



Columbia Writers' Guild E-Newsletter

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Nurturing Writers...that's what we do.

ShowMe Writers Masterclass: The 3rd Annual ShowMe Writers Masterclass is October 28-29, 2017. Early Bird Registration pricing ends Thursday, August 31st, 2017.

Register today at <http://www.showmewriters.com/registration/>.

RSVP for the conference on the Facebook event

page:<https://www.facebook.com/events/111343246111970>.

Without the help of guild members we would not be able to host our conference. Here is how you can contribute to the success of this great event:

- Please watch this video tutorial on how you can use Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to spread the word about the conference:
<https://youtu.be/6uwgLh4RimI>
 - Sign up for volunteer opportunities that will help promote and grow the conference and earn you a discounted ticket: <http://signup.com/go/naWWgGT>
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Flash Fiction Contest Winners: The Columbia Writers Guild hosted the Summer Speedy Flash Fiction contest in June. Each week, members received a photograph via email. Participants had a short amount of time to write a paragraph, dialogue, mini-story, diary entry, poem or song that fit the image. Entries had to be 200 words or less. Congratulations to the winners!

- **WEEK 4: 1st Place - Terry Allen** for *Walking Toward the Edge*, **2nd Place - Frank Montagnino** for *Soloman Gomes Roams*, **Honorable Mention - Kristian Wingo** for *A Double Escape*
- **WEEK 3: 1st Place- Kristian Wingo** for *The Madman's Concerto*, **2nd Place-Nancy Jo Cegla** for *The Quick Brown Fox*, **3rd Place-Terry Allen** for *Untitled*
- **WEEK 2: 1st Place- Terry Allen** for *Leaving County Cork, 1837*, **2nd Place-Von Pittman** for *The Navy Way*
- **WEEK 1: 1st Place-Ida Betti Fogle** for *Blue Silk*, **2nd Place (tie)-Frank Montagnino** for *Ephermal* and **Chinwe Ndubuka** for *The Ritual*, **Editor's Choice-Nancy Jo Allen** for *De'ja'vu*

Upcoming Meetings

All [meetings](#) are held from 2-4 p.m. at Unity Center (**1600 W. Broadway, Columbia, MO**)

- **August:** There will be no formal meeting this month. Instead, we will do genre round tables! (various dates and locations around Columbia).
- **Sunday September 10:** Panel discussion and mock pitch fest with ShowMe Writers Masterclass mentors.
- **Sunday, October 1:** Critiques

WORKSHOPS/CLASSES

Power of the Pen: Identities and Social Issues in Poetry and Plays (July 17-Sept. 5): The International Writing Program at the University of Iowa presents this

free online course on poetry and playwriting. For more information go to:

<https://app.novoed.com/poetry-and-plays-2017>

Free Plot Webinar (July 22): USA Today bestselling author Mary Buckham will present a free one-hour webinar called "5 Steps to Power Up Your Killer Novel." Reserve your space at <https://onwriting.lpages.co/5-steps-webinar-june-2017/>

Screenwriting 101 Workshop (July 22-Stephens College, Columbia): The Missouri Film Office is hosting Scriptwriting 101 with MoStories mentor Ken LaZebnik. Please RSVP to andrea.sporcic@ded.mo.gov to attend this FREE one-day workshop. For more information, go to: <https://goo.gl/CtzXeD>

Lunchtime Playwriting Camp (July 10-14, July 17-21, July 24-28, August 7-11, Talking Horse Productions, Columbia): Led by playwright and dramaturg Jenn Book Haselswerdt, each week will delve into a different aspect of playwriting. Students will gather each day for warm-up activities that will spark their creativity, including physical theatre and improvisation; targeted writing exercises; out-loud reading and discussion of the work we've generated around the table; and the fun of being creative with like-minded theatrical people. All students will walk away with practical tools they can use right away to enrich their lives as writers. All levels are welcome. For more information, go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/735061120007110/>

2017 Friends of Arrow Rock Writing Workshop (Aug. 11-12, Arrow Rock):

Do you love to write? Spend two relaxing days in the beautiful, historic village of Arrow Rock, Missouri devoted to your passion for writing. The 2017 Arrow Rock Writing Workshop takes place Aug. 11-12, and features sessions sure to inspire your creativity, bust you out of your writer's block, and hone your self-promotion skills. Learn more and register at <http://friendsofarrowrock.org/writingworkshop/>. Space is limited; register today!

Free Writing & Editing Assistance: Guild member Marsha Posz offers free writing and editing help at the Missouri River Regional Library in Jefferson City. Appointments are accepted for Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. For more information, go to www.mrrl.org/adult-programming/writing-guru/