

# Bay Writers News

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## Virginia Writers Club Symposium

The Virginia Writers Club Symposium is set for Saturday, August 5, 2023, at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, which is just north of Richmond. The facilities are new, spacious and comfortable.

**See more on page 8.**

## The Golden Nib

Information about the Golden Nib contest is available on the VWC website. Local CBW submission information coming soon.

<https://www.virginiawritersclub.org/2023-Golden-Nib-Contest>



## Writing Your Story

Patti Gaustad Procopi will be giving a talk on "Writing Your Story". Patti is a firm believer that everyone's life has a story in it and she's going to give you some ideas of how to tell that story either through a Q&A book that will give your children a better picture of your life, writing a memoir, or writing a fictionalized version of your life story.

The free program begins at 11:00 and preregistration is required.

After the program, there will be time for socializing and networking. An optional box lunch is available which needs to be ordered in advance. Choices for the boxed lunches include the options listed below. The cost for lunch is \$12 for members. \$14 for non/members.

Preorder your lunch by filling out the order form on the CBW website.

<https://www.chesapeakebaywriters.org/>

## IngramSpark No Longer Charging Setup Fees

By Sonja McGiboney

Like Amazon KDP, IngramSpark is a Global book publishing and distribution company. They do not market your books, but book stores and libraries can use IngramSpark to order your books. One of the only things that sent me to using Amazon KDP was the cost of setting up books with Ingram.

My target audience is libraries. I want children to have access to my conceptual books. Libraries can order from Ingram with a discount. Libraries can order from Amazon too, but my survey of Virginia libraries showed that they prefer not to use Amazon for ordering books.

Read the full announcement from IngramSpark on page 8.

**Chesapeake Bay Writers is a Chapter of The Virginia Writers Club**

<https://www.chesapeakebaywriters.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ChesBayWriters/>

Questions or comments can be sent to Sonja McGiboney: [smcgphoto@gmail.com](mailto:smcgphoto@gmail.com)



## President's Message

By Sonja McGiboney

In one week, Jazzy and I drive to Gadsden, Alabama for good. I will miss Virginia. I will miss my friends and the writing community. While Gadsden has a small community college, I can't find a writing group in the area. The closest is at Auburn, in Birmingham, an hour away.

Though I am moving physically, I will continue to help the CBW. Fortunately, we have filled the schedule for the year and the board of directors will be able to substitute where my presence would be required.

While my input can be given from thousands of miles away, it is not the same as a local person attending events. As much as I would love to continue as the president, it does not seem feasible that I do so.

I will stay in the position until the New Year but I ask that anyone interested in being the president of the CBW step forward. You can call me anytime to ask questions. 757-871-5085

"Deep summer is when laziness finds respectability."

Sam Keen

## Chesapeake Style Announcement

Over the years, many CBW members have known and worked with Janet Fast. After an amazing 25 years of publication, we will publish an issue of Chesapeake Style online to celebrate Janet's creation of the magazine and announce her retirement.

We'd like to invite you to submit an article about your connection to Style, how you were involved with being part of its existence, your relationship to Janet, or the ways in which Style was special for you.

We want to celebrate the accomplishments of the magazine and of Janet, so we will not have the regular columns, but hope the columnists, writers and advertisers will choose to participate and share their thoughts.

Because this will be a digital edition, we won't be limited in the number of pages. The issue will be promoted on Facebook and other websites to reach as many people as possible, and it will be a permanent feature of the website.

Please send your article or questions to Carol J. Bova at [cj980@mac.com](mailto:cj980@mac.com) who will be the editor for this issue. (We welcome your photos in .jpg format at 300 dpi.) The deadline for submissions is June 7

Looking forward to your participation!

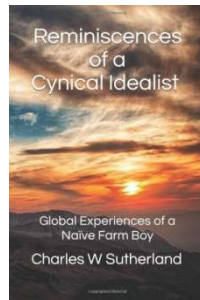
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Carol J. Bova  
Editor, Celebration Issue

# New Books

## ***Reminiscences of a Cynical Idealist: Global Experiences of a Naive Farm boy***

By Charles W. Sutherland  
March 17, 2023



A brief set of recollections of growing up in the farm country of Nebraska in the "50s", achieving a marvelous education from some of the best universities in the world, but retaining those basic farm values in a variety of global experiences, over several decades, in different countries, different cultures, different religions, different wars with different enemies, and different friends, male and female, many life-long from around the globe.

Then, using the knowledge and experience gained to raise two wonderful young men, who excelled beyond what one could hope.

A lifetime of experiences: All-night voodoo ceremony in Haiti; witnessing terrorists in Ethiopia and Argentina; close friendships with top Israeli generals in Jerusalem; private meetings in Palestine in the middle of the night with Yasser Arafat; traveling to Pakistan to provide military supplies to the anti-Soviet Mujahideen in Afghanistan; bringing food and cigarettes to protestors on the barricades in Moscow during the coup to overthrow the government of the Soviet Union; making a movie in Russia; setting up international charity organizations; being a single father raising two wonderful sons – it's been an unusual journey.

"It was a wonderful experience, and far more interesting than an abused and lonely little boy from the farm country of Nebraska would have ... or could have ... expected.

I wish you the best, peace, and love, and I hope you also appreciate and enjoy your journey in our little part of the magnificent cosmos."

Available on Amazon

## ***Sleeping Dragons: Selected Poems***

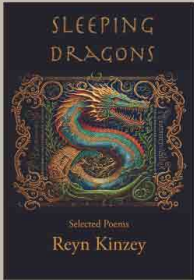
By Reyn Kinzey  
April 28, 2023




SLEEPING DRAGONS is Reyn Kinzey's second book. Like the first one, it holds you enthralled from start to finish. As a matter of fact, I immediately went back and read it all the way through again.

Reyn has a unique style, chooses interesting subjects, and interprets life with a poet's voice all his own. The poems beautifully share his love of kayaking and his respect for the natural world; his search for ancestry and self in his travels to Ireland; touching family stories of life and death intermingled with spiritual tales of the saints – each poem a commentary, some moving, some biting, of life, today and yesterday.

The stories reflect his wry humor and empathy as well as sharp observances of a man who seems to believe in wringing every ounce of life from each day and isn't afraid to reflect back to the reader what he has seen and experienced – the beauty, the misery, and always, the truth. SLEEPING DRAGONS is an intriguing book you will enjoy and want to share with your friends.




Virtual Book Launch



MAY 28 2023

SUNDAY 3 PM



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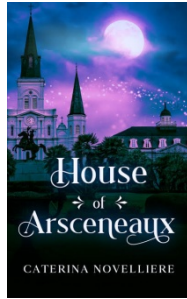
Log into Zoom.com  
Click on the JOIN option  
Enter the meeting ID: 899 5361 8165  
Then enter the passcode: 671242

# New Books

## ***House of Arsceneaux***

By Caterina Novelliere

June 11, 2023



Caitlin DeDanann's life is a hot mess. Recently dumped. Overworked. Burned out. Her upcoming time off is the one thing that has gotten her through it all. Until her boss ruins her vacation by sending her on yet another assignment. What she thinks is just a routine background investigation turns out to be so much more.

Vampire Evariste Gage Arsceneaux has spent over three hundred years riddled with guilt. Guilt over losing his wife. Guilt over a curse that doomed his family. Guilt over being turned into an immortal. Evariste throws himself into the one thing that can provide a much-needed distraction from suffocating remorse: work.

Reunited through an unwelcome business proposition, Evariste stares in disbelief into the unique eyes of his long-deceased wife. Knowing their time together is short, he uses their professional relationship and Louisiana's flavorful cuisine to keep her close to him, hoping to spark the memory of their love.

Will the two let business dealings over sumptuous meals turn into something more? Or will hot tempers, pride, and spiteful ghosts from the past destroy any chance of a happily ever after?

**Tropes:** Star-crossed lovers, Fated Mates, Time Travel, A Big Family Secret, Things Aren't Always What They Seem, Tortured Hero

## ***Farm Girl***

By Cindy Freeman

April 17, 2023



Farm Girl is the author's memoir of her childhood on a dairy farm in Central New York, where she was allergic to everything, including the animals, crops, and even milk. She was also allergic to her father, grandfather, and three siblings, who carried many allergens on their clothing, creating strained relationships. Often sick and isolated, she searched for emotional release, which she found in music and writing. Check out her website:

<https://www.cindylfreeman.com/>



## ***Puppet Master's Fall*** ***(Carronia Book 4)***

By Ted B. Hale

May 11, 2023

A captivating Sci-Fi adventure about crime and politics.

This former cop fled Earth over a decade ago because a drug lord wanted him dead.

Now a high-ranking enforcement officer for the Galactic Union military, he has been ordered back to fight corruption.

If he can't win against the secret society ruling Earth, the solar system will erupt into civil war.



# New Books

## ***The Firsts: Women Pilots and How They Changed the Airlines***

By Mary Bush Shipko  
March 17, 2023



An insider's view of when the airlines started to hire women pilots. Originally banned from the airline cockpit. In 1973, the first woman pilot was finally hired; others followed. In this entertaining and informative story of determination, courage, and heartbreak. We learn about Emily Warner, the first permanent woman airline pilot, as well as others, including the first African American woman airline pilot, who followed three years later. We learn about the laws and events that moved their quest forward. Read about women pilots from all over the world who were first in their airline's cockpit, perhaps someone from your home country. There is a special chapter about the first African-American women airline pilots. An included airplane legend familiarizes readers with the types of airplanes flown, and the final chapter tells how the industry has changed. Told by one of the women who was there, this is a STEM book for young women everywhere. From research, interviews, personal knowledge, and memoirs, she presents a simple yet powerful story.

## **Stephen King's 13 Writing Tips**

I found an article written by Bobby Powers regarding Stephen King's Top 13 Writing Tips. You can find the entire article here:

<https://writingcooperative.com/stephen-kings-top-13-writing-tips-69dbbcbb4cc2>

But, I'll give you the list and let you think about them.

1. Use failure as fuel.
2. Remove everything that is not part of the story.
3. Write with the door closed. Rewrite with the door open.
4. Don't dress up your vocabulary.
5. Avoid adverbs.
6. Paragraphs are maps of intent.
7. Truthful writing often upsets people.
8. There is a timeless connection between reading and writing.
9. The best stories are unearthed – not created.
10. After the first draft, crystallize the point of your story.
11. 2<sup>nd</sup> draft = 1<sup>st</sup> draft – 10%
12. Identify your ideal reader.
13. Strive to write every day.

For fun, compare this to Dan Brown's top 13 writing tips. The articles can be found here.

<https://writingcooperative.com/dan-browns-top-13-writing-tips-5a3ea7597493>

We all write in different ways. Perhaps, if you are stuck, you might want to try one of their tips.

"Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time."

John Lubbock, *The Use Of Life*

# CBW Member News

**Dave Cariens** will be at the *Arts in the Middle* fair in Urbanna, Virginia on June 3-4. He will be there both days and give a talk on Sunday, the 4th of June at noon dealing with his memoir and his first book on the mass shooting at the Appalachian School of Law in 2002.

Dave will also be participating in the Author Expo at the Lancaster County Community Library.

On October 4th Dave will be giving a talk to the Institute for Learning in Retirement in Virginia Beach. The subject will be "*What to Expect from Intelligence*" based on his books and career as an intelligence analyst. Then on November 1st, he returns to the Institute to give a presentation on his writings about mass shootings and his work on the Governor's Commission to Investigate the Virginia Beach Mass Shooting on May 31, 2019.



**Bradley Harper** recently had his short story, "Silent Partner," published in issue #90 of Black Cat Weekly.

[Black Cat Weekly](#) The story presents all the clues, then allows the reader a chance to solve the mystery before revealing the answer. The case involves the murder of a circus ringmaster. The suspects are the strongman, knife thrower, sword swallower, and magician.

**Susan Williamson** will be speaking about the creation of *Glimpses of a Public Ivy: Fifty Years at William & Mary* at the *Arts in the Middle* Festival Writers Tent on Sunday, June 4 at 1 PM. Williamson edited the book for the long-time W&M professor, David L. Holmes.

**Kathy Kasunich** was interviewed by Nick Phillips on WHK radio in Cleveland discussing her historical fiction novel, *Always Remembering* on April 19, 2023.

The poster features a purple circle with the text 'BOOK SIGNING' in white. Below it is a book cover for 'XIMA' by Rich Blecher, labeled 'Young Adult Fantasy'. The text 'Local Author - Rich Blecher' is in yellow, followed by 'Saturday, June 3rd 11am - 2pm' in yellow. At the bottom, a photo of Rich Blecher holding two books is shown. A purple box at the bottom right contains the text 'Paperbacks Ink All Booked Up 9716 Warwick Blvd Newport News, Va 23606' in white.

**BOOK SIGNING**

*XIMA*  
Young Adult Fantasy

**Local Author - Rich Blecher**  
**Saturday, June 3rd 11am - 2pm**

Paperbacks Ink All Booked Up  
9716 Warwick Blvd  
Newport News, Va 23606

## *CBW Member News*

### Surreal Arizona Gallery Announces Featured Artist and Poet for June

Alvaro Ibañez and Denise DeVries have chosen poet Reyn Kinzey and digital artist Andre Smith as featured guests for June. Both will be present on June 25 for the 4<sup>th</sup> -Sunday open house from 2-5 p.m. Ibañez notes, "The gallery and grounds will be closed to the public on June 17 for the Dividing Creek Association annual picnic. The work of Andre Smith will also be available for viewing and sale on that date as well as on the 25<sup>th</sup> ." The artist's wife Denise DeVries says, "Reyn Kinzey tells stories through poetry, and Andre Smith tells them through digital media."

Kinzey, born and raised in Richmond, taught at VCU for 20 years and ran a marketing research firm for 25 years. Speaking of his first book, Kinzey said, "The poems in *Chasing The Dragon* were written over those 25 years, in moments stolen from teaching, work, rugby and parish commitments – moments in and out of time." His new book *Sleeping Dragons* features work from what he calls "the 70<sup>th</sup> year of my pilgrimage on earth." Find out more at <https://www.reynkinzey.com/>.

Andre Smith grew up in Richmond County and now lives in the Northern Neck, where he creates digital prints inspired by the local landscape and nature. He also works by commission and can be contacted through his website, <https://artofandreosmith.com/>.

On Sunday, June 25, Surreal Arizona, one of three galleries full of the art of Alvaro Ibañez, will open for tours at 2 p.m. Light refreshments will be served and Reyn Kinzey will present his poetry at 3.

Find out more at <https://www.facebook.com/AIMKilmarnock> or contact Denise at [deniseadevries@gmail.com](mailto:deniseadevries@gmail.com) or by text at 804-450-4618.

Several CBW authors will participate in the 2023 Author Expo at Lancaster Community Library in Kilmarnock on July 8, 2023 1-4 p.m. The event, co-sponsored by Lancaster Virginia Historical Society, is the library's first Expo since 2019.

CBW will be represented by David Cariens, Pamela Crouch, Edgar Doleman, Nan Harvey, Mary Bush Shipko, Susan Williamson and Denise DeVries, the event coordinator.

Bestselling author Christina Dalcher will be the keynote speaker.

For more information, go to [lancasterlibrary.org](http://lancasterlibrary.org) and click on Events & Activities/Author Expo 2023. The library is located at 16 Town Centre Dr. Kilmarnock VA 22482.

**Conferences, Festivals, and workshops.**

**Not CBW sponsored. Please check details on the websites.**

Loudoun County Public Library is proud to announce Eat Local Read Local is returning this year! You are invited to participate at Cascades Library in Loudoun County on Saturday, October 14th from 11:00am-2:00pm. We invite writers of fiction and nonfiction for adults, teens, and children to participate, and authors are invited to sell their works as part of the event. This is a free event for both authors and the public, and every year we strive to make it bigger and better than the year before.

Eat Local Read Local provides a wonderful opportunity to showcase the many talented authors, illustrators, food trucks, and restaurants in our region. We will have vendors, food trucks, and musicians, all set up outside in our parking lot under tents. The Library will provide space per author, free of cost. Authors who would like to offer books for sale are responsible for providing the books and for having change available.

If you or someone you know is interested in being a part of this event, please respond to this email by August 1st with your name as you would like it to appear in our program, your preferred email address if different from this one, and your daytime phone number.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions. We are working to make sure ELRL is a positive experience for everyone this year!

Jason Margolies  
LOUDOUN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
Adult Services Librarian, Cascades Library  
21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls, VA  
20165 703-444-3228 office  
[library.loudoun.gov](http://library.loudoun.gov) | [Catalog](#)

**Heroines Anthology - Volume 5:**

**Call For Submissions**

Heroines Anthology Volume 5 is a GLOBAL POETRY EDITION. Women poets are invited to submit poetry that reimagines women in myth, fairy tale, folklore or legend, or poems that tell women's lost histories, or untold stories from across the globe. This will be the Heroines Anthology's fifth edition. Before submission, we strongly advise writers to read a previous volume of Heroines Anthology to get a feel for what the editors are looking for and to check what stories and myths have already been covered. Anthology copies can be ordered at a 10% discount with the code SUBMIT2023 here: <https://www.theneoperennialpress.com/store/heroines-anthology-volume-4>

Submissions will close on the 28TH OCTOBER 2023. Find out more & submit your poetry here: <https://www.theneoperennialpress.com/heroinesanthologysubmissions>

Dr Sarah Nicholson  
Director  
Heroines Festival

Submission fee per poem of \$ 15 (*If you have financial issues & cannot pay this fee. Please contact CBW.*)

**"In early June the world of leaf and blade and flowers explodes, and every sunset is different."**

**John Steinbeck, *The Winter of Our Discontent***



**Conferences, Festivals, and workshops.**

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**April through Fall: 4 Event Planning-** Nancy runs the Buckroe Beach Festival but she has smaller bazaars and markets that you could attend for small fees. Go to the website to see what is happening and sign up if you want. <http://4eventplanning.com/events.shtml>

**October 25 - 29, 2023, Tremont Writers Conference** - Tremont Writers Conference is a new venture in an ancient and wild setting. Our Walker Valley campus is located among the oldest mountains in the world, where for over 50 years Tremont Institute has been connecting people and nature. It is here—inside Great Smoky Mountains National Park—that we have prepared a space for writers to receive feedback from established authors, connect with writing peers, and find renewal and inspiration. [https://writers.gsmit.org/?gclid=CjwKCAjwolqhBhAGEiwArXT7KzkhuulkYzLn4-wyifyHBZVxe4CFUmenol8pznISIV\\_v1rCgeYl8aBoCo-oQAvD\\_BwE](https://writers.gsmit.org/?gclid=CjwKCAjwolqhBhAGEiwArXT7KzkhuulkYzLn4-wyifyHBZVxe4CFUmenol8pznISIV_v1rCgeYl8aBoCo-oQAvD_BwE)

**More conferences listed on The Write Life webpage** - <https://thewritelife.com/writers-conferences/>

**Various Dates - Hedgebrook (for female writers)** We offer writing residencies, Radical Craft Retreats, and salons at our retreat on Whidbey Island, and public programs that connect writers with readers and audiences around the world. <https://www.hedgebrook.org/about-us-overview>

**Tidewater community Writing Center** <http://www.tidewatercommunitywritingcenter.org/events.html> Every first Monday of the month, Monthly Resume Workshop at Hampton Public Library. Second Sundays from 2pm - 4pm Tidewater Community Writing Center Book Club. More information about the events above can be found on the Tidewater community Writing Center Website.

**The Muse Writers Center** <https://the-muse.org/> The Muse Writers Center is Hampton Roads' very own literary center, and since the early 2000s, we have grown into one of the top-10 writers centers nationally, with a vibrant space in central Ghent featuring five classrooms, a semi-private writers room, a recording studio, a library, and an auditorium for readings and special literary events as well as art exhibits.

**Readers Take Denver 2024 Dates:** April 18-21, 2024

**Location:** Gaylord Rockies, N. Gaylord Rockies Boulevard, Aurora, CO 80019

**Reserve a room in our room block here:** <https://book.passkey.com/go/ReadersTakeDenver>

**Our website:** <https://www.readerstakedenver.com/>

**List of attending authors here:** <https://www.readerstakedenver.com/attending-authors.html>

Members are invited to Readers Take Denver 2024, hosted by *New York Times* bestselling author Lisa Renee Jones. Readers Take Denver launched in 2023 at the Grand Hyatt in downtown Denver and included panels, social events, and meet & greets. It was a magnificent success and we are proud of how happy we sent home our attendees. Even happier that they are eager to return in 2024!

It's also important to note that the creation of Readers Take Denver was motivated by Lisa and her husband's desire to support their charity Julie's Friends. Julie was their cat, but also their furry daughter, who survived cancer for three and a half years. In her honor, they are helping as many families as possible care for their sick animals.

**For 2024,** we are excited to announce that we are moving to the stunning Gaylord Rockies, and expanding our program to include a full range of author-focused workshops and panels while still maintaining a strong reader-focused program as well. We aspire to become the next RT/RWA style convention, but also to offer an all-genre event for authors, industry professionals, and readers.

## An Email from IngramSpark

We believe that **all** authors should be able to successfully print, globally distribute and *Share Their Story With the World!* In our tenth anniversary year, we're announcing exciting changes that will make publishing your book with IngramSpark even easier.

### No more book setup fees

We will no longer charge book setup fees. It's that simple. Upload your books for free\*.

### FREE revisions on new books

Make a mistake? No problem. Revise your book within 60 days of the book's first production date and you will not be charged a revision fee.

### NEW print options (Coming July 1st)

Ultra-premium color option that can help you create bright and vibrant books. Also available, groundwood paper, a lightweight, thicker paper that is mostly paired with mass market and trade content.

### Global distribution fee (Coming July 1st)

Access our global distribution network of over 40,000 retailers, libraries, universities and educators. Books enabled for distribution will be charged a market access fee equivalent to 1% of the local list price at the time of sale. [View more details.](#)

*\*To be eligible for this offer, all books must meet the requirements set for in the [User Guide](#). Free title setup not valid on previously submitted titles. View the [Pricing and Services Guide](#).*

## Virginia Writers Symposium Schedule of Presentations

Karen Jones - *Herding Cats: Turning ideas into Structured Work*

Chuck Tabb - *Canva, a free graphic arts program*

Sharon Pajka- *Grave Inspirations: Stories arising from cemeteries*

Patti Procopi, Joan Gaustad - *Writing Your Story: Fact of Fiction*

Dr. Cynthia Tara Ferguson, PhD - *The Art of the Interview*

Dawn Brotherton - *Publishing Options and Pointers*

David Godwin - Worldbuilding: How and When

Deidra Lovegren - *The Importance of Comic Relief*

### Keynote Speaker, Bishop O'Connell

Betsy Aston - *Managing Multiple Story Arcs and Characters*

Joanne Liggan - *Grand Openings to Hook Your Reader*

Leslie Truex - *How to Get a Literary Agent*

Kathy Kasunich - *Writing Historical Fiction: Research and accuracy*

Susan Williamson - *Writing Family Stories*

Sylvia Hoehns Wright - *Market Share: Make It Work for You*

Kristen Overman - *How to Write Satisfying Endings*

J. E. Tobin - *The Awesome Antagonist: Writing powerful foes*

**For more information, please look up the page on the VWC website.**

<https://www.virginiawritersclub.org/event>

# Marketing Opportunities

## CBW Second Monday Radio Interviews with Neal Steele

on XTRA 99.1 FM



Neal Steele interviews an author for his XTRA 99.1 FM CBW Second Monday Radio Show.

The interview takes place at the station in Gloucester (just past Short Lane Ice Cream) and starts at about 8:05 a.m. Neal is a champ at making people comfortable. He asks intelligent questions and his genuine interest in an author's work comes through during the interview.

If you cannot make it to Gloucester, he can do the interview over the phone.

CBW Members have priority for upcoming shows but published VWC members statewide, past speakers at CBW meetings, and non-member authors living within CBW's Service area are also eligible.

All bookings must be made through CBW's coordinator, Patti Procopi. [patti.pro@cox.net](mailto:patti.pro@cox.net)

Check out Neal on Facebook and on the Radio's website.

<https://www.facebook.com/nealnwmrkt>

<https://xtra99.com/on-air/neal-steele>



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## Articles by CBW members

The Bay Writers News welcomes short articles written by CBW members. I invite you to share projects, stories, information about the craft of writing, and any other musings with us.

If you post things on blog pages and have an article you wish to share, send it to us. Not only will I put your contribution in the newsletter, I'll add a link to your blog or website.

**RULES:** Please limit your submissions to 500 words.

Remember, this is a forum for promoting the art of writing and publishing. It's a positive place to share your writing needs and goals.

"Either write something worth reading  
or do something worth writing."

**Benjamin Franklin**

# Schedule

**June 7th at 11:00 am. *Writing Your Story*** - Presented by Patti Procopi at the Midtown Row Club House  
221 Monticello Ave., Williamsburg.

**June 12, 2023, Second Monday Radio Show** on Xtra 99.1 FM at 8:05 AM. Neal Steele interviews  
**Caterina Novelliere** about her book *House of Arsceneux*.

**July 1, 2023, *Writing as a Second Career*** - Have you always dreamed of being a writer but your career took a  
different path? Author Cindy L. Freeman says, "It's never too late. You, too, can become a literary late bloomer." In  
her talk, "Writing as a Second Career" she offers suggestions for getting started at any age.  
2 pm Williamsburg Library, Schell Room A Joint Presentation with the Williamsburg, Library

**July 10, 2023, Second Monday Radio Show** on Xtra 99.1 FM at 8:05 AM. Neal Steele interviews **Cindy  
Freeman** about her book *Farm Girl A Memoir*

**July 16, 2023 Open Mic** - Join us at the newly renovated Yorktown Library for an afternoon of sharing snippets of  
your work. Sunday, July 16th, 1:30 to 3:30 Email Mary Shipko for more information [shipkom@msn.com](mailto:shipkom@msn.com)  
8500 George Washington Memorial Hwy, Yorktown, VA 23692

**July 30, 1:30 pm: *Always Remembering: Researching Historical Fiction* With Kathy Kasunich**  
Williamsburg Library, 515 Scotland St. Williamsburg, VA 23185 United States

**August 14, 2023, Second Monday Radio Show** on Xtra 99.1 FM at 8:05 AM. Neal Steele interviews **Peggy  
Newcomb** about her book *The Curtis Letters*

**September 11, 2023, Second Monday Radio Show** on Xtra 99.1 FM at 8:05 AM. Neal Steele interviews **Charles W.  
Sutherland** about his book *Reminiscences of a Cynical Idealist - Global Experiences of a Naive Farm Boy*

**September 16, 10:30 am: *Publishing Your Book: Making "Beautiful Blue and You"* With Michael and Melinda  
Richardson**  
Williamsburg Library, 515 Scotland St, Williamsburg, VA 23185

September: Date to be announced: Online webinar with Malcom Massey ***Writing the Killer Plot*** at approximately  
7:00 p.m.

**October 9, 2023, Second Monday Radio Show** on Xtra 99.1 FM at 8:05 AM. Neal Steele interviews **Richard  
Easton** about his book *GPS Declassified: From Smart Bombs to Smart Phones*

**October 15, 2023 Open Mic** - Join us at the Yorktown Library for an afternoon of sharing snippets of your work.  
Sunday, October 15th, 1:30 to 3:30 Email Mary Shipko for more information [shipkom@msn.com](mailto:shipkom@msn.com)  
8500 George Washington Memorial Hwy, Yorktown, VA 23692

**November 13, 2023, Second Monday Radio Show** on Xtra 99.1 FM at 8:05 AM. Neal Steele interviews **Sarah  
Collins Honenberger** about her book *The Mouse in the House*.