



DETROIT WORKING WRITERS

OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to your October 2019 newsletter! Our 119 year old organization's mission is to encourage creative writing of the highest professional standard.

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The next DWW Board Meeting will be Saturday, February 8, 2020, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:25 a.m. at Starr Presbyterian Church, 1717 West Thirteen Mile Road, Royal Oak, MI. Please contact Roberta Brown at [rlbrown417@gmail.com](mailto:rlbrown417@gmail.com) if you wish to attend no later than Monday, February 3, 2020.

**TOADVINE BOOKS**  
**2783 Coolidge Highway**  
**Berkley, MI 48072**  
**248-439-0409**

**Just a reminder:**

**Last May, a new independent bookstore opened in Berkley, Michigan - Toadvine Books. The owner is Luke Janes, and he has devoted an entire section of the store to local authors. I have met and talked with Luke, and he is VERY interested in selling your books in his store. He has already purchased a book from at least one DWW member to sell in his store.**

**Please call him or just drop in to visit to discuss the details. Store hours are Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.**



This is from Laura Hedgecock:

The May/June 2019 issue of Writers Digest listed 101 Websites for Writers. Perusing it, I noted the following that may be of particular interest to our members:

- [TheFreelanceBeat.com](http://TheFreelanceBeat.com) lists calls for pitches and free-lancing news and may be of particular interest to Emerging Writers.
- [WhereToPitch.com](http://WhereToPitch.com) lists publications where you can pitch your ideas by category
- [Storywrite.com](http://Storywrite.com) has forums that allow for critiques and feedback. You can also post short stories and poems.
- [Writerscafe.org](http://Writerscafe.org) lets you get feedback, join specialty groups, and enter contests.”

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### **26 Tips from Editors on How to Get Published**

Dozens of editors have been interviewed for the podcast for the American Society of Journalists and Authors: ASJA Direct: Inside Intel on Getting Published and Paid Well.

Read in Forbes:

<https://apple.news/Ay8GbYsxbRpisanE6mQR17Q>

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### **An Agent Explains the Ins and Outs of Book Deals:**

<https://electricliterature.com/an-agent-explains-the-ins-and-outs-of-book-deals/>

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### **Camaraderie, Not Comparison or Competition**

<https://andilit.com/2019/09/25/camaraderie-not-comparison-or-competition/>

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Books & Authors Sunday, October 20, 2019 11 am-5 pm at Leon and Lulus in Clawson - go to their website to download an application if you are interested in selling your books on this date!



## PREVIEWS OF COMING ATTRACTIONS!

Fresh off the highly successful Ruth Ryan Langan event, here's what's coming up next:

1. DWW Holiday Party - Sunday, December 8, 2019 at Marcus Grill in Shelby Township. Free for DWW members. Watch your email for your invitation!
2. January 2020 - online writing workshop, date tbd
3. Saturday, February 8, 2020 - DWW Board Meeting at 9:30 a.m.
4. Friday, April 24, 2020 - Fourth Annual Creative Writing Day at the DIA, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon with lunch afterwards at the Cafe DIA. We will be in the DIA library; our host/presenter is DIA staff. Free event for DWW members; lunch on your own.
5. Saturday, May 9, 2020 - DWW Annual Meeting followed by the Critique Group

Watch your email for more details!





## OUR DWW MEMBERS'

### LATEST AWARDS. SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND PUBLICATION CREDITS!

#### **Congratulations to Diana Dinverno, Joy Gaines-Friedler, and Alex Morgan for their numerous poetry wins in the Annual Poetry Society of Michigan contest!**

Category 1: Margo LaGatutta Memorial Award  
Judge: Alina Stefanescu

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Decisions         | Diana Dinverno, |
|                 | Troy, MI          |                 |
| HM              | Road to Marcellus | Joy Gaines-     |
| Friedler,       | Farmington Hills, | MI              |

Category 4: Barbara Sykes Memorial Humor Poem  
Judge: Jennifer Clark

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Sparkle            | D i a n a |
|                 | Dinverno, Troy, MI |           |

Category 5: George Dila Memorial Prose Poem  
Judge: Elizabeth Kerlikowske

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| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Act 20:14                      | Joy Gaines-     |
|                 | Friedler, Farmington Hills, MI |                 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Opera News                     | Alexander Payne |
|                 | Morgan, Birmingham, MI         |                 |

Category 7: Love  
Judge: Christy White

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Steamer                | Alexander Payne |
|                 | Morgan, Birmingham, MI |                 |

Category 10: Family  
Judge: Peter Stein

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2<sup>nd</sup> Children of Survivors  
Friedler, Farmington Hills, MI

Joy Gaines -

Category 11: Loss  
Judge: Daniel Edward Moore

2<sup>nd</sup> Monarch Caterpillars  
Friedler, Farmington Hills, MI

Joy Gaines -

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Joy Gaines-Friedler announces “October 26, 2019 at Kalamazoo Books 7:00 - please come out to hear Ron Riecki, Joy Gaines-Friedler, Dennis Hinrichsen and Eric Torgersen read on the topic of Social Justice. Readings will include work from the anthology Undocumented: Great Lakes Poets Laureate on Social Justice by Ronald Riecki (Editor), and Andrea Scarpino (Editor).”

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Carl Anthony reports, “On September 18th, Automoblog was a winner during the 2019 AutoSens Awards in Brussels. The awards ceremony is held every year in concert with AutoSens Brussels. AutoSens is a leading forum and conference for engineers on autonomous driving, vehicle perception technology, functional safety, and ADAS systems as they relate to the modern automobile. There are three conferences each year: one in Brussels in September, Hong Kong in November, and Detroit in May.

We were nominated and won in the "Most Engaging Content" category. The basis of the award recognizes any person or organization that produces informative, thoughtful, or otherwise engaging content for the industry. We won the Silver Award with a colleague and friend of mine actually winning the "Gold" Award (they don't call it the gold award, but for all intents and purposes, that's what it is).”

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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

[rlbrown417@gmail.com](mailto:rlbrown417@gmail.com)

I would also like to invite members to share their publication news/reading news to our Detroit Working Writers Facebook page, as many times you have events scheduled after this monthly newsletter comes out! Please, your writing-related events only.

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HOW TO HAVE YOUR BOOKS LISTED ON OUR DWW WEBSITE

Please take advantage of our website to list all of your published books! Click on “About Us,” then go to the “Members Only” section and enter your super secret password. Scroll down to Member’s Books and fill out the required information. Once you have completed all the sections, click Submit, and let our webmistress work her magic!

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DWW CRITIQUE GROUP CALENDAR  
REMAINDER OF 2019  
AND ALL OF 2020

All Critique Group meetings are scheduled for the second Saturday of the month and are held in the Library at Starr Presbyterian Church in Royal Oak. Print out and post on your refrigerator!

2019

November 9

December 14

2020

January 11

February 8

March 14

April 11

May 9

June 13

July 11

August 8

September 12

October 10

November 14

December 12

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