

 Chattanooga
Writers' Guild

News & Updates

Greetings, fellow writers! Well, after months of telling myself that I needed to get the flu shot, and months of also telling myself as I crawled into bed each night, "I'll get it tomorrow!", I (big surprise here!) caught the flu. For all last week I lay on the couch and prayed that whatever my husband needed (he too had the flu), he could get it himself. I watched nine movies. I read *A Dance with Dragons*. I cancelled all my plans. I ceased to care about the outside world. Freeze, burn, it mattered not.

When I finally emerged from my house yesterday, I felt like a Time Traveler stepping forth into an unfamiliar world. "What day is it?" "Who's the president?" "Do we still have a moon?"

It was a similar feeling to when I'm lost in a good book. A really good book is a wormhole to another world. You get sucked in and then you *live* there. This world ceases to exist and it's almost physically painful when something jars you back. Know what I mean? Tell me about your adventures with wormholes at NoogaNewsletter@gmail.com.

Another great CWG party!

Thanks to all who came out last week! It was fun! See you in 2019!



Enjoying the potluck dinner.



Making new friends.



Entertaining the guests.

Mad Gab

Here's how to play: Read the following nonsensical sentences aloud and try to guess the title of the famous literary work you're saying. Answers at the bottom.

Thin eye it bee fork risked muss
Acre wrist mask hair awl

CWG Winter Writers Workshop

Our next workshop will be held Saturday, January 26, 2019, from 9 AM to 5 PM at Chattanooga Community College. We will have sessions featuring craft and lectures in Poetry, Fiction, and Non-Fiction. Save the Date! More details to come!

Member Spotlight with Cynthia Young

When did you first consider yourself to be a writer?

Every time I get a piece published, I consider myself a writer. I'm starting to really own the title when I won first place in the CWG Writer's contest! I've never done that before!

What other hobbies do you enjoy? Writing isn't a hobby anymore. It's what I do most every day. But my hobbies are reading, making quilts, exercising, shopping as therapy, going to the library or indie bookstore wherever I am, teaching Special Education for teachers, and teaching individuals with disabilities.

What was the best concert you've ever been to? The Best concert I've ever attended was Kool & the Gang with my husband and two oldest kids back in the '80's.

Who is your favorite character from a novel? I hated saying goodbye to Neil Gaiman's two brothers in Anansi's Boys. I loved them!

Tell us about your muse or source of motivation. Other Black women writers inspire me...especially Toni Morrison. She's perfection. For poetry, it's Ron Rash.

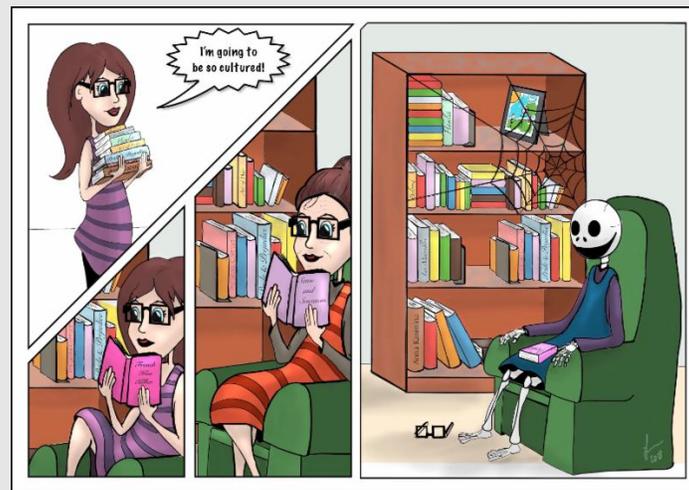
What does your writing area look like? There's stack of books on the floor and in the bookcase, half finished quilts, papers, files with more papers, postcards, and pictures of my kids all over. It's a mess. But the room gets a lot of sun!

What is your favorite recipe to bring to a party? Anything with sugar in it.

What is your favorite book on writing? I actually loved Stephen King's book on writing.

What is the best thing about living in Chattanooga? Seven of my eight kids live here, and eight of my grandchildren...it should be nine by the time anyone reads this!

Who do you nominate for next month? Wesley Sims!



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Word to Know

Circumspect: adj. Cautious. Considering all sides.

The doctor was *circumspect* about prescribing an antibiotic.

Mad Gab answers: The Night Before Christmas, A Christmas Carol

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