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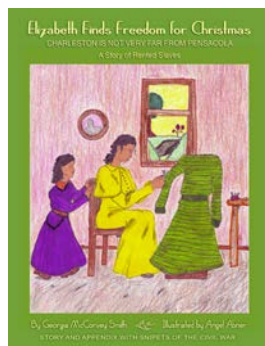
West Florida Literary Federation, Inc.

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AUGUST 18 THIRD TUESDAY

A retired teacher, Georgia McCorvey Smith has written several publications on Pensacola's history. Her newest book, "Elizabeth Finds Freedom for Christmas," weaves local history into a fictional story aimed at middle school students. Her other books include "W.J. and the Teacake House" and "Boxcar Residents."



6:30 SNACKS AND CAMARADERIE

Please bring a snack to share -

7:00 PROGRAM followed by OPEN MIC

By the way, while we love our poets, we also value our prose writers. How about we hear some short pieces of prose from some of you? (But remember our 5-minute time limit!)

Come to listen or also to read.

Second Floor Board Room, Pensacola Cultural Center, 400 S. Jefferson Street
Pensacola, FL 32502 [For more information visit www.wflf.org](http://www.wflf.org)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I wish to thank you all for your support and for allowing me to serve you as your President. I

believe the current Board is a great group who will move the Federation forward in promoting membership and youth related programs.

Membership is the lifeblood of our organization. I am asking all of you to promote student memberships and memberships from among your friends, students and colleagues.

We have three major events we entertain: Open Mic, the Children's Poetry Contest, and the Emerald Coast Review, plus seven important groups. I encourage the Board to continue to look at events that inspire you and encourage greater participation.

I also encourage you to submit your ideas for events and activities that may be developed into major functions.

This month, I will be exploring the feasibility of creating a Prose Open Mic. I would like to form a committee to discover if there is enough interest. If you are interested in helping, please contact me. This is an event we can do with minimal financial impact and increased member participation.

I have an exceptional Board who work very hard on your behalf. They are limited by the amount of time they can contribute. If we are to develop new programs, increase membership and increase our visibility in the community we serve, I need them and I need you.

I hope you all have a great August and wish you all the very best in all you do.

Mac McGovern
WFLF President

Writers Weekly Workshops
Room 210 at the Cultural Center

MONDAY WILD WRITING POETRY

WORKSHOP 2 ~ 4 p.m. Come write, play, and explore the world of poetry in this writing workshop ~ Ora Wills owills@bellsouth.net

MONDAY PURE POETRY LOUNGE 6 ~ 8 p.m.

Suite 212 Pensacola Cultural Center. A poetry class focusing on both critique and assignments designed to break class participants out of "comfort zones"

led by Susan Lewis. New experiences, old lessons with a different twist and in the end, hopefully the ability to see poetry from a new perspective. Just show up with a great attitude and willingness to work together. susanlewisbooks@yahoo.com

TUESDAY WRITING FOR PUBLICATION 10

~ 12. For seasoned writers and members of WFLF who are working on book-length manuscripts seeking publication. Manuscripts and written critiques are emailed within members of the group and then members discuss their comments. The group is limited to seven writers ~ Ron Tew tewsdays@bellsouth.net

TUESDAY WRITERS' GUILD 4 ~ 6.

Each writer brings work, primarily prose, to read aloud and takes others' work home to critique. WFLF membership is required. ~ Richard Hurt rchurt2@att.net

WEDNESDAY PORTFOLIO SOCIETY ~ This

goal-oriented workshop, facilitated by Jeannie Zokan and assisted by Diane Skelton, runs from 9:30 ~ 11:30 on Wednesdays. Each participant is working on one or more yearlong projects. Sessions involve timed discussions for each participant. WFLF membership is required; the group is limited to seven members. Work may include any genre. If you are interested in the Portfolio Society, contact Jeannie Zokan by email 4zokans@att.net.

THIRD THURSDAY YOUTH CREATIVE

WRITING 6 p.m. ~ 8 p.m.

susanlewisbooks@yahoo.com See below.



YOUTH CREATIVE WRITING THIRD THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH!

This workshop has been created specifically for writers **still attending school**. In a non-judgmental and relaxed environment, young poets will be encouraged to explore new ways of thinking in regards to writing, as well as support each other in this endeavor. This class will explore the essence of creativity in writing, while supplying young writers with basic yet critical poetry/creative writing rules. The purpose of this class is to help young poets grow as individuals and as a group, seeing themselves as talented yet always striving to learn more, sharing with others who have a similar love of the written word and growing from the love of language. Class is free. Approx. age range 14-18
Class facilitator is Susan Lewis, contact with any questions.

susanlewisbooks@yahoo.com

What: Young Poets/Creative Writing Class

Where: Cultural Center, 2nd Floor

Literary Federation Board Room

400 Jefferson, Suite 212, Pensacola, FL

When: Third Thursday of every month, 6:00-
8:00pm

Supplies: Notebook, pen or pencil, copy of
poem/poems

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Ryn Holmes is taking orders now. Give her a call at 748-7123 or email klholmes41@yahoo.com

The WFLF BOARD has an immediate opening for SECRETARY. Please consider “giving back” to your organization with your skills and minimal time. Or, if you know someone who may be interested, please ask him or her to contact Mac McGovern at poetrybymac@aol.com, or any board member.

Poet Laureate Jamey Jones is teaching a poetry class at PSC in the fall. It's titled "In Place of Yourself; Entering the Stream of Poetry," and a broad theme of the class is the exploration of one's sense of "place." Each week there will be different readings and writing assignments that encourage students to use material gleaned from their own experiences (observations, epiphanies, memories, dreams, etc.) and their relation to their physical and mental landscapes, or "personal geographies." Jones first taught the class last spring and said he "was blown away and inspired by the work and energy of the students! I'm excited to be teaching it once again." The class runs M/W 1:15 – 2:50 from September 9 through December 11. Contact Jones at jjones@pensacolastate.edu with any questions about the course.

**Further in Summer than the Birds
Pathetic from the Grass
A minor Nation celebrates
Its unobtrusive Mass.**

**No Ordinance be seen
So gradual the Grace
A pensive Custom it becomes
Enlarging Loneliness.**
- Emily Dickinson

**WRITING PROMPT FOR FALL LEGENDS:
Flash Fiction 300 words or less
Think strong and quick
Andrea48@aol.com**

Panoplyzine is now published.
Check out the premier issue at
panoplyzine.com/issue-1-august-2015/

**WFLF thanks Bingo Paradise
4469 Mobile Hwy, Pensacola, FL 32506
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for its continued financial support!**

*As summer wanes, enjoy these inspiring thoughts
from some of our predecessors.*

**Summer afternoon - summer afternoon; to
me those have always been the two most
beautiful words in the English language.**
- Henry James

**The foliage has been losing its freshness
through the month of August, and here and
there a yellow leaf shows itself like the first
gray hair amidst the locks of a beauty who
has seen one season too many.**
- Oliver Wendell Holmes

CREATIVE WRITING

Ode to the Wasps

Wasps are well-named.
The raspy syllable begins in a wail
Ends with a spit.
Dragging bottom-heavy bodies
Through summer's sodden air,
Languid as they travel with hours
To wait before the plane leaves—
Or zip-lining down a deadly course
To sting a tanned bare arm,
Wasps are pariahs worthy of infamy.

Sheltered on the back porch hangs
A clacking bamboo wind-chime, capped
By a coconut in honest appraisal,
Like a rabbit skin drying out.
The wasps thought it a perfect place
To build a nest, a cultured crowd
Since a metal wind chime tolling
Sonorous, well-deep, ah Bach melodies
Hangs nearby, proffering lullabies,
Soothing the savage, softening the sting.

Karen McAferty Morris

HAIKU

Approaching Newark
flying through cotton candy
all invisible

Iona's Abbey
heavenly strings pull at mine
in my healing chair

Fog rolls in so thick
mall suddenly disappears
but I know it's there

Pink granite and green
colors of Georgia O'Keefe
but lush not arid

Lynn McLargin

TEETER TOTTER

My luck goes up
Way up.
I cling
Legs gripping hard.
The world swims below
smaller and smaller and smaller.

The economy goes down
Way down
Hits the ground. BUMP!
A blunt reminder
To me way up there
nose in the air.

Jack Beach

*Just for fun, here are two works by famous poets on
the same topics.*

Into fog, through the fog
we rowed. then:
the wide sea — so blue, so bright!— *Shiki*

The Worrying Whizzing Wasp

The Worrying Whizzing Wasp,
who stood on a Table, and played sweetly on a
Flute with a Morning Cap.



Edward Lear

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West Florida Literary Federation ~ Join or Renew ~ 2015

Memberships are good for one calendar year beginning January 1 and ending December 31.
Individual membership is \$30/year. New members joining after July 15, pay \$15 or may pay \$45 which also pays for the following year. Subsequent years are due annually by January 1.

One Year ~ Individual \$30 ~ Couple \$50 ~ Student \$15 ~ *Two years* ~ Individual \$50 ~ Couple \$85

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