

# COLUMBIA WRITER'S GUILD

## SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

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### MEMBER HIGHLIGHT: SHEREE K. NIELSEN



Sheree K. Nielsen is a resident of Wentzville, MO and has been a member of the Columbia Writer's Guild for about three years. She is a freelance writer and photographer, and she has been published in multiple travel and family publications, as well as a variety of other anthologies, newsletters, and anthologies. Her proudest moment was publishing a 'healing' coffee table book of photography and lyrical poetry titled *Folly Beach Dances—The Infinite Rhythms of a South Carolina Seashore*. The book was nominated for the Eric Hoffer Award and won the da Vinci Eye Award for excellence in book cover design for 2015.

#### Question and Answer

**Q: What do you write?**

*A: For my freelance jobs I write about travel, architecture, homes, inspiring people, gardening, sports, and animals. For myself, I love crafting personal essays about how we're all connected to each other through travel, nature, and family.*

**Q: Where do you find inspiration?**

*A: My greatest inspiration is animals, nature, the beach, the ocean, the little things in life, and "God things".*

**Q: Who is your favorite author, and why?**

*A: My favorite author is Garth Stein, who wrote "The Art of Racing in the Rain." Reading this book, I went through every emotion I could think of—happiness, sadness, anger, pain, joy, depression, hope, among others. I had the opportunity to meet Garth last summer at a book signing at the St. Louis County Library. He is genuine and passionate about his craft, and says, "If even one person loves my book, then I've done my job."*

**Q: How did you become interested in writing?**

*A: I loved writing poems as a child and picked it up again later in life. I became interested in writing again when a friend asked me more than three times to attend a writer's meeting. I've been writing on a regular basis since 2008, and I can't think of anything I'd rather do.*

**Q: Is there anything else you would like to share about you as a writer?**

*A: Just keep writing. Of course life happens and sometimes we set our sails in the wrong direction, but above all, keep writing. And even better, if you have great friends that are writers, let them critique your work. You'll find yourself learning from constructive criticism, and getting better at your craft. It helps to have a supply of dark chocolate available, as well!*

*Folly Beach Dances: <http://beachdances.com> and check out the FB page  
Sheree's Warm Fuzzies: <https://shereenielsen.wordpress.com>*

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### CHALLENGE WINNER: JULIE PIMBLETT



Congratulations to the winner of our June Flash Fiction Challenge!

When not in Columbia, Julie Pimblett lives in the mountains of Spain with her husband and two dogs. She writes about every day people facing life's challenges. She is very grateful to Bridget Bufford and the students of her Columbia workshop for encouraging her writing.

### UPCOMING GUILD MEETINGS

**September 13th:** Scott Dallymple: Sustaining Mood via Fantasy/Science Fiction

**November 7th:** Show Me Writer's Masterclass

our website where you can register and learn more.

**October 4th:** Critique Meeting

Note: For more info on our conference (Show Me Writers Masterclass) please see

**December 6th:** Open Mic. Come read to us your work!

### Check out the following Literary Journals. They're local publications looking for talent!

New Letters	Pleiades Literary Journal	Mid Rivers Review
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