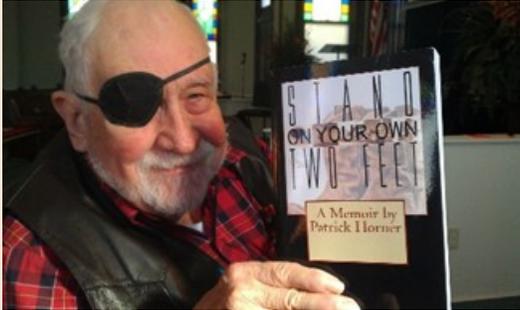


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MEMBER HIGHLIGHT: PAT HORNER



Mr. Pat Horner from Auxvasse, Missouri has been a member of the Columbia Writer's Guild for about 3 years. He's a retired Associate Circuit Judge, now Senior Judge. He has published an article, "Our Criminal Justice System—Justice, or Merely Criminal?" in the Kansas City Law Review in 1995, and more recently, a book titled *Stand on Your Own Two Feet* with Branch Hill Publications.

Question and Answer with Pat Horner:

Q: What do you write?

A: *Autobiography and essays.*

Q: Where do you find inspiration?

A: *My personal experiences, primarily. Also current events.*

Q: Who is your favorite author, and why?

A: *Ralph Waldo Emerson—He believed in and taught personal freedom of thought and corresponding responsibility.*

Q: How did you become interested in writing?

A: *I have been writing since the first year of High School. I was required to enter an essay contest and won second prize.*

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

A: *That's about it. I have spent 41 years (one-half of my life) on the bench; another 10 years in private practice of law as a solo practitioner in a small town.*

UPCOMING GUILD MEETINGS

January 1st: Critiques; Meeting in the Friendship Hall (next to kitchen)

February 1st: Special Speaker from Village Books; Trends in Romance; Usual Room

March 1st: Critiques; Friendship Hall

April 12th: Special Speakers, Liz Schulte on Writing Blurbs and More; Usual Room

May 3rd: Critiques; Usual Room

June 7th: Launch of Well Versed; Usual Room

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