



Bay Writers News

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President's Message

By Carol J. Bova

Do we have a failure to communicate?

Then let's fix it.

I didn't learn that several members had not gotten their newsletters until after we had to cancel the May

luncheon. We post Save the Date notes in every newsletter, and we try not to overwhelm you with emails, but to send enough to keep you informed. We have a closed Facebook group where we also post notices, and where others may post information of possible interest. You can join the group at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ChesBayWriters/> - if you're not already a member of it.

It's a Catch-22 to be asking if we are reaching you with our messages if they're not getting through. If they are, but you're still missing important notices, how can we do better? If you have friends in CBW, would you check with them to see if they've received this newsletter and ask them to let me or another board member know if they haven't?

If you don't like to download documents from emails, our newsletters are posted online. We're preparing to move to a renewed website, and we'll be moving our newsletter and podcast archives to it. We're going to expand our Members' Bookstore in a new format by categories. We'll have book covers, blurbs and contact links to make it easier for readers to find your work. Our current list is not up to date, so if you'd like to have your published work posted, let us know at CBWreply@gmail.com. We ask that you post a reciprocal link to chesapeakebaywriters.org in return.

Our members' index is also out of date. If you'd like to be available online through our website, we'll need a head shot and your website, Facebook page, or Amazon author's page link. If you are currently online and would like to update your information or photo, let us know.

One of the downsides of Dave Carr's retirement as webmaster is that he will no longer be providing personal pages hosted on our website for members without web pages. We recommend Wix.com, Weebly.com, GoDaddy.com, or WordPress.com for free or low-cost sites you can create yourself. If you need a more involved site, the *Gazette Journal* in Gloucester will create one at a modest cost and provide hosting at commercial rates.

Contact any of the CBW Officers and Board of Directors with your needs, thoughts, complaints or praise. Help us keep the communication going. Hope to see you at the June meeting.

Wishing you all a summer of productive writing!

Carol



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Save the Dates!

Jul 16 - CBW Golden Nib Deadline

Aug 6 - VWC Symposium Charlottesville

Sep 14 - CBW Luncheon Meeting

Sep 16-18 - Hampton Roads Writers Conference

Oct 1 - Williamsburg Book Festival

Oct 1 - Frank Milligan Workshop

Williamsburg Library

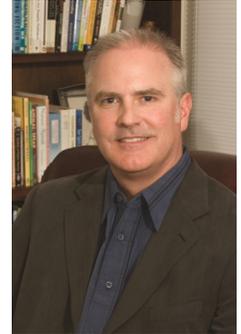
Nov 5 - VWC Annual Meeting & Awards

Nov 16 - CBW All Stars Gala Luncheon



CBW meeting June 15 at Goodfellas in Gloucester

**Editors Reveal the Insider Secrets to
Becoming a Published Writer
and Give Free Feedback to Attendees on Their Work**



Two successful editors and publishers, Jeanne Johansen of High Tide Publications and Greg Lilly of Cherokee McGhee Publishing, share their insider knowledge of how writers navigate the path to traditional publication. Jeanne and Greg, reviewers of hundreds of manuscripts, know what it takes to entice acquisitions editors to continue reading beyond the first page. Writers may submit up to 350 words of their manuscript, to see if the sample would earn the nod of approval from an editor, and if not, how it could be improved. They'll also show writers how to craft the essential "elevator pitch" needed to generate interest in potential publication projects and afterward for marketing.

Writers interested in attending and receiving a critique should submit a 350 word sample of their manuscript to CBW President Carol J. Bova, cj981@mac.com. A selection from any part of your manuscript is okay, but it **MUST be received by Sunday, June 5**, to be included. Carol will send the samples to Greg and Jeanne without names, so **DO NOT** include identifying information in your submission.

You'll leave the meeting with a better understanding of acquisition editors' view of the writing craft and an "elevator pitch" for your current project for marketing it to publishers and readers.

Goodfellas 5036 Geo Washington Memorial Hwy, Gloucester, 23061

5:30 Social Hour with Cash Bar 6:30 Dinner 7:15 Program

Members \$25 & Guests \$28 -- Make reservations by Sunday June 12

at www.chesapeakebaywriters.org

(Payment may be made by check or PayPal after reservation entered.)

Guests Welcome!

Questions? CBWreply@gmail.com or (804) 725-6163

Menu Selections are

Shrimp Scampi with angel hair pasta

Chicken Parmigiana with spaghetti or

Teriyaki Vegetable Stir-fry

All entrees come with salad, bread pudding for dessert and coffee or tea.

For directions to Goodfellas, Gloucester...page (7).



BOASTS, BLUSTERS AND GLOATS



Pamela K. Kinney will be selling and signing her nonfiction ghost books *Paracon* at the Exchange in Gordonsville, Saturday, June 18th from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Address of the event is 400S. Main Street. <http://nightattheexchangehotel.com/paracon-2016>

Feather Schwartz Foster's new book, just released, "*Mary Lincoln's Flannel Pajamas and Other Stories from the First Ladies' Closet*" is gaining momentum. Check out the recent hour-long podcast (a real treat, by the way!) on www.historyauthor.com

Dave Cariens' new book on school shootings, *The America We All Want: Protecting Your Community From Gun Violence* is slated for publication around May 27. He will be giving a talk on the book at the Deltaville library on July 9th. The University of Richmond's Osher Institute has invited him to give one (maybe two) talks on the book, as has The Shepard's Center for Continuing Education. Dave's new textbook, *A Handbook for Intelligence and Crime Analysis*, should be published in mid or late June. Dave will be participating in the Yorktown Library Book Fair on June 18th and the Portsmouth Library *Local Authors Book Day*. Dave also will be offering a couple of Writer's Toolbox Workshops beginning in June. The plan is to offer the workshops monthly throughout the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula area. For more information on the workshops go to www.firebelliedfrog.com.

Peter Stipe will begin teaching classes for the Writer's Tool Box series at firebelliedfrog.com. He will be teaching presentation skills including:

Prepare a presentation for a group about your writing, develop standards for the delivery of a successful presentation about your book, become aware of different logistical considerations for the delivery of a presentation, review skills that will lead to successful interaction at a book fair. Students will practice public speaking and receive feedback.

Sharon Dorsey has signed a contract with High Tide Publications to publish her memoir, and a children's book, *Herman the Hermit Crab*. *Herman the Hermit Crab* won 3rd place in the Juvenile Fiction Writing Contest and her poem, "Daughter of the Mountains," won 2nd in Poetry at the Christopher Newport University Writer's Conference. Sharon will be publishing a book of poems later in the year through the same publisher.

Kathleen Toomey Jabs was selected to be part of the second annual 2016 Local Author Garden at the York Country Public Library in Yorktown. The annual "Author Garden" showcases area authors and will be held 2 to 4 p.m., Saturday, June 18, in the Tabb Library Meeting Room, 100 Long Green Blvd., Yorktown, VA, 23693.

Mary Montague Sikes will be part of the alumni authors book signing at the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg on Saturday, June 4 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Her novels, including *Evening of the Dragonfly*, are for sale in the University Bookstore there. She is also participating in the Chesapeake Bay Pen Women's Collaborative art/writing exhibition that opens June 4 at the Mathews Bay School with a reception from 4 to 6 p.m. She is participating on a panel/workshop at the Virginia Writers Club Symposium at Piedmont Virginia Community College in Charlottesville on August 6.



NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

Rappatomac Writers Critique Group -

Lancaster Courthouse, 1st Thursday, eat at 11, share until 2 p.m.

Tappahannock, 3rd Thursday, eat at noon, meet 1-3 p.m.

Do you have stories to share? Would you like to write your memories for your children and grandchildren? Does a spectacular sunset move you to poetry? Come, join the Rappatomac Writers Critique group where you will find enthusiastic support and gentle critiques to help you on your way—along with fun and laughter to make your journey a pleasant one. If you like to write or listen, have a song in your heart or a poem in your soul, join us once or twice a month, at either or both locations.

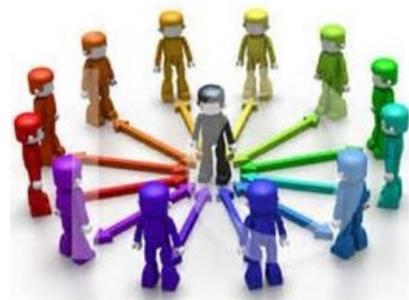
First Thursday of each month, we meet at the Lancaster Tavern, Route 3 in Lancaster Courthouse. Eat lunch at 11:00, and share your creativity until 2 p.m. Third Thursday of each month is at Java Jacks Cafe, Route 360/17 in Tappahannock. Eat at noon, meet 1 to 3 p.m.

The Rappatomac Writers, where the science of writing meets the art of persuasion, is part of the Chesapeake Bay Writers Club, a chapter of Virginia Writers Club. The meetings are free, priceless. Contact: Janet Fast, chestyle@hughes.net

Williamsburg Critique Group - 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 1 p.m.

The Williamsburg Writers Critique Group meets the second and fourth Thursday of every month at 1 p.m. at the home of Elizabeth Brown. Members email their work to all members around three or four days in advance to give others time to review it. The average length is six to ten pages. The other members review and critique the work and come prepared to give oral feedback to the writer. Some bring a hard copy to support their thoughts and others send emails with their remarks. Each writer has a turn getting feedback and critiquing all the others.

The average time we meet is two and a half hours. If you don't have any work to submit that week, that is fine. We all have down times. All remarks are meant to be helpful and to support the writers in their quest to improve their art. If you have any questions or decide you would like to attend, please contact Elizabeth by email ecomptonlee@yahoo.com or phone (804) 654-1117.



NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES (cont'd)

TALK RADIO SHOW XTRA 99.1 FM, Gloucester

8:05 a.m. Second Monday of Every Month

David Cariens was interviewed on May 9th for his most recent publication *The America We All Want: Protecting Your Community from Gun Violence*. It received rave reviews. Neal Steele will be on vacation in June so CBW will have no interviews for the upcoming month. On July 11 we shall hear from author M. J. Scott, whose new book, *Power Steering* will be discussed. M. J. Scott (USA) is the pen name of Marilyn J. Shafer-Asprey, who is a recent Excellence Award recipient from Women of Distinction. We are looking for the authors of recently published books to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to be interviewed by Neal on XTRA 99.1 FM on August 8 an October 10 and December 12. Feather Foster will be on line for the September 12th show. He is a skillful interviewer. Listeners will be delighted to hear the inside story of your most recent book. Please email me at tracygl@cox.net or call 804-815-9954. I will forward to you the show guidelines. FYI – this is the only way you can arrange to be on the show. Please do not call the station. I look forward to hearing from you soon. Tracy Lanum

The Williamsburg Writers Gathering - 3rd Tuesday, 10-noon

This group of published and working to be published writers offers encouragement, support, and shares information in our rapidly changing world of writing. WWG meets the third Tuesday of each month from 10 to noon at the Williamsburg Regional Library in Room B. There is no sign up, membership, or dues. We get together to discuss the Art and Business of writing and are never quite sure what direction our conversation will take us. All are welcome. Contact: Lou Hamilton, louhamwrites@gmail.com.

Open Mic at the Mathews Library - 2nd Sunday, 1-3 p.m.

Do you enjoy books on tape? Or, love a great short story or an inspiring or humorous poem? If so, come to Open Mic at the Library and hear local writers read their original work. Coffee, tea and light refreshments will be served. The events are free and open to the public. The Library invites all writers in the area to participate in the Open Mic.

Arrive on time to sign up to be included on the program. Readers will be limited to one of the following: prose up to 2,500 words; five poems of no more than 50 lines each, or five haiku. No book chapters please, unless they stand alone as independent stories. Mark your calendars and plan to enjoy the works written by the many talented writers living in this community. Mathews Memorial Library, 251 Main Street, Mathews, (804) 725-5747.

Open Mic Poetry, Newport News - 2nd Tuesday, 7-9 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to join us on the second Tuesday of every month at the best coffee house in Newport News, Aroma Coffeehouse and Bakery at 706 Town Center Drive, Suite 104, Newport News.

L. E. V. I. "*The voice of the Underdog*" will be our featured spoken word artist in June. Don't miss this award winner and ODU student.

Your challenge/prompt for June is to **write a poem That Gets Shorter With Each Line**.

Remember, the monthly challenge is optional. So air what you'd like to share in this family friendly venue. We love, support, and encourage First Time Readers. Hosted by: Ann Shalaski / ashalaski@msn.com

The groups listed above and on the previous page are all inclusive and meant for writers at every stage in their career. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the contact person listed. Come join our community of talent!



Welcome Aboard New Members



Welcome, new member, **Cindy L. Freeman**, from Williamsburg, who says, "I have two published novels and another in the works. I will be retired from my full-time job June 30th and look forward to writing full-time."

Virginia Writers Club, Inc.

Golden Nib

Writing
Contest

Enter via your
local VWC Chapter

GUIDELINES at
<http://bit.ly/vwgoldennib>



2016 Golden Nib Contest

Entry – Free

The 2016 Golden Nib writing contest is the Virginia Writers Club annual writing competition in three categories: fiction, non-fiction, and poetry with a \$25 cash prize for first place winners at the club level.

This is a two-tier contest. Entries are submitted and judged at the VWC Chapter-level first, and then each Chapter forwards its first-place winning entries for judging at the (second tier) State VWC level. Contestants at the state level must be members in good-standing of a VWC chapter as well as a member of the state organization. Each Chapter has its own guidelines and deadline. **NOTE: Entries sent by writers directly to VWC for State contest will not be accepted.** Winners of State VWC Contest will be announced and awards presented at the State VWC Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony in November. Awards for each category: First Place-\$100; Second Place-\$50; Third Place-\$25.

The CBW deadline for entries is Saturday, July 16, 2016. State rules require both email and hard copy for each entry. All entries must follow the VWC format requirements, or they will be disqualified, so read the directions and follow the rules! If you need help with setting margins, creating a header or inserting page numbers, most local libraries offer computer advice. These are basic computer skills that are essential for writers submitting work for publication or for contests. Cover sheets with identifying information must be separate from your entry (two email files, or detachable from your paper entry).

You may send only one entry in each category (fiction, non-fiction, or poetry). All contest rules are posted at: <http://www.virginiawritersclub.org/event-1942014>

Send your contest entries to Carol J. Bova, P. O. Box 716, Mathews, VA 23109-0716 and CBWreply@gmail.com. Questions? (804) 725-6163.



Directions to Chesapeake Bay Writers Luncheon Meeting, @ Goodfellas, Gloucester

Directions to Goodfellas, 5036 George Washington Memorial Hwy, Gloucester 23061
(804) 693-5950

From Williamsburg:
Colonial Parkway to Yorktown
Turn right at sign for 17 North
Turn right at yield sign onto 17 North; cross Coleman Bridge
Go 8.4 miles, (just past Shell Station on the right and White Marsh shopping center on left)
Carefully turn LEFT at 635 - Piney Swamp Road sign into restaurant parking lot.
If you miss it, go to light at Wawa intersection and carefully make a U-turn back.

From Kilmarnock
VA3 to VA 33 turn left 3.4 mi
Turn right onto VA3E/Twiggs Ferry Rd 4.6 mi
Turn right onto VA 198 (Buckley Hall Rd) to VA3 E (Windsor Rd) 1.6 mi
Turn left onto VA3 Windsor Road (Farm Bureau is on the right) 2.06 mi
Turn right at intersection onto Route 14/3 6.4 mi
Turn left on Main St 1.2 mi (at light)
Turn left at next light on US 17/Geo Washington Memorial Hwy 4.2 mi
Turn right into parking lot after red & white Goodfellas sign.

From Tappahannock
17 South to restaurant



Deepest condolences to June E. Harding on the passing of her husband, Philip A. Harding, in February.

In Search of Writers in Style

In 2014, *Chesapeake Style* magazine launched a new column, Writers in Style, with 500-word articles contributed by board members and members of CBW and associated critique groups of the Chesapeake Bay Writers. The opportunity is being extended for this year's upcoming issues.

The theme of the column is writing, and previous articles have been eclectic. They can be viewed in the *Chesapeake Style* archives at www.chesapeakestyle.com:

Chesapeake Style is published eight times a year, and 10,000 copies are distributed in March, May, June, July, August, September, and October, with 14,000 copies for the Winter issue in November at locations throughout the Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck and at the Williamsburg General Store. Please email submissions with a subject of Writers in Style to: Janet A Fast chestyle@hughes.net



Hampton Roads Writers Conference
Time for Early Bird Savings is Running Out!
 Check out the conference schedule here:
<http://hamptonroadswriters.org/2016conferenceschedule.pdf>

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Conference Presenters: Mary Burton, Robert Crane, Lucienne Diver

Go to Conference Details <http://hamptonroadswriters.org/2016conference.php> for more information on Presenters, First 10 Lines Critique Sessions, Contests, and 10-minute Agent Pitch Sessions and Registration.



Save the Date!

Virginia Writers Club 6th Annual Symposium “Navigating Your Writing Life” - Make This Your Year Saturday, August 6, 2016

Piedmont Virginia Community College
 Charlottesville

For upcoming symposium news and announcements, visit our Website,
<http://www.virginiawritersclub.org> or “Like” our Facebook page, Virginia Writers Club
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Want Your Book Reviewed in *Chesapeake Style*?

Chesapeake Style magazine offers *Books in Style* reviews of books by authors who are members of CBW or who regularly attend one of its critique groups. The magazine distributes 10-14,000 copies eight times a year to more than 300 locations in the Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck and to the Williamsburg General Store.

- > If you have a published book and want it reviewed:
- > Ask someone to review your book.
- > Email *Chesapeake Style* Magazine at <chestyle@hughes.net> requesting Guidelines and Deadlines.
- > Mail a copy of the book to the reviewer and email the guidelines to them with a graphic of the cover.
- > The person reviews the book and submits it (with the graphic of the cover) to *Chesapeake Style*.

Research has shown that more folks respond to real book reviews than any other method to enhance book sales. If your book has not yet been reviewed in *Chesapeake Style*, follow the instructions above to make it happen.

Meet the Board-Introducing Joy Brenda Burch, Newsletter Editor

Joy Brenda Burch was born in Virginia and is a graduate of the College of William and Mary. In her working life, Brenda Burch was a Registered Nurse and a school teacher. During that time, she worked both in Canada and the US, and also served in the U.S. Army. Now retired, she enjoys creative time with the needle arts. She is an active member of The American Sewing Guild, having spent the last ten years as editor of the Richmond/Central Virginia Chapter's newsletter, Sew Richmond.

Also a part of her retirement activities is writing and photography. She was a stringer for the *Westmoreland News* for a few years when she lived in Colonial Beach. Also during that time, she wrote for the *Chesapeake Style*. Though she lives in Richmond now, she was pleased to again write for the *Chesapeake Style*, with a series of articles, "Old Timers" and now articles about sewing.

She would like to learn more about writing short stories and perhaps developing stories that could be in a book.



Besides newsletters, Brenda enjoys using her computer and camera to design calendars and note cards with her German Shepherd, Athena, as the star in many of them.



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