teens)

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY (Select One)

☐ ACTIVE ☐ \$30 (\$15 New Member) ☐ \$100 Supporting Member ☐ \$500 Lifetime Member

Those who have a) written a book, play, movie, or other script which has been published, produced, or broadcast; b) edited a published anthology or other writings; or c) written and sold to a magazine, newspaper, book publisher, or other communications medium, two poems, one short story, or an article. Other writings may be considered on their merits at the discretion of the Board of Governors.

REQUIREMENT FOR NEW ACTIVE MEMBERS: A tear sheet, sample, resume, publicity flyer, or website address with documentation for verification should accompany application.

☐ ASSOCIATE ☐ \$30 (\$15 New Member) ☐ \$100 Supporting Member ☐ \$500 Lifetime Member

Those who have not yet fulfilled the eligibility requirements for active membership.

☐ CORPORATE ☐ \$30 (\$15 New Member) ☐ \$100 Supporting Member ☐ \$500 Corporate Sponsor

Businesses and philanthropic organizations that support the mission and objectives of the Club.

☐ STUDENT (COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY) ☐ \$15 Full-time students or part-time students age 26 and under.

Name of College or University _____

☐ Additional Tax-Deductible Contribution of \$ _____ enclosed for the VWC Educational Fund.

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