



DETROIT WORKING WRITERS

MAY 2020 NEWSLETTER

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**Welcome to your May 2020 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 the Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 9, 2020, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. via Zoom. This is not an election year; that will take place in 2021.**

**Please contact Roberta Brown at [rlbrown417@gmail.com](mailto:rlbrown417@gmail.com) if you wish to attend via Zoom no later than Monday, May 4, 2020.**

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SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL INDIE BOOKSTORES!

Toadvine Bookstore in Berkley - Proprietor Luke Janes tells me that you can still call the store at 248-439-0409 or email him at toadvinebooks@gmail.com to order/see what books he has in stock. He can then arrange for shipping, delivery or curbside pick-up. Gift certificates are available.

Paper Trail Books on Washington in Royal Oak - owner Dave Brown also offers the same service; call 248-376-8952 for details. Gift certificates are available.



**DWW MEMBERS'
LATEST AWARDS/ANNOUNCEMENTS
SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS AND
PUBLICATION CREDITS**

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO FOUR OF OUR EMERGING  
WRITERS WHO ADVANCED TO ESTABLISHED WRITER  
STATUS!**

**Pat Gibson**

**R.L. Herron**

**Terry Hojnacki**

**Mary Merlo**

**and to NEW MEMBER**

**Karen Tintori**  
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Congratulations to the following DWW members who were winners in the Springfed Arts Writing Contest:

**Poetry Finalists**

Third Place: Glory to Him by Nadia Ibrashi

Honorable Mention: Inland Lake Weeds of Michigan by Michelle Morouse

**Prose Finalists**

First Place: Revelation at Santa Maria Gloriosa dei Frari by Diana U. Dinverno

Second Place: Right Front Corner by Michelle Morouse

Winners will read their winning entries on a date to be announced at the Royal Oak Public Library.



Pam Houghton tells us 1) I found out about Kaleidoscope from DWW. You posted a contest in the DWW newsletter and I entered something for the very first time (had never submitted anything to a writing competition before). Didn't "win" or get second or third place. But I was recently notified that my submission, "Valerie Harper in a Beverly Hills Hair Salon" was selected to appear in their anthology. It was a very nice surprise.

2) Here is a link to my latest Metro Parent contribution, "Teaching Kids to Embrace Your Emotions," in the April issue. <https://www.metroparent.com/sponsored-content/teaching-children-to-embrace-their-emotions/>

Carl Anthony provides us with these updates:

My partners and I have successfully launched [AutoVision News](#) and will be the lead sponsor for the upcoming [AutoSens Online conference](#). The conference was due to take place here in Detroit next month, but with COVID-19 it was rescheduled for a later date. However, we are doing a condensed (and free) online version of it beginning on May 12th.

Our goal with AutoVision News is to support automotive engineers, scientists, and vehicle perception technology managers through a comprehensive content hub of news, analysis, reports, industry updates, white papers, and more.

Then, I recently had three articles published outside of [Auto-moblog](#) & AutoVision News.

One on the importance of cyber security in autonomous driving applications:

<https://auto-sens.com/examining-the-critical-need-for-automotive-cybersecurity/>

A second article that covers a white paper released by Daimler on 12 Guiding Principals for Automated Driving:



<https://auto-sens.com/safety-first-for-automated-driving/>

And then lastly, a car-buying advice piece for Turtle Wax:

<https://www.turtlewax.com/en-us/how-to/posts/how-to-pick-the-right-car-for-your-family-and-budget/>

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Carl also has the following request for writers:

I know I have asked you before, but wanted to inquire again if there is anybody in the DWW membership who would be interested in writing for our new website called AutoVision News.

Despite everything going on, we are launching on Monday. Here is a beta link to the new site. It's not live yet, but will give you an idea of what it will look

like: <https://wordpress-228581-1044762.cloudwaysapps.com/>

In short, the site covers autonomous driving, vehicle perception technology, ADAS systems, infrastructure, functional safety etc. In so many words, the site is focused on the future of transportation.

My partners and I need to invest some money in content, and are looking for good writers (which is really a challenge!). Ideally, somebody with a journalism background who can report the news, but also "create the buzz" around certain companies, technologies, market trends etc. Ideally, we need somebody who understands tech and automotive and the importance of strong journalistic reporting.

The target audience is mostly senior level engineers, researchers, technologists, and scientists (or other comparable professionals working in the automotive and tech industries).

So more technical oriented in content, but still plenty of room to tell a good story. Believe it or not, this is a really fun audience to write for. Like I said, when the "buzz" gets going around a certain technology or company, it can be exciting.



Want to again open up the offer to DWW members. It would be a freelance position on contract (1099). As for frequency on contributions, not entirely sure at this point, but perhaps two or three times a month.

Contact Carl directly at
Carl Anthony <carl@automoblog.net>

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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.



PREVIEWS OF COMING ATTRACTIONS

1. Saturday, May 9, 2020 - DWW Annual Meeting followed by the Critique Group; both via Zoom
2. Saturday, July 18, 2020 - Fifth Annual Yule Love it Lavender Farm Event. This event will be held dependent on State and Federal government Executive Orders and current recommendations by Infectious Disease specialists at the federal and state levels during this time of pandemic. The safety of our members is paramount!
3. We are also looking at providing workshops/other opportunities via Zoom.

Watch your email for more details!

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## **Polishing Your Prose: Tips for Self-Editing**

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## **DWW CRITIQUE GROUP CALENDAR 2020**

All Critique Group meetings are scheduled for the second Saturday of the month and will be held via Zoom during the Covid 19 pandemic. Print out and post on your refrigerator!

2020

June 13

July 11

August 8

September 12

October 10

November 14

December 12