



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

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## Current News & Views

Monthly WCWF board meeting - Are you happy with everything WCWF?  
Send your helpful input to us at  
[writersforum@gmail.com](mailto:writersforum@gmail.com)

**Next Meeting is July 15 at 3:30**

## Save the Date

**WRITERS NIGHT**, Aug. 3, will feature Wendy Videlock, regional poet and artist. Wendy has led poetry readings and workshops for WCWF and across the state and is a can't miss for poets.

**RMFW RETREAT:** Aug. 5-8 Write, network, and critique at Franciscan Retreat Center in Colorado Springs. Lodging and meals included. Rooms going fast. Contact Bernadette at [retreat@rmfw.org](mailto:retreat@rmfw.org)

**THIRD ANNUAL SLAMMING BRICKS POETRY EVENT**, Saturday, Sept. 11, 6:30, Charlie Wellington's, 1st and main. Event Anthology upcoming; details to be announced.

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)

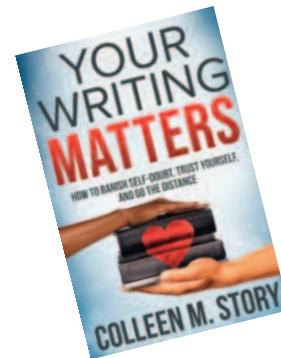
# Your Writing Matters

*It's a tough world out there for writers.*

*You work hard, submit stories, and build your author platform, but despite your best efforts, your dreams remain out of reach.*

*You start to wonder if you're wasting your time.*

*Does your writing even matter?*



**Colleen M. Story** inspires writers to overcome modern-day challenges and find creative fulfillment in their work. With over 20 years in the creative industry, Colleen is the founder of Writing and Wellness ([writingandwellness.com](http://writingandwellness.com)) and Writer CEO ([writerceo.com](http://writerceo.com)). See her author website ([colleenmstory.com](http://colleenmstory.com)) or follow her on Twitter (@colleen\_m\_story).



**Writers Night - July 20, 2021 - LIVE!! 6pm, The Art Center**

7th and Orchard, Grand Junction, CO

Registration appreciated at [westerncoloradowriters.org](http://westerncoloradowriters.org).

**NO WRITERS NIGHT JULY 6 DUE TO 4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY**

## Joint Critique Groups Forming

WCWF is joining with Rocky Mountain Fiction Writers to increase the critique group options in the Grand Valley. We hope to offer more groups and more specialized genre groups. This is the perfect way to get feedback and support for your writing. Contact Jane Miller at [cjmiller@gobrainstorm.net](mailto:cjmiller@gobrainstorm.net)

WCWF participated in GJ Parks & Rec's annual Take Part in Art event. Jane Miller and Virginia Jensen sat at our table 9-12 on the 19th and gave out flyers and signed up nine new names to our mailing list. Thanks to the city for this outreach opportunity.



## Virtual Conference Registration is Open!

Given the various degrees of certainty and comfort many individuals have about attending large events in person, and the enthusiasm we received for last year's Zoom event, we're including a virtual component to the 2021 Colorado Gold Conference!

On Saturday, Oct 16th, you'll be able to tune in LIVE to 12+ of the workshops at the conference from the comfort of your own home! This virtual conference registration includes a pitch session with an agent on Sunday, Oct 17th, and live streaming of the Saturday night banquet featuring the Colorado Gold Rush Awards Ceremony and keynote speech by New York Times Best-selling author, Rachel Howzell Hall.

The workshop presenters will be engaging with their in-person audience, and each room will have a tech-savvy volunteer managing virtual attendees' questions and participation. PLUS, you'll get full access to the recorded sessions after the conference, so if you aren't free that weekend, you can tune in at your convenience!

Member registration for the virtual-only conference starts at \$189, non-member \$239. See a list of the virtual workshops at <https://rmfw.org/conference-virtual-only/>

This hybrid conference is as new for us as it is for you, so if you have any questions or ideas, feel free to email co-chairs Kate and Mira at [conference@rmfw.org](mailto:conference@rmfw.org).

## RMFW ANTHOLOGY SUBMISSIONS!

For all the short story writers in the Grand Valley, RMFW is excited to announce the working theme of the 2022 RMFW Anthology, "Re/New."

Their requests for fulfilling the theme:

"We seek stories of recreation and renewal, old tales refreshed, worlds and cultures re-imagined.

"Give us creatures and characters who confound our commonly held beliefs and mythologies at once familiar and foreign.

"Ask and answer the question what-if in ways we've never encountered, spoken in voices we're eager to meet again for the first time."

For information go to [rmfw.org](http://rmfw.org) or email [anthology@rmfw.org](mailto:anthology@rmfw.org).

**Actually, it is half the art of storytelling to keep a story free from explanation as one reproduces it... The most extraordinary things, marvelous things, are related with the greatest accuracy, but the psychological connection of the events is not forced on the reader. It is left up to him to interpret things the way he understands them, and thus the narrative achieves an amplitude that information lacks.**

-Walter Benjamin

## Fischer Prize finalist Partridge Boswell reads at July 6th Bardic Trails Zoom poetry series

Poet and co-founder of Bookstock Literary Festival, Partridge Boswell of Vermont will be the featured reader at the Bardic Trails Zoom poetry webinar Tuesday, July 6th at 7 p.m.

A production of the Talking Gourds Poetry Program, Bardic Trails is an a free event open to any who pre-register. Register by July 5th on-line at the Wilkinson Public Library to get URL & password. Go to [telluridelibrary.org/events](http://telluridelibrary.org/events).

Partridge Boswell is the author of Some Far Country (Grolier Poetry). His poems have recently surfaced in Poetry, The Gettysburg Review, Salmagundi, The American Poetry Review, Poetry Ireland Review, december, Plume, Hotel Amerika, Prairie Schooner and The Moth. Co-founder of Bookstock Literary Festival, he troubadours widely with the poetry/music group, Los Lorcas, and lives with his family in Vermont.

Following his reading, there will be a short Question and Answer session with co-hosts, Goodtimes and Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer.

Future Bardic Trails - Aug. 3 with Jane Lunin Perel of Rhode Island ("Sky"), Sept. 7 with Anna Scotti of California ("Fuel"), Oct. 5 with Renee Podunovich of Cortez ("Tree"), Nov. 2 with Debbi Brody of New Mexico ("The New"), and Dec. 7 with Al Zolynas of California ("Flesh").



## WCWF Wrap-Up

The Board's next meeting, July 15, 3:30, at CFI. Meetings are open to members. We are happy to have visitors.

The Board did not meet in June due to conflicts and vacations and babies being born. We participated in the city's Take Part in Art event on June 19 and added nine new names to our mailing list. Jane read her Vampire story and Virginia read a poem.

*WCWF wants to be part of your outreach to local and regional authors. Do you have a local or regional writers' event you want to promote here, please send information to:*

[virg@leafmedia.com](mailto:virg@leafmedia.com)

### WCWF Board Members

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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.

## Zoom Workshops

Breaking Rules Publishing is inviting you to a series of scheduled Zoom meetings.

PLOT Workshop; JUNE 30, 5pm MST

SETTING Workshop; JULY 28, 5pm MST

CHARACTER Workshop; AUG. 25, 5pm MST

September will be on Prose Poetry, with other poetry classes to follow in the fall. You can join the series anytime.

All workshops are free, on the last Wednesday of the month and are presented by Katherine (Kit) West and Breaking Rules Publishing. Kit is a former teacher of poetry and creative writing at Aims Community College, and she owned Green Fuse Press in Loveland, publisher of poetry chapbooks and books. She now lives in New Mexico, and has published several novels and at least 3 books of poetry. You can sign up by emailing her at: [tiakata\\_99@yahoo.com](mailto:tiakata_99@yahoo.com)

**A treat for poets: RATTLE, a well known poetry magazine is on line with readings and interviews. Rattlecast #99 features Tina Parker and her new book *Lock Her Up*. Also, check out their on line critiques to see how professionals study the poems they receive as submissions.**

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Cd-JQkVyMqg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Cd-JQkVyMqg)

## On-Line Opportunities

The International Women's Writing Guild offers on line courses for a fee, free writes, and Open Mics. Find out more at [www.iwwg.org](http://www.iwwg.org)

## LOOKING BACK

**Remember when we met live and enjoyed so many exciting events. They may again be on the horizon.**

### Remember Rabbit Holes?



### Remember Write Out Loud?

