

COLUMBIA WRITER'S GUILD

APRIL 2016 NEWSLETTER

SHOW ME WRITERS MASTERCLASS 2016

Date: November 5th and 6th

Place: MU Student Center

Registration: Open April 15th



For more info on our upcoming conference, refer to our March Newsletter. On Sunday of the conference, attendees will have the pleasure of spending the day with Chuck Sambuchino (Writer's Digest marketing expert).

We are very excited about Mr. Sambuchino's presence at our conference as our Keynote and Professional writing track instructor for Saturday evening and Sunday. In addition to being an editor for Writer Digest Books, he is a bestselling humor book writer and a freelance editor. With WD, Sambuchino edits the annual *Guide to Literary Agents* as well as the *Children's Writer's & Illustrator's Market*. His blog, *Guide to Literary Agents*, is one of the biggest blogs in publishing, averaging more than 300,000 page views each month. He was recently named by Forbes as one of the top influencers in publishing in recognition of his personal Twitter account.

His first humor book, *How to Survive a Garden Gnome Attack*, was released in Sept. 2010 and has been featured by Reader's Digest, USA Today, the *New York Times* and AOL News. The film rights were optioned by Sony and director Robert Zemeckis (*Back to the Future*). His newest humor book is *When Clowns Attack: A Survival Guide*, which was released in fall 2015. In addition, he has also written three other writing-related titles: the third edition of *Formatting and Submitting Your Manuscript* (2009), as well as *Create Your Writer Platform* (2012). His latest writing guide is *Get a Literary Agent* (2015).

Sambuchino is a former staffer of several newspaper and magazines—most notably *Writer's Digest*. During his tenure as a newspaper reporter, he won awards from both the Kentucky Press Association and the Cincinnati Society of Professional Journalists. He is a produced playwright, with both original and commissioned works produced. During the past decade, more than 700 of his articles have appeared in newspapers, magazines, and books.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR SHOWME WRITERS MASTERCLASS 2016

Treasurer's Assistant: a helpful person will be needed in the three months before the event.

Promotion Team Members: help with professional communication and marketing as we get the word out about Masterclass 2016. Let Lori Younker or Brianna Boes know if you wish to participate and learn these skills.

Junior Mentorship Outreach: reach out and spread the word at our high schools

Our Mentorship Manager is Susan Koenig, and our PR Promotion Manager is Brianna Boes. If you are interested in helping with either promotion or managing our mentors, please contact them.

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NEW OFFICER APPOINTEES TO BE VOTED ON

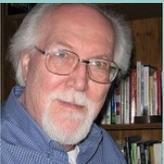
Officer appointees will be announced for member's approval on April 3, 2016. They are:

Vice-President: Deb Sutton

Secretary: Peggy Crawford

UPCOMING GUILD MEETINGS

April 3: Memoir Madness. Speaker: Wayne Groner and Cathy Salter. Bring scrapbooks, archived family history, and memoir for table-top Show and Tell. Writing your Memoir Workshop (3:30-4:30). Note the extended time of the optional workshop.



Wayne E. Groner, a personal historian and writing coach helps people write their memoirs and life stories. He is author of *A Guide to Writing Your Memoir or Life Story: Tools, Tips, Methods, and Examples*, and three other nonfiction books. He posts mini-memoirs on his website, www.waynegroner.com, and teaches a class on how to write memoirs and life stories. He is past president of Springfield Writer's Guild and was project coordinator for an anthology of works by members of the Guild.



"Cathy Salter has an artist's eye, a poet's ear, and a lover's heart. Her essays invite the reader to partake of a wondrous life filled with the joys of country walks, great books, travel to distant locales, and good food shared with dear friends."
—Matthew Goodman

Cathy Salter has written *Notes From Boomerang Creek*, and she can be found online at www.cathysalter.com.

"I'd almost rather see the world through a beautifully clear, unselfconscious page of prose like that of Cathy Salter's than to see the world itself. This is a fine book, and a gift to its readers." —Ted Kooser, 2004-2006, U.S. Poet Laureate

May 1: Critiques or session with Walter Barga, Missouri Poet Laureate on Poetic Elements. www.walterbarga.com

June 5: Launch of *Well Versed 2016: Under Lock and Key*. Open Mic, awards, and prize money distribution