



DETROIT WORKING WRITERS
OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

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**Welcome to your October 2020 newsletter! Our 120 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 on Saturday, October 10, 2020, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. via Zoom.

Please contact Roberta Brown at rlbrown417@gmail.com if you wish to attend via Zoom no later than Monday, October 5, 2020.

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**ANNOUNCING A SPECIAL DWW ZOOM EVENT:**

**SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2020**

**2:00 p.m.**

**Pulitzer Prize winning poet and now memoirist**

**Natasha Tretheway**

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

**More details soon!**

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DWW MEMBERS' LATEST AWARDS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLICATION CREDITS

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Michelle Morouse tells us that her poem, "Looking at Tongues," appears in the current issue of Lullwater Review.

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Congratulations to the following DWW members for the following Poetry Society of Michigan contest awards:

Category 7: Love
2nd place: "Redolent" by Diana Dinverno
Honorable Mention: "Falling" by Christian Belz

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Richard Stiennon tells us that on the first day of fall, he woke up to Curmudgeon making it into the Top 100 Business Consulting books. <https://www.amazon.com/Curmudgeon-How.../dp/B08HQ58JQD/>  
And Curmudgeon is now available through Barnes & Noble!

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Meg Chorzempa says, "I have a piece, "Running After Her," in the September issue of Brevity Magazine, which is a special issue focusing on experiences of disability."

Here's the link:

<https://brevitymag.com/current-issue/running-after-her/>

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Kristin Bartley Lenz was invited by the Georgia Writers Association to present at the Red Clay Writers Virtual Conference on Nov. 14th-15th. Her workshop is Resilience and Revision: What



I've Learned on my Path to Publishing. See the diverse list of speakers/workshops/panels and registration info here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/red-clay-writers-virtual-conference-tickets-120576277893>

Also, her YA novel, *The Art of Holding On and Letting Go*, was chosen by the Royal Oak Public Library for their October Teen Book Club. She's thankful to DWW for organizing the Springing to Mind Series at the library which helped increase the awareness of her novel!

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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

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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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:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2020
7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Writing (about) Your Family History

Laura Hedgecock

Start putting the family story to paper. Laura Hedgecock discusses practical and creative ways to document the past and write the stories of relatives and ancestors.

Laura's Bio:

Laura Hedgecock is an author, speaker, and genealogy blogger passionate about helping others tell stories which connect loved ones with their family and ancestry.

Her book, [MEMORIES OF ME: A COMPLETE GUIDE TO TELLING AND SHARING THE STORIES OF YOUR LIFE](#), guides and empowers memory collectors with down-to-earth, practical advice and creative ideas. Her website, [TreasureChestofMemories.com](https://www.treasurechestofmemories.com), provides practical advice on preserving and sharing memories and family stories.

Laura serves as President of the 3400+ member GeneaBloggers organization and secretary of Detroit Working Writers. She has also authored *BLOGGING FOR FAMILY HISTORY*, which provides a road map for launching a blog and making it successful.

To register, click here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/writing-about-your-family-history-tickets-107383697530>



Registration is now open at 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, Oct, Nov, Dec. You have to register for each night separately. We hope you will support all our authors by signing up for all 3 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, October 6 at 7 pm, Memoir and Family History Writing: Our featured speaker this evening will be Algonac author, Angela Rochon. She will share her journey to publishing and read from her memoir, *Fatherless*. Following Angela, DWW authors Myroslava Stefaniuk, and Nancy Owen Nelson will read.

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

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

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.



Library of America features a "Story of the Week." To sign up, go to loa.org, click on News & Views, then go to Story of the Week



Social Media News **from Terry Hojnacki**

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
- (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

As part of our reinvigorated social media effort, Richard Stiennon has jumped in to be our Twitter wrangler. Don't be surprised if you see likes and reTweets from @DetWkgWriters. 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



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 Oct 19, 2020 @ 7pm EST

- Sue Miller
- Book: Monogamy
- Tickets available soon! **Book included with ticket.**

Monday Nov 16, 2020 @ 7pm EST

- Sandra Brown
- Book: Thick as Thieves

Monday Dec 7, 2020 @ 7pm EST

- Mary Norris
- Book: Greek to Me

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.



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

November 14

December 12

2021

January 9

February 13

March 13

April 10

DWW SATURDAY ZOOM ROOM SILENT WRITING DATES AND TIMES

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

October 3

October 10

October 17

October 24

October 31

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

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