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that advances the cultural life of Western Colorado.*

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## Current News & Views

Next open WCWF board meeting -  
**November 12, 3:30 at CFI. See p.3.**

### Save the Date

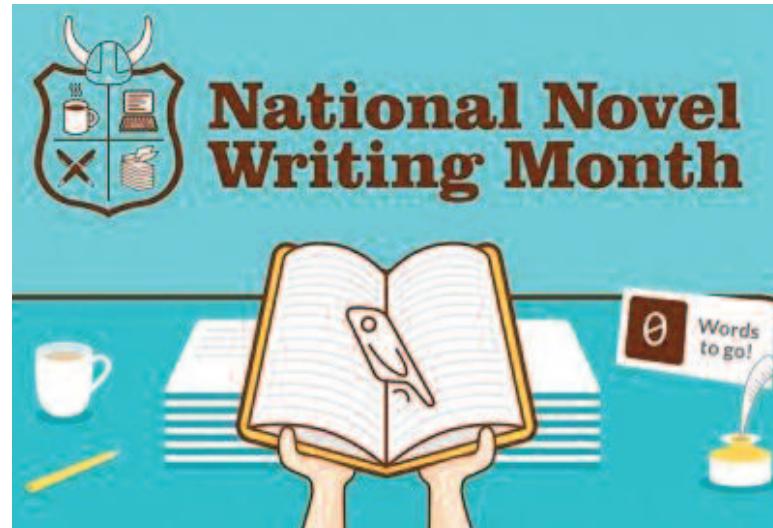
SLAM "Why We Have Hope" coming on January 21 with Bobby Le Febre, nationally known slam poet from Denver. Actions are underway to host this online if live site is not available. If you are a poet, think about writing a slam of three minutes or less on the theme. Event will be hosted as a facebook event by Caleb Ferganchick. Entries will be via videos from poets. For information see [www.westerncoloradowriters.org](http://www.westerncoloradowriters.org).

POETRY NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY in GJ has restarted. Next meeting will be November 11 at 6pm. Classes are limited in size so it is necessary to register at the central library's web site for this event. Go to [mcpld.org](http://mcpld.org)

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).

Send email, news and contributions to [virg@leafmedia.com](mailto:virg@leafmedia.com)



## *November Writers Night Unfortunately Cancelled*

### **Writers Night - Tuesday, Dec. 1, 6-8:30 Writers Read**

Bring your poems and short works to the Art Center for a night of readings. Please be prepared with mask. Seating will be spaced out for your protection. Don't miss this annual sharing of our writing community.

To register and receive log on or other information,  
please go to [westerncoloradowriters.org](http://westerncoloradowriters.org).



### **Prompt and Circumstance • In hiatus until 2021**

Due to Thanksgiving and Christmas so near to the last Thursday this event will not be held in November or December. Have a wonderful Holiday Season.

Info at [westerncoloradowriters.org](http://westerncoloradowriters.org)

# Embassy International 28th Annual POETRY CONTEST

Must be received by April 15, 2021

Over \$1,000 in prize money to be awarded and an invitation to read either live at the Dancing Poetry Festival at the Palace of the Legion of Honor or virtually on Zoom.

Three Grand Prizes will receive \$100 each plus their poem costumed, choreographed and performed by Natica Angilly's Poetic Dance Theater Company.

Six First Prizes - \$50 each

Twelve Second Prizes - \$25 each

Thirty Third Prizes - \$10 each

All winners will be invited to read at the Dancing Poetry Festival and receive an award certificate suitable for framing.

## CONTEST RULES

Line Limit: 38 lines maximum each poem. No limit on number of entries

Send TWO typed, clear copies of each entry

Show name, address, telephone number, e-mail and how you heard about us on ONE copy only (The anonymous copy goes to the judges. Judges decisions are final.)

Poems must be in English or include English translation. No poems will be returned.

Entry Fee: One poem for \$5 or 3 poems for \$10 (Poets outside the USA, please send an international postal money order in US dollars).

Make checks payable to Artists Embassy International

Send all entries and fees postmarked by April 15, 2021, to...

AEI Contest Chair, Judy Cheung

704 Brigham Ave.

Santa Rosa, CA 95404 USA

## Publishing Opportunity for NaNoWriMo Authors

Hi there!

My name is Kayla Henley, and I work with a self-publishing company in Carbondale, CO called Light of the Moon, Inc. I wanted to let you and your writers know about a special publishing package we are offering for National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo). If you or any of your writers are participating in NaNoWriMo next month and would like to have a printed copy of your completed novel, our NaNoWriMo package is only \$500 and includes 8 hours of professional edits, professional layout and design, and 5 printed copies. It's a great opportunity for authors to see their printed work! We also have upgrades for authors who would like to go the distance and self-publish their book and receive marketing. See the attached flyer for more information.

The deadline to sign up is November 30th. Please let me know if you are interested or have any questions!

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## RMFW: THE PARTY'S OVER

by Terri Benson | posted in: Blog, RMFW Conference

The Colorado Writers Collaborative, the virtual Writers Conference that took the place of Colorado Gold, the Pikes Peak Writers Conference, and the Northern Colorado Writers Conference, is over. From all reports, it was an unqualified success. I know I enjoyed watching many of the online workshops, and hearing from lots of new and different presenters on a really wide variety of topics.

I was also very honored to receive the Jasmine Award this year. I've blogged in the past about why I volunteer for RMFW, and how much more I receive from the group than I've ever given. How many great writerly people I've met and become friends with as an added benefit of volunteering. And now I can add how much it meant to me to get the award, when there are SO VERY MANY others who deserve it as much, or more, than me.

My greatest hope is that next year we have our normal lives back and we can again have the experience of in-person conferences and workshops.

## WCWF Wrap-Up

The Board's next meeting, Nov. 12 at 3:30, will be held at the Center for Independence and/or on line. Meetings are open to members.

In October, we continued discussing organization of the twelve bliibliotherapy workshops - who would manage classes, who would lead and how to promote.

Writers Nights and Prompt and Circumstance events were also topics of planning.

Some meetings are being cancelled due to the upcoming holidays.

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 [wcwritersforum@gmail.com](mailto:wcwritersforum@gmail.com)

Please be safe and well and keep writing!.

### WCWF Board Members

Linda Skinner, Pres.

Virginia Jensen, Vice Pres.

Jane Miller, Sec.

Erica Kitzman, Treas.

Sunny Ramsey • Carly Smith

Caleb Ferganchick • Annette Ferriole

To contact a board member email to:

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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.

# Write Now: Re-Building Community Through Self-Expression

Western Colorado Writers' Forum and Postvention Alliance present a series of programs intent on fostering community and personal resiliency through writing and art.

The Writers' Forum and Post-vention Alliance received a \$7,500 grant from Arts in Society, a state group that is part of Colorado Creative Industries. The grant funds a series of workshops aimed at different community groups with the theme of "Re-Building Community"

Postvention Alliance is a Grand Junction non-profit organization dedicated primarily to suicide prevention, suicide loss survivors, and family and friends affected by suicide. They also assist first responders, faith leaders and funeral directors, children and teens, underserved populations and overdose bereavement.

#### Write Now Workshops for Caregivers

Wednesdays: Oct. 28, Nov. 4, 11, and 18

11:00-1:30pm; Location: TBA

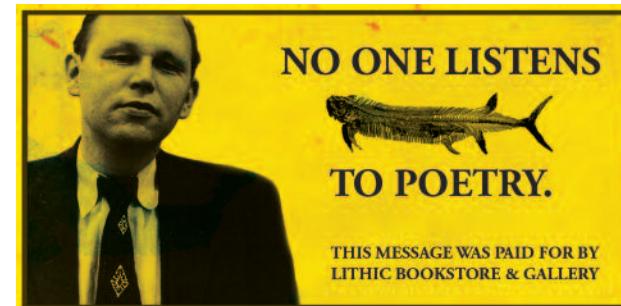
#### Write Now Workshops for Teens

Tuesdays: Dec. 1, 15, Jan. 12, 26

3:30-6; Location: Western Co. Center for the Arts

#### Write Now Workshops for Veterans

TBA



Join us for free workshops where we will experiment with ways to adapt to challenging times

We will explore creativity, self-expression, self-compassion, helpful ways of thinking and build community through the use of writing prompts, stories, poems and art.

No writing experience necessary!

Sign-up information will be available in the next couple of weeks at our web site [westerncoloradowriters.org](http://westerncoloradowriters.org). Additional information can be obtained by emailing WCWF.

If you are interested in any group, please send your contact information including your email to [wcwritersforum@gmail.com](mailto:wcwritersforum@gmail.com)



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