Our mission is to foster a dynamic literary and writing community that advances the cultural life of Western Colorado.

westerncoloradowriters'forum

WCWF, 740 Gunnison Ave., Suite 205, Grand Junction, CO 81501 Volume 4:3 March 2018

Current News & Views

Attend the open WCWF board meeting - Wed., March 7, 11am, 740 Gunnison, GJ.

Donate some time and energy to increasing writing awareness on the Western Slope - Join the Board!

Out and About wants your poems, 20 lines or less; appropriate material. Send to *mindyrice@yahoo.com*.

Relocating to the Grand Valley magazine may be **looking for writers** for this next issue the publisher and I (editor) are starting to plan. Contact Sharon Sullivan 970-245-5938

Save the Dates

April 3 - Writers Night; Jim Van Pelt, "Writing Dramatic & Lively Dialogue"

May 1 - Writers Night; T.J. Gerlach, "Going Short: Writing Flash Fiction"

April 18, Wed. - Rabbit Holes #2: Living the Ridiculously Creative Life" with Dave Davis, Lyle Nichols, and Cullen Purser.

WCWF survives on dues and grants. Pay your dues, make a donation or find out what you can sponsor at *www.westerncoloradowriters.org.*

Send news and contributions to *virg@leafmedia.com*

Rabbit Holes: Conversations with Writers, Artists, and Other Eccentrics hosted by Wendy Videlock

Join us for an evening of conversation, poetry and reflections on the power of language, the role of the artist, the importance of place and living the relentlessly creative life, first in a new monthly series.

David Mason is the former Poet Laureate of Colorado. Mason's works include *The Buried Houses*, winner of the Nicholas Roerich Poetry Prize; *The Country I Remember*, winner of the Alice Fay Di Castagnola Award; *Arrivals*; and the historic verse novel *Ludlow*, awarded the Colorado Book Award for Poetry and named the best book of poetry for 2007 by the Contemporary Poetry Review and the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum. Wendy will interview Mason on his creative life and adventures. Musical guest is Sassy Red. KAFM's wine bar will be open.

Both are also appearing at Grand Valley Books, 350 Main, GJ, on Wed., Mar 21, 6pm, for a joint reading. Open to the public; see page 2 for more.

David Mason

KAFM or WCWF members $5; non-members/$10

To reserve seats, mail to: betty@kafmradio.org

Doors open at 6:30pm

Tuesday, March 20 · KAFM Radio Room

Writers Night • Tues. March 6 • 5:30 • FREE • Central Library GJ

Be Prepared: Plotting a Novel with Patti Hill

Plotters create notebooks of research, character profiles, and completely plot their stories. Only then do they power up their PCs. I'm a plotter. I'll take you through my pre-writing process, providing rationale for all I do and leave you with a handout of the questions I pose at the beginning of each new project.

Supported by the Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture

Mason and Videlock Read at GVB

Grand Valley Books presents an evening of poetry with former Colorado poet laureate David Mason and award-winning local poet Wendy Videlock on Wednesday, March 21, at 6pm.

Wendy Videlock is the author of several full-length collections of poetry. Her work has appeared widely and twice been selected for inclusion in Best American Poetry. She lives, writes and also paints in Palisade.

See Mason's information on page 1.

350 Main, Grand Junction; open mic afterward.

WHAT YOU MISSED!

Weeks Takes on Self Publishing

When Phyllis Moorman had to cancel her Writers Night class due to family illness, local author and writing teacher Jan Weeks stepped in to fill the slot. The crowd of over 30 gave excellent reviews.

Chautauqua Writing Workshops

March 5 and April 23; 6:30-8:30
with Susan Frontczack
$25 tuition

Many will remember Susan Frontczack from the creative workshop she gave last year on performing your work on stage. WCWF member Susan Hall suggests that this is a great opportunity for writers/thespians to craft a script about a historical character with coaching possibilities for performance and writing. Since these are first-person narrative story scripts based on accurate non-fiction information, it is a wonderful challenge for writers. The use of description, sensory images and dialogue are strongly encouraged. Missing one of the workshops is ok. This is a community group the museum is launching for a continuing source of storytellers/entertainers for both adult and student audiences. For information, contact Peter Booth at (970) 242-0971, ext. 2204 or pbooth@westcomuseum.org.

• One **poetry** and two **prose critique groups** are currently meeting. To find out more about these groups email Jane Miller at *cjmiller@gobrainstorm.net*.

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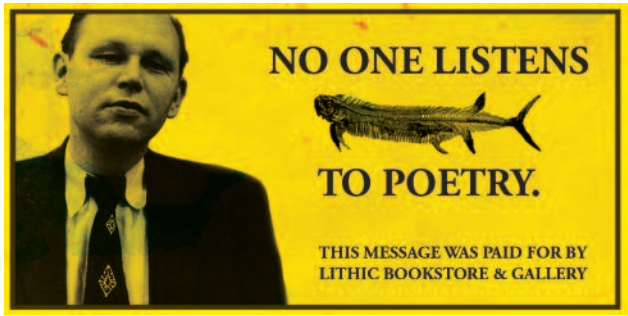

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AROUND THE REGION

Grand Junction

Mesa County Library

Poetry Night - Wed., Mar. 14, 6pm. Check out other events at *mesacountylibraries.org.*

Crystal Books, 439 Main, 1:00pm

Mind, Body, Spirit Classes - Free

Sun., March 18th - Linda H. Nelson, CHom: The Treatise of Love by the Master Maha Chohan

Sun., March 25th - Linda H. Nelson, CHom: Balancing Your Mind, Body and Spirit

Sat., March 31st - Stephanie Stanfield, PH.D, TH.D - The Secret Power of Stress!

crystalbooksandgifts.com

Poets & Writers of CMU

Mar. 22 - Poetry Reading with LaBecca Jones, Randy Phillis, and Alana Voth - third Thursdays; Five 60 Salon, 354 Main, GJ, 7pm, free.

Rocky Mountain Fiction Writers

Sat. Mar. 24 - 9-Noon; Incubator Bus. Ctr., GJ

Appealing to a Librarian with Elizabeth Bush - What do librarians look for in publishers, genres, blurbs, and book covers when selecting items to purchase.

Submitting to Colorado Gold with Terri Benson - Thinking about submitting to the unpublished writer's contest at Colorado Gold? Judge and finalist Terri Benson shows you how.

Check out all their offerings at:
http://rmfw.org/events/free-programs/ws/

Poetry Reading at The Kiln Coffee Bar, 326 Main, 7pm, last Tuesdays, open to the public, free coffee and tea. To participate, sign up with Tammy at *dragonflysummer@gmail.com*.

Fruita

At the Lithic

138 South Park Sq., #202, Fruita, CO - Th-Sat, 12-8.

March 2, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm The Life and Work of Robinson Jeffers the first in a series of free performances based on the life and work of various authors.

Featuring Valerie and Kim Nuzzo from Zephyr Stage, a theatre company based in Fruita, and Danny Rosen, this presentation will focus on the American poet Robinson Jeffers, and primarily his poem Roan Stallion.Known for his poems about the central California coast, much of Jeffers' poetry was written in narrative and epic form, but he is also known for his shorter verse and is considered an early icon of the environmental movement. Jeffers asked large questions, and the answers were not always apparent. He read deeply – psychology, myth and cultural anthropology. The knowledge he gained underlay most of the major work that followed.

"It is only a little planet, but how beautiful it is." – Robinson Jeffers

Check their Facebook page for more information.
facebook.com/LithicBookstoreAndGallery

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https://lithicbookstore.com/western-slope-literary-calendar/2018-01/

Do you write poetry? Let your words be heard! Enter the Fischer Poetry contest and win up to ?$1,000

2018 Fischer Prize in Poetry

Open to all poets living in the U.S. and its territories

$1000 winner & five $200 prizes

Deadline: May 1 2018

Judge: Joan Logghe, Santa Fe Poet Laureate emeritus

Info: talkinggourds.weebly.com/fischer-prize.html

or contact olivia@tellurideinstitute.org

Talking Gourds Tour

Featured artist for March - Jennifer Rayne Hancock, CMU professor and poet.

Telluride - Tues., March 27, 6pm, at Telluride Arts across the street from the Wilkinson Library in Telluride. 970-729-0220 for more info.

Contact Art Goodtimes, *shroompa@gmail.com*

Aspen

Aspen Poets Society reading and open mic is usually on the last Sunday of the month. February is Jodie Hollander.

For more information Contact Lisa Zimet at (970)379-2136 or *lisamaxz@aol.com*

Ridgway

Ridgway's Open Bard Series, first Thursday, promptly at 6:30 at the Sherbino theater.

ttps://www.facebook.com/RidgwayPoetry-Series/

WCWF Wrap-Up

Report from the Board

An open Board meeting convened on February 7, 2018, in the CFI Solarium with members Virginia Jensen, Joe Skinner, Linda Skinner and Joe Wilcox.

Discussion included web page content and design.

Upcoming programs were discussed. Patti Hill will lead the Library Night for March.

Wendy Videlock and Linda S. are confirming final plans and promo for the first of the Rabbit Hole Series at KAFM on March 20.

Linda reported that she will make a formal request to the GJ Arts Commission for funds for 1018 programs.

WCWF Board Members

Chairman - Joe Wilcox
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General Information

Pay your dues or make a donation at *www.westerncoloradowriters.org.*, or send a check to WCWF, 740 Gunnison Ave., Suite 205, GJ, CO 81501. Check out and like our Facebook page so that you'll be even more up to date. And! If you're a Twitter-er, follow the Forum on Twitter @westCOwriters.

Volunteers who can help with PR, set up events, and liaison with community groups are welcome. You ***are*** WCWF.

Western Slope Writers' Calendar - March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
"This is how you do it: you sit down at the keyboard and you put one word after another until its done. It's that easy, and that hard." — Neil Gaiman				1 Prose Critique , 1:30-3:30; p.2 Ridgway Poets, 6:30pm, p.3	2 Lithic Books, Fruita, 7pm, p.3	3
4	5	6 Writer's Night, 5:30-7:30, Central Library, p.1	7 **Board Meeting 11am, CFI,** p.1	8	9	10
11	12 11-1am, Poetrix Critique Group, Solarium, 740 Gunnison, p.2	13	14 Poetry Night, Central Library, GJ, 6pm, p.1	15 Prose Critique Groups, 1:30-3:30; 6-8pm, p.2	16	17
18 Crystal Books, 1pm, p.3	19	20 Rabbit Holes, 7pm, KAFM, p.1	21 Poetry Reading, 7pm, GVB, p.1 & 2	22 CMU Reading, 7pm, p.3	23	24 RMFW Workshop, Incubator, 9am, p.3
25 Crystal Books, 1pm, free, p.3 Poets Read, 6:30pm, Aspen, p.3	26 11-1am, Poetrix Critique Group, Solarium, 740 Gunnison, p.2	27 Talking Gourds, 6pm, Telluride, p.3 Poetry Reading at the Kiln, 7pm. p.3	28	29	30	31 Crystal Books, 1pm, p.3