



DETROIT WORKING WRITERS  
NOVEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER



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**Welcome to your November 2020 newsletter! Our 120 year old organization's mission is to encourage creative writing of the highest professional standard.**



**The next DWW Board Meeting will be on Saturday, January 9, 2021, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. via Zoom.**

**Please contact Roberta Brown at [rlbrown417@gmail.com](mailto:rlbrown417@gmail.com) if you wish to attend via Zoom no later than Monday, January 4, 2021.**



**SAVE THE DATE FOR A SPECIAL**

**DWW ZOOM EVENT:**

**SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2021**

**2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Pulitzer Prize winning poet and memoirist**

**Natasha Tretheway**

**Readings, Interview, and Questions and Answers**

**More details soon!**





## **ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED/NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN!**

DWW's Annual Meeting will be held via Zoom on

Saturday, April 10, 2021

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Elections for Board Offices and Directors will be held during this meeting. A Nominating Committee consisting of Roberta Brown, Michelle Morouse, and Theresa Nielsen have been working to produce a slate for the April 10 election. As of the writing of this newsletter, DWW Established Writers who have been nominated and have accepted the nomination are as follows:

President - Cindy Hampel

Vice-President - Michelle Morouse

Secretary - Laura Hedgecock

Treasurer - open

Honorary Director - Kathleen Ripley Leo

Please note that more than one person can be nominated for each office/directorship. If you have someone you wish to nominate, they must accept your nomination in order to be on the ballot.

The office of President has very specific requirements as outlined in the DWW Constitution:



1. The President must have served on the Board in another capacity as an Officer, Honorary Director, or Committee Chair for at least one year.
2. The President (and all Board Members) must observe the DWW Constitution and Bylaws in all DWW matters.
3. The President shall attend at least seventy-five percent of DWW Board meetings.

If you have someone you would like to nominate for an office and they accept your nomination, please email one of the committee members:

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Michelle Morouse [memorouse@hotmail.com](mailto:memorouse@hotmail.com)

Theresa Nielsen [skipcharlie210@gmail.com](mailto:skipcharlie210@gmail.com)



### DWW MEMBERS' LATEST AWARDS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLICATION CREDITS

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**Linda Nemec Foster** was recently nominated for the 2020 Michigan Humanities Award. Three categories were featured and Linda was one of only eight people in the state honored as a nominee for Humanities Champion of the Year. Also, her new poetry book (her twelfth collection) will be published next spring—*The Blue Divide* is forthcoming from New Issues Press in April of 2021. The manuscript was selected by Nancy Eimers as an editor’s choice from submissions to the Press’ Green Rose Prize. In the last several months, Linda’s work has received several other honors: 1) her poem, “A Modern Parable for the End of the World,” was an honorable mention in the 2020 Allen Ginsberg Poetry Contest and will be published in the *Paterson Literary Review*; 2) her prose piece, “Gallery of the Street,” was a finalist in the 2020 *River Styx* Microfiction Contest; 3) her prose piece, “Babel,” was an Honorable Mention in *New Millennium Writings* Flash Fiction Award; and 4) her prose piece, “Scattering the Ashes on Lake Geneva,” was nominated for the 2020 Best Microfiction Anthology. This annual anthology (like the Pushcart Prize Anthology) honors the best microfiction published in literary journals and magazines throughout the year.

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Michelle Morouse writes “My micro-fiction, “*My Dentist is a Werewolf*,” is up in Parhelion's Halloween issue”<https://parhelionliterary.com/michelle-morouse/> I also have a flash up in Cease, Cows:<https://ceasecows.com/category/featured-rare-flash/>

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Meg Chorzempa tells us “I had a piece nominated for a Pushcart Prize for the "Best of the Small Presses" series. The piece is entitled, "A Different Kind of Home," and the small press that nominated it was IHRAF Publishes. That's the International Human Rights Art Festival.”

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J. DeMarco, the Publisher/Editor-in-Chief of the magazine *Mysterical-E*, writes in the latest issue:

*It's getting chillier now that fall is here and, while any weather is good reading weather, the chillier times when one can huddle with a cup of coffee and an issue of Mysterical-E are even more amenable to reading. This issue of Mysterical-E has a number of stories...*

One of those stories is **Fluffy** by DWW member Bill Rathburg. This is a link to this issue [Current Issue – Mysterical-E](#)

This is a link to **Fluffy** [Fluffy – Mysterical-E](#)

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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.



Our webmistress Barb Drozdowich tells us:

I'm the coordinator of events for the Federation of BC Writers - my provincial writing organization. I thought I'd pass on information about our upcoming events for you to share as you see fit.

The link to the list is <https://mailchi.mp/b9f83458aa59/upcoming-sunday-webinars?e=ce6da070c2>

Prices are in Canadian dollars - a big savings for US folks.

## PREVIEWS OF COMING ATTRACTIONS

Since we are still not able to meet indoors or outdoors due to social distancing and masking requirements, our Program Director Barb Rebbeck has been busy organizing the following Zoom workshops/activities for us:

Registration is now open at [www.ropl.org](http://www.ropl.org) for the Falling for a Good Book series. You **MUST** register to receive the Zoom site emailed to you. Once you go to the library site, click on Events. Go to the calendar for each night, Nov, Dec. You have to register for each night separately. We hope you will support all our authors by signing up for the remaining two nights.



## Falling for a Good Book: Three Evenings with DWW Authors

Put down that rake and let Detroit Working Writers (DWW) and President Roberta Brown help you welcome the fall season with readings from their authors. DWW was founded in 1900 and has boasted such distinguished members as Joyce Carol Oates, Judith Guest, and Naomi Long Madgett. No need to leave your house. The authors will come into your living room courtesy of Royal Oak Public Library and Zoom.

**Tuesday, November 10 at 7 pm, Fantasy and Sci Fi Writing:** This evening's featured author will be Amy Sevan from Troy with her novels, *Pledge of Ashes* and *Curse of Ashes*. She will discuss the fantasy genre, her road to publishing, and read from her books. Other DWW authors reading that night will be Veronica Dale, Annemarie Schiavi Pedersen, and RL Herron.

**Monday, December 7 at 7 pm, Middle Grade and Young Adult Writing:** Royal Oak's own Kristin Bartley Lenz, author of *The Art of Holding on and Letting Go* will talk about the YA genre, how she published, and read from her novel. DWW authors Jean Alicia Elster, Barbara J. Rebbeck, Theresa Nielsen, and Diane VanderBeke Mager will also read.



## Calling all DWW Authors!

We invite you to participate in the Zoom event, **Love in the Time of Covid** on February 20, 2021 at 2 pm. We would love to hear your poetry or prose on the subject of love. Any kind of love. Love for your partner, friend, relative, pet. Love of writing, reading, a favorite place, etc. We hope to have an hour's worth of readings from the hearts of DWW writers. If you are interested, please email Barb at [barbararebbeck@gmail.com](mailto:barbararebbeck@gmail.com)

We also invite all DWW authors who have published or won competitions or received honors for their works in the past two years (2019-2020) to share their work at a Zoom event, **Hats Off and Hurrahs** on March 20, 2021 at 2 pm. We will burst with pride to share our talents. Don't be shy, this is our time to brag. Again, please email Barb at [barbararebbeck@gmail.com](mailto:barbararebbeck@gmail.com)

If you email Barb, please indicate which event/s you are interested in. We will schedule these events through Eventbrite if we have enough participants interested.







## Social Media News

### A Reminder: **For Facebook and LinkedIn posts:**

- Keep your submissions short and sweet. (I can do some editing, but if it's too time intensive, I'll do what the old fashioned newspaper editors did and only share the top of the story. Who, what, when, where, and why.)
- Include the link to your event or where your book can be purchased.
- If you'd like to include an image, attach it in your email. (JPG format only)
- Upcoming events should be submitted a minimum of 2-3 weeks prior to the event.
- Please email your news to: [socialmedia4dww@gmail.com](mailto:socialmedia4dww@gmail.com)

(This email will be checked every 7 to 10 days so please be aware of your time-line for book launches and events.)

If you're a do-it-yourselfer, you are always welcome to share appropriate posts on DWW pages.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to help promote our organization and our members. If you have any suggestions you'd like to share, I'm open to the assistance.

Remember –

**Follow** DWW on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/detroitworkingwriters>, on LinkedIn at <https://www.linkedin.com/company/15953515>, and on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/DetWkgWriters/>.

Happy Writing,  
Terry Hojnacki  
DWW Social Media Co-Chair



## **TWITTER**

Twitter Wrangler Richard Stiennon reminds us that @Det-WkgWriters is DWW's Twitter handle. Richard asks that you supply him with your Twitter handle so he can add you to the curated list of DWW members. He will use that to elevate your Tweets. Email him at

[richard@it-harvest.com](mailto:richard@it-harvest.com)



The Metro-Detroit Book and Author Society is pleased to announce our first ever virtual author talk series on Zoom.

We are continuing our tradition, started in 1972, of bringing the best authors to our loyal readers, even in these challenging times.

Save these dates and times on your calendar and we will keep you updated about the series and ticket information/availability via this newsletter and our website. You can also download and print a copy of our [2020 Series Flyer \(PDF\)](#) and share it in any manner that works for you.

**Monday Nov 16, 2020 @ 7pm EST**

- Sandra Brown
- Book: Thick as Thieves
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**Monday Dec 7, 2020 @ 7pm EST**

- Mary Norris
- Book: Greek to Me
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**Monday Dec 21, 2020 @ 7pm EST**

- Karen Dionne
- Book: The Wicked Sister

Your attendance at these events provides the crucial financial resources we depend on for our grants that promote literacy in the Greater Detroit Area in addition to supporting an independent Detroit-based bookstore when you buy a copy of the book.

Be sure to check out:

[lithub.com](http://lithub.com)

**The Virtual Book Channel**



## DWW CRITIQUE GROUP CALENDAR 2020/2021

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

December 12

2021

January 9

February 13

March 13

April 10

May 8

### DWW SATURDAY ZOOM ROOM SILENT WRITING DATES AND TIMES

FOR NOVEMBER 2020  
ALL ON SATURDAYS  
10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

November 7

November 14

November 21

November 28

If you are not already on the regular attendees list and are interested in joining in, email Roberta Brown at

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