

# Chattanooga **Writers' Guild**

## News & Updates

### Our first Monthly Meeting of 2019 will feature **Kelle Z. Riley**

“A Writer’s Primer on Poisons”

Kelle Z. Riley will discuss how to do research on poisons for use in books as well as writing techniques and tips for suspending disbelief and crafting scenes in works containing mystery and suspense elements.

Kelle is a writer, speaker, global traveler, Ph.D. chemist and martial artist who weaves bits of her real life into the Undercover Cat Series books. The series features a scientist-turned-sleuth who juggles mystery, romance and the search for a perfect cupcake recipe.

By day Kelle is a full time chemist working in water treatment with multiple U.S. patents. At night she turns into an author whose accolades include finals in the RWA Golden Heart and numerous chapter contests. More information can be found at [www.facebook.com/kellezriley](https://www.facebook.com/kellezriley), [www.twitter.com/kellezriley](https://www.twitter.com/kellezriley), or [www.kellezriley.net](http://www.kellezriley.net).



The meeting will be held **Tuesday, January 8** from 6-9 PM at the Edney Innovation Center, 1100 Market Street on the 5th Floor. Street parking is free after 6, or you may park behind the Bessie Smith Cultural Center, just a few blocks away.

We will have one **last call for book donations**. If you were unable to attend our holiday party last month, but would still like to donate new or gently-loved books to Moccasin Bend Mental Health Institute, please bring them with you on Tuesday. They have asked for books appropriate for all ages, but no horror or conspiracy theory.



## Residency Opportunity!

Great Smoky Mountains Association has announced the launch of the first ever writer’s residency offered in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Funded by GSMA, the Steve Kemp Writer’s Residency is designed to connect writers with the Smokies in meaningful ways and to inspire some of their best work. The program is named for 30-year GSMA veteran Steve Kemp, who retired in September 2017 after directing the publication of hundreds of books, magazines, brochures and newsletters that continue to support the preservation of the national park. GSMA will accept applications for the first

Steve Kemp Writer's Residency through January 15, 2019.

One writer will be selected to live in Great Smoky Mountains National Park from March 3 to April 13, 2019. "The writer's residency is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for one lucky writer to spend six blissful weeks immersed in the Smokies to focus on their craft," said Great Smoky Mountains Association Chief Executive Officer Laurel Rematore. "The chosen writer will follow the footsteps of—and spend real time with—Steve Kemp in an effort to create written works that move visitors to a greater appreciation of and stewardship for Great Smoky Mountains National Park. In exchange for their stay in the park, the writer will generate experiences to help promote visitor understanding of the need to preserve and care for this national treasure."

With his long-standing contributions to both GSMA and Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Steve Kemp is the perfect inspiration for the writer's residency. Kemp's first story on managing wildlife in national parks was published in 1983 and won the Montana Audubon Society Journalism Award. He has remained on the same path, more or less, ever since. Counted among his writing credentials are a variety of periodicals and journals including Outside, Outdoor Life, National Parks, Outdoor Photographer, Discovery Travel Adventures, Blue Ridge Country, Smokies Guide and Smokies Life. His books include Trees of the Smokies, Great Smoky Mountains: Simply Beautiful, Great Smoky Mountains: A Visual Journey, We're Going to the Mountains, Great Smoky Mountains: Natural Wonder, National Park, and, perhaps most notably, Who Pooped in the Park? For full residency details and instructions for submitting applications, visit [SmokiesInformation.org/Writers-Residency](http://SmokiesInformation.org/Writers-Residency).

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**Registration for the Winter Writers Workshop is open! 9 AM to 5 PM, Saturday, January 26 at Chatt State. You don't want to miss this! [Click here to sign up!](#)**

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