



## DETROIT WORKING WRITERS

### JUNE 2018 NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to your June 2018 Part 2 DWW newsletter! Our 118 year old organization's mission is to encourage creative writing of the highest professional standard.

#### NEXT DWW BOARD MEETING

There will be no Board Meeting in July.

The next DWW Board meeting is Saturday, August 11, 2018, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:25 a.m. at Lukich's Restaurant in Troy. If you wish to attend, please RSVP to [rlbrown417@gmail.com](mailto:rlbrown417@gmail.com) no later than Monday, August 6, so we can reserve the proper space.

#### 2018 WORKSHOP/CONFERENCE EVENT CALENDAR

**Saturday, 12 noon to 4:00 p.m., June 30, 2018: Third Annual Yule Love it Lavender Farm Writing Retreat: The Tyranny of Reality (Revisited). Presenter: Jean Alicia Elster**

**Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., November 10, 2018: Annual DWW Writing Conference, MSU Management Education Center, Troy, MI.**



DWW CRITIQUE  
GROUP CALENDAR  
FOR JULY 2018  
THROUGH  
DECEMBER 2018

All meetings are on the second Saturday of the month at Lukich's Restaurant in Troy.

2018

JULY 14

AUGUST 11

SEPTEMBER 8

OCTOBER 13

NOVEMBER 10 - to be rescheduled due to Writing Conference

DECEMBER 8

Watch your email for your invitation to submit your work for critiquing!

## The Tyranny of Reality (Revisited)



As writers, when planning and creating a manuscript, our goal should be to peer into and portray some aspect of reality without being bound by it. That should be one of the goals of every creative writing project: to maintain authenticity while making the story our own. Jean Alicia Elster will delve into her own struggles at confronting the “tyranny of reality” while leading workshop participants to consider ways of putting reality in its proper place throughout the creative process.

A member of Detroit Working Writers since 2000, Jean Alicia Elster is a two-time recipient of the Michigan Notable Book Award as well as a 2017 Kresge Foundation Artist Fellow in Literary Arts.

A vegetarian lunch is included with the price of your ticket.

### FAQs

#### **What are my transportation/parking options for getting to and from the event?**

Free parking is available onsite; please note that the farm is not handicapped accessible.

#### **What can I bring into the event?**

Bring the writing implements of your choice: pen, pencil, tablets, etc.

How can I contact the organizer with any questions?

Contact Roberta Brown at [rbrown417@gmail.com](mailto:rbrown417@gmail.com)

To purchase a ticket, [click here](#).

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**OUR DWW MEMBERS’  
LATEST AWARDS AND PUBLICATION CREDITS!**

**DWW Member Publishes Second Travel Memoir**

What kind of traveler are you? Are you the hearty type, the kind that endures obstacles and faces challenges with good humor and grace? Or are you one that inevitably grows homesick and a bit cranky?

Nancy Solak, a self-described reluctant traveler, falls into the latter category. In her newly released travel memoir, *Welcome to Here: A Reluctant Traveler Goes to China*, she visits China not because it was a lifelong dream of hers, but because of her son. She spent two weeks in China when he was a student there, then another week two years later when he got married. Once her son returned to the States and became a Chinese language teacher, she accompanied him and his American students as they participated in a foreign exchange program. That trip lasted five weeks.

Each chapter depicts the unabashed honesty of an American who tends to be "on the more nervous side."

For more information about either of Nancy Solak's travel memoirs, visit her website at: [www.areluctanttraveler.net](http://www.areluctanttraveler.net).

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JOIN NANCY FOR AN INFORMATIVE AND ENTERTAINING  
ARMCHAIR JOURNEY TO CHINA

2018 SLIDE PRESENTATION SCHEDULE

**Thursday March 22**

**Grosse Pointe Public Library, Grosse Pointe, MI**

**Thank you to GPPL, and librarians Priscilla Burns, and Diana Howbert**

Monday, July 16, Estes Valley Public Library,  
Estes Park, Colorado, American Legion,  
850 North St. Vrain Ave., 7 p.m.

Thursday, July 26, Banff Public Library, 101 Bear St.,  
Banff, Alberta, Canada, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, August 1, Jasper Municipal Library,  
500 Robson Dr, Jasper, Alberta, Canada, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, August 22, Dexter District Library, 6 p.m.  
3255 Alpine St., Dexter, MI 48230

Thursday, August 23, Berkley Public Library  
3155 Coolidge Hwy., Berkley, MI 48072, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 18, Charlotte Comm Library,  
226 S. Bostwick, Charlotte, MI 48813, 7 p.m.

Nancy Yuktonis Solak is an award-winning writer and editor.

She has written two travel memoirs:

*Welcome to Here: A Reluctant Traveler Goes to China* and  
*A Footpath in Umbria: Living, Loving and Laughing in Italy*

She is a certified affiliate of the Amherst Writers & Artists method and facilitates writing workshops. A freelance writer and editor for nearly three decades, Nancy has been a member of Detroit Working Writers since 1987.

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**Weam Namou writes:**

Dear Friends,

I'd like to announce the pre-order launch of my 13th book, *Mesopotamian Goddesses: Unveiling Your Feminine Power*.

The women of my ancient Mesopotamian ancestors helped build the cradle of civilization, but their contributions were edited out of history books. I bring them to life through my 13th book as a way to add beauty and love to our world.

You can help me in this journey by pre-ordering a copy or by sharing this email. Visit the link below to learn how you can be part of this history by having your name included for life in the book and other opportunities.

<https://www.publishizer.com/mesopotamian-goddesses/>

**Angela Amman writes:**

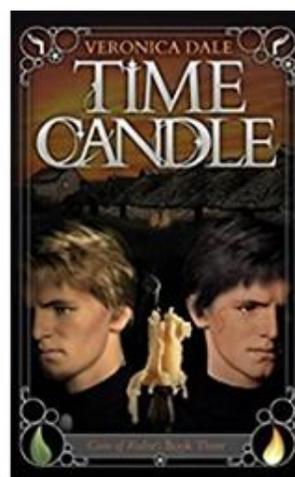
About two years ago I paused during an Instagram scroll-through, stopped by an image of broken flowers on a busy street. The image stuck, and I couldn't be more thrilled to introduce the book that grew from from those scattered petals. If you're so inclined, check out GARDEN BOULEVARD, a collection of stories offering a look at the choices women face — and the consequences of the ones they make.

<http://bit.ly/gardenblvd>

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Time Candle, the latest book in my Coin of Rulve fantasy series, just got the Critic's Report from The BookLife Prize. It says the "prose is at times breathtaking" and that "There is also an inherent profundity to much of the writing." Wow. The Critic was generous with the plot too, saying that the author is "particularly gifted at interlacing multiple plot lines to bring a rich, three-dimensional world to life." Prove the Critic right--or wrong!--by getting the book on Amazon!





**We want to promote you and your writing! Please let us know your latest writing awards/credits/publications! Email your information to Roberta Brown**

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