

## Current News & Views

**Next open WCWF board meeting -  
September 10, 3:30 at CFI. See p.2.**

## Save the Date

**OCTOBER 10 WRITERS NIGHT**, will feature JANE MILLER. Jane's short story was accepted by the RMFW 2020 Anthology. She will inform us about the process of working with editors and publications to create a polished final product and still leave everyone happy.

**THE POE PROJECT** is looking for actors and readers to perform in its October events. See page 3 for more about the upcoming activities around the mysterious Poe.

**NOV. 13 SLAM "Why We Have Hope"** with Bobby Le Febre, nationally known slam poet from Denver. Actions are underway to host this on line if live site is not available. Look for more info here.

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN FICTION WRITERS** remains active on line. See their info for blogs, podcasts, on-line workshops and more at their web site: [rmfw.org](http://rmfw.org)

WCWF survives on dues and grants. Pay your dues, make a donation or find out what you can sponsor at [www.westerncoloradowriters.org](http://www.westerncoloradowriters.org).

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# ***Bibliotherapy: How Writing can Heal***



Bibliotherapy (or "book therapy") is a creative arts therapies modality that involves storytelling or the reading of specific texts with the purpose of healing. It uses an individual's relationship to the content of books and poetry and other written words as therapy.

Erica Kitman, an unabashed adherent of bibliotherapy, is the creator of a memoir-to-fiction process that can be employed as a path through emotional difficulties. Her books *Oh, Happy Day Spa!* and *Serafina's Feed Store* are works she produced by writing through her own early life traumas.

## **Writers Night - Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2020 - 6pm ZOOM**

To register and receive log on information, please send your name and email address to [wcwritersforum@gmail.com](mailto:wcwritersforum@gmail.com).

Workshop is limited to 20 participants.



## **Prompt and Circumstance • Thursday, Sept. 24 • 6:30-8:00 pm Cultivating Craft and Curiosity: a series of fun, spontaneous prompts with award winning poet, Wendy Videlock**

These sessions are energetic and inspiring, whether you are a novice or a seasoned professional.

To be held in the courtyard at Confluence Studios if weather permits • 634 Main, GJ

RSVP to [wcwritersforum@gmail.com](mailto:wcwritersforum@gmail.com) Seating limited to 12.

**CO Gold Conference goes online  
all September for FREE - page 2**

**THE POE PROJECT ramps up  
chills for October - see page 3**

**Messages from Isolation - poetry by regional writers - page 4**

## WCWF Wrap-Up

Our last meeting was hosted on Zoom. The next meeting, Sept. 10 at 3:30, will be held at the Center for Independence and/or on line. Meetings are open to members.

In August, we discussed details about upcoming events, filing IRS Form 990, cost of upcoming workshop and the Colorado Creative Arts Grant. We made plans for future recurring events - Tuesday Writers Nights and Prompt and Circumstance. We talked about MACO attendance, filming workshops and email correspondence.

We are holding as many meetings as we can live or live with Zoom. Much is dependent on conditions. If you have questions or you wish to attend the open meeting, contact the board at [writersforum@gmail.com](mailto:writersforum@gmail.com)

Please be safe and well and keep writing!

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### General Information

Pay your dues or make a donation at [www.westerncoloradowriters.org](http://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. Volunteers who can help with PR, set up events, and liaison with community groups are welcome. You *are* WCWF.

## Colorado Writers Collaborative

*RMFW and two other Colorado writers groups have joined forces to bring the Gold Conference on line and free through Youtube.*

When the RMFW Colorado Gold live conference was cancelled, regional writing groups came together to create an incredibly inclusive educational experience for all of us. You already know about this if you are on the newsletter list for RMFW.

Rocky Mountain Fiction Writers, Northern Colorado Writers and Pikes Peak Writers have joined forces to create a month long virtual conference free for everyone to attend! This joint venture hits YouTube September 1-30, 2020.

Check out free video presentations from agents, editors, and authors on the craft, business, and life of writing as well as current hot topics all writers should pay attention to. You'll learn from NYT bestselling authors like Rachel Howzell Hall, John Gilstrap, and Bob Mayer; editors like Tiffany Yates Martin and Anita Mumm; plus Colorado powerhouses like Margaret Mizushima, Stant Litore, and Stuart Horowitz.

Over twenty-five contributors have volunteered their time and effort to provide the writing world with some education, inspiration, and motivation during this time of safer-at-home.

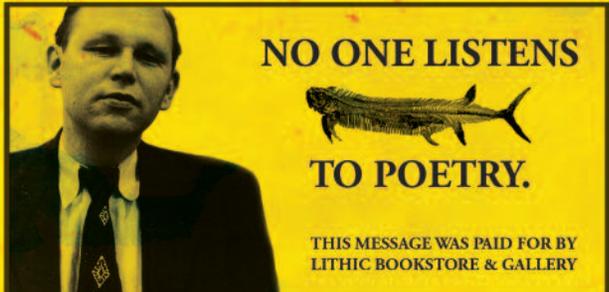
It will all take place on youtube.com at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCB4EqMzule-EnG-BUj3LBSQ/about>. That site is live now, with very little content. It will continue to be populated with classes that are available to anyone - you don't need to belong to the organizations working to put this together. Classes are available beginning September 1.

More info is available at <https://rmfw.org/conference/>



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TO POETRY.

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# THE POE PROJECT calls for readers, performers and original works for October events.

## A LETTER FROM ANN HARTER, DIRECTOR:

We're working on this year's event and because we're casting both for virtual and live events, we are seeking more readers than in previous years. For the Radio Room we'd like to keep the lineup to Poe's works. We have stage rehearsals scheduled at the Radio Room every Monday except Labor Day and the performance is on Thursday October 1, our kickoff event this year.

We have other reading opportunities for original writings or short plays throughout the week. One of the things we'd like to do is Poetry on the Streets on Friday October 2nd, live readings on Main Street, miked with amplification during the First Friday Artwalk. We have partnered with Downtown Grand Junction in the past for this and they are eager for more performances. We can do this with some donation options to benefit WCWF.



So far I can only send you confirmed event posters, but attached is our KAFM poster, our call for artists, and our auditions poster (we have two live plays). Our pandemic plan can be found on the Poe Project website. <https://sites.google.com/view/the-poe-project/home>

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*What makes Poe so fascinating and eerie. come and find out as performers show you Poe's mysterious side.*

a Geek Parties of the Grand Valley production

The Poe Project presents CORVID-2020

**EDGAR ALLAN POE IN THE RADIO ROOM**  
1310 Ute Ave

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1 6 PM**

SEATING EXTREMELY LIMITED  
mask required

Poe Strategic Pandemic Plan and

**TICKETS ONLINE AT TINYURL.COM/POEATKAFM** **\$20**

100% GOES TO KAFM  
additional donation welcome

subject to cancellation with full refund  
see Pandemic Plan and ticket for more details

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# Messages from Isolation

by Grand Valley Authors

## Seduction

there is something out there waiting, baiting  
that can seduce you  
something you didn't know  
you needed so badly

the word that will draw you  
the sound that will make you curious  
the notion that seems at first impossible  
the vision from which you cannot look away

if you live a whole life and never find this  
you will have missed a part of yourself  
so essential, so deep  
that you might as well say  
you never knew who you were

is it the person who will cause you  
to walk away from both god and all the devils?  
the idea that can hold you in thrall body soul and spirit?  
the desert into which you will walk bare?

what if it fills every empty cavity  
opens every door and window  
exposes the heart and mind  
makes you realize you are not the person  
in your mundane mirror,  
nor even who you dare to be in your dreams

will it destroy you  
will it rejuvenate you  
will it redeem you  
will it make you realize your nothingness

where is it now?  
waiting for you somewhere  
go quickly then  
lest it slip away from view-

it's looking for you

— by Virginia Jensen

## THE OWL HOOTS

### THE MOON IS HIGH

FAR OFF STARS PIERCE BLACK NIGHT SKY,  
CURLED UP IN CHAIR AS SLEEP ESCAPES,  
I STARE THROUGH GLASS AT NIGHT'S LANDSCAPE.

OWL HOOTS IN COTTONWOOD TREE,  
MELLOW AND DEEP HIS RHYTHMIC BEAT,  
MIDDLE OF NIGHT FOR YOU AND ME.

MOON HAS SLIPPED TO YONDER SPHERE  
DOWN SLEEK BLACK DOME TO DISAPPEAR,  
EARTH FAMILIAR, HEAVEN UNSEEN,  
SPANGLED STARS IN REALMS BETWEEN.

GOD'S NIGHT PAINTING ON EBONY CANVAS  
WHILE MELLOW NOTES OF OWL'S STANZAS  
BRING A SYMPHONY OF SOUND AND LIGHT  
AS ART5 DISPLAYED IN GRAND DELIGHT!

SLEEP ESCAPES FOR THOUGHTS RELEASE  
DAWN FAR OFF SO WORDS FLOW FREE,  
ON I WRITE...WITH WORDS I PLAY  
THIS POEM IS DONE... IT'S BREAKING DAY!

—Chris McGee

