



DETROIT WORKING WRITERS

MAY 2018 NEWSLETTER

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

Dues

It's time to pay our dues - per our Constitution, dues are due on June 1st. There are two ways you can pay:

- 1. By check made out to Detroit Working Writers (\$25.00 for 60 years old and better; \$50.00 for under 59 - note to our new members - you have already paid your dues for 2018/19 - no need to pay again).**

**Mail the check to
Roberta Brown
417 Hendrie Blvd.
Royal Oak, MI 48067**

- 2. By PayPal - go to the our website, click on "About Us," then click on "Members Only." Once there, click on pay membership dues. Note: everyone should have received their member password a few years ago. Contact me directly if you have lost it.**

Remember - the deadline is June 1, 2018!

The next DWW Board meeting is Saturday, May 12, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:25 a.m. at Lukich's Restaurant in Troy. If you wish to attend, please rsvp to rlbrown417@gmail.com no later than Monday, May 7, so we can reserve the proper space.



DWW CRITIQUE
GROUP CALENDAR
FOR APRIL 2018
THROUGH
DECEMBER 2018

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

2018

MAY 12
JUNE 9
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!

CALL OUT FOR DWW VOLUNTEERS!

As you've seen this past year, DWW has been on the move! In order to carry out continuing and new initiatives; however, we need the following positions to be filled:

Program Chair

Grant Writer

Website Chair

In addition, since performing an audit is too expensive, we just need a pair of independent eyes to look over our books and make any recommendations.

For more information, contact DWW President Roberta Brown at rlbrown417@gmail.com

or call 248-854-2375

DWW WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS!

Richard Stiennon is our latest Established Writer member!

There are a few more membership applications in the pipeline. Deadline to apply is May 15 - remember, anyone who applies must have at least one **traditionally** published work.

THIRD ANNUAL YULE LOVE IT LAVENDER FARM POETRY CONTEST

There is no entry fee, and there are cash prizes! Click on the link below for more information:

<http://www.yuleloveitlavenderfarm.com/p/poetry-contest.html>.



DETROIT BOOKFEST

We are still awaiting word to see if DWW will have a table at this event. If so, we need someone who is willing to be the organizer. Let Roberta Brown know at rlbrown417@gmail.com.

4TH ANNUAL LOCAL AUTHOR BOOK SALE & SIGNING AT STERLINGFEST

Weam Namou will be organizing this event, which will be held on Saturday, July 28, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. outside the Sterling Heights Public Library. The library provides space for authors to participate in this event; however, participants must provide their own tables and chairs. Participants may bring one or two six foot tables. Each table must be manned by two to three authors all day.

There is no charge for this event; it is a Sterling Heights Library program. It is an outdoor event located on a mostly covered sidewalk and will go on rain or shine. Contact Weam at weamn@hotmail.com

KERRYTOWN BOOK FESTIVAL

Linda Sienkiewicz will be organizing the DWW table at this year's event. More details to come in future newsletters!



OUR DWW MEMBERS'

LATEST AWARDS AND PUBLICATION CREDITS!

From Elizabeth Buzzelli: "Just wanted to announce the publication of Marilyn Lyman's ebook: *MINOR LEAGUE ANGELS*, available at Amazon. Marilyn is a past-president of DWW and a long time member. She is now 92 years old and says this book has been 80 years in the making--since she was 12-- and promised herself this was a book she was going to publish. I'm excited for her--at 92 she is still funny, sharp, and incisive as ever."

Roberta Brown's short story "Time to Go" has been published on ShortFictionBreak.com.

Robin Gaines has been named a Shelf Unbound Notable 100 Author for 2018 for her novel *Invincible Summers*.

Travelers by Laura Bernstein-Machlay will be released on May 1, 2018. There will be a book launch at Pages Bookshop on May 3 from 6:00-7:30. All are invited to attend! Pages is located at [19560 Grand River Ave, Detroit, MI](#).

Travelers, Laura Bernstein-Machlay's debut collection of essays, maps the author's journey as she makes sense of her recovering city, the generations that preceded her, and her own definition of wife, mother, and home. These intimate, humorous and heartfelt essays offer an honest, and discerning look at the moments which both challenge and redeem us; the shaping of our lineage; and the profound necessity of hope.

Deftly observed and thoughtfully crafted, Bernstein-Machlay's lyrical prose brings to life Detroit's survivor spirit and the indefatigable nature of family. This collection discovers the inherent grace and defining necessity of place, heritage and the search for our own footing within the vast world we inhabit. *Travelers* examines the intersection of the connections we form and those we inherit and how, with distance and trust, and a little luck, we might find more than just our way home.

<https://www.amazon.com/Travelers-Laura-Bernstein-Machlay/dp/0999750100>

<https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/travelers-laura-bernstein-machlay/1128408753?ean=9780999750100>



The following poets have had their work published in the Peninsula Poets Spring 2018 Edition:

Diane Shipley DeCillis for Palm Reading Detroit

Mary Merlo for Early Spring in Michigan

Roberta Brown for The Oboe Reed of Life

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

PLEASE PUT DWW WRITING/PUBLICATION NEWS IN THE SUBJECT OF YOUR EMAIL ;-) **at**

President@detworkingwriters.org

DWW MEMBERS AS PRESENTERS!

On May 3 and May 10, 2018 at 12:30 pm, Angela Rochon leads participants in reminiscence. "Life Legacies: Preserving our Stories" is open to all without charge and is located at the Algonac/Clay Township Library at [2011 St Clair River Drive, Algonac MI 48001](#). Phone the library at [810 794-4471](tel:8107944471) for directions and to reserve a spot.

The St Clair County Library System sponsors and further information is on the website www.stclaircountylibrary.org.

Individuals find it valuable to share and preserve their life stories on any or all of the dates. Memoir writers explore reminiscence as a springboard to mining their memories.

Writers interested in being considered to give presentations at the meetings of the Algonac/Clay Historical Society may e-mail the President, Ms. Allen, at alltwins@sbcglobal.net or phone her at [810 794-5154](tel:8107945154).



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. 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.

CALL FOR CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

This is the official call for additional presentation proposals for the November 10, 2018 DWW Annual Writing Conference. Please submit your proposals (title, synopsis, goals of presentation) to

weamn@hotmail.com

by June 1, 2018.
