

STIMULUS

Phoenix Writers Club Newsletter

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PWC Monthly Meetings

Phoenix Writers Club meets every 3rd Saturday of the month.

We are hybrid! Join us Saturday, November 18:

In-person: 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Virtual (Zoom): 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Reminder: Membership Dues due

Questions? Email Cindi Reiss at writeoncindi@gmail.com or call or text Navissa Kaiser at navissak@hotmail.com, (480) 200-5191.

November Speaker

In November, we welcome Ryder Lyne!

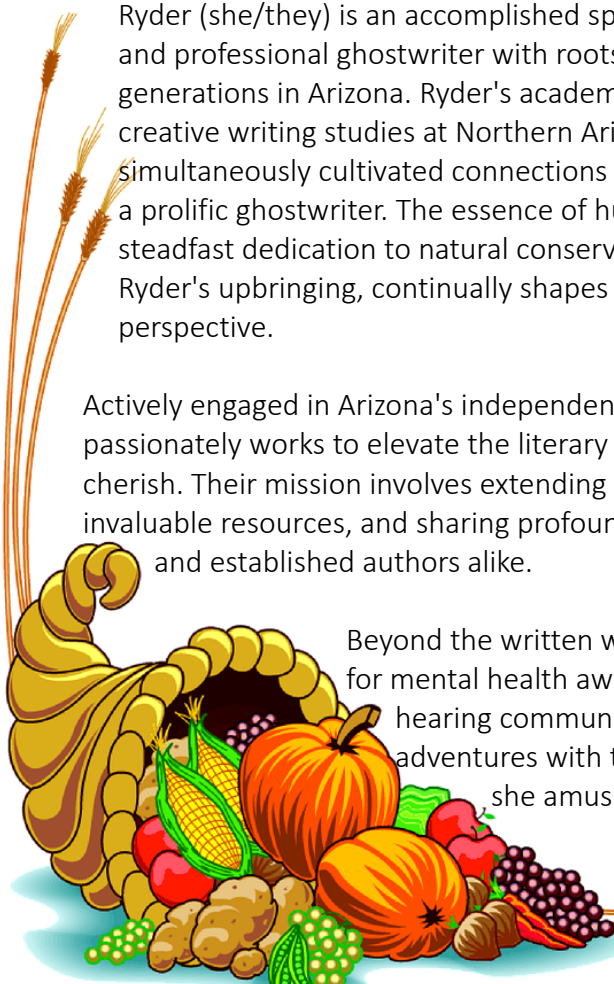
Ryder (she/they) is an accomplished speculative fiction author and professional ghostwriter with roots tracing back four generations in Arizona. Ryder's academic journey led her through creative writing studies at Northern Arizona University, where she simultaneously cultivated connections within the literary realm as a prolific ghostwriter. The essence of hunting, bushcraft, and a steadfast dedication to natural conservation, ingrained during Ryder's upbringing, continually shapes their unique writing perspective.

Actively engaged in Arizona's independent author community, Ryder passionately works to elevate the literary landscape they deeply cherish. Their mission involves extending support, providing invaluable resources, and sharing profound insights with emerging and established authors alike.



Beyond the written word, Ryder is firmly entrenched in Arizona, ardently advocating for mental health awareness and her daughter within the autism and deaf/hard-of-hearing communities. Ryder carves out precious moments to embark on adventures with their husband, daughter, and two lively shiba inus—creatures she amusingly suspects might be of demonic lineage.

See the attached pdf.



A Note from the PWC President

This is the month of nuts and nutty thoughts — that November whose name sounds so bleak and cheerless — perhaps its harvest of thought is worth more than all the other crops of the year.

— *Henry David Thoreau*

As the end of 2023 draws near, it has been the beginning of PWC getting back to meeting in-person to gather with other writers. Our board has been working out the kinks in this venture and working to keep PWC vibrant as we head into our 100th Birthday in 2026.

We will continue to meet at Gallagher's each month along with the Zoom option and appreciate your support and help as we hone the microphone, noise and serving times.

Our December 16th meeting will be a celebration that includes our annual 'Holiday Salon', and a raffle of writerly baskets of joy. Jenny-Bilskie Smith will once again organize our salon so get ready to share your writing/reading with us.

We welcome to our board, Martha Kent, who is going to assist us in getting back into outreach/community involvement and Joe Maguire, who will photograph our events and meetings and add to our history.

Members keep PWC vibrant and we encourage your participation. Serving on the board in whatever capacity that you are able to is valued. You are welcome to attend board gatherings, and/or share your talents with a project, or learn the process of securing a speaker for the club.

In a world that is overwhelmed with turmoil, I am grateful for the words of poets, writers and those who speak with understanding and kindness.

Happy Thanksgiving.



Write on,
Cindi Reiss



Membership Dues

Reminder: Annual membership dues are \$35. Send Navissa a check or money order addressed to PWC via snail mail to: Navissa Kaiser, 5715 E. Alder Ave. Mesa, AZ 85206.

If you are a new member, please include a note with your physical address, phone number, email, and genre. We do not share your information outside the club!

Thank you!

Holiday Celebration

Please mark your calendars to attend a delightful holiday celebration on December 16, 2023, from noon to 2:00 p.m. at Gallagher's in Phoenix (7575 N. 16th St., Phoenix, AZ 85020). This celebration includes our annual 'Holiday Salon' and a raffle for writerly baskets of joy. Members: \$25 CASH ONLY for lunch, which includes an entree, non-alcoholic beverage, tax, and tip. Guests: \$30 CASH ONLY, which includes the same. Jenny-Bilskie Smith will once again organize our Salon so get ready to share your writing/reading.

PWC October 2023 Meeting

By Bernadette Inclan

Cindi Reiss, President, opened the hybrid meeting at 12:45 p.m. She introduced our board: Cindi Reiss: President; Jenny Bilskie-Smith: Vice-President; Bernadette Inclan: Secretary and Critique Group Coordinator; Navissa Kaiser: Treasurer and Membership Chair; Ilsa Manning: Social Media and Website; D'Anne Pientka: Newsletter Editor; and thanked everyone for their dedication to PWC.

She stated that we will continue to meet in-person at Gallagher's and via Zoom. She encouraged members to become involved with the workings of PWC and to contact her for speaker guidelines if you would like to assist in securing a speaker. She also reminded members to send their writing news, blogs, etc. to D'Anne to include in our newsletter (azdanne@gmail.com).

Dues are due, \$35 a year. Please note that we use these funds to schedule speakers and for community involvement. PWC has previously engaged with the community in various forms of literacy and this is an opportunity for the club to reach out and help others in their writing/creative journeys.

Guests and New Members: we welcomed Emma Oliver, guest of Richard McMaster and Pam Devino, guest of Deborah Partington. The following members dialed in via Zoom: D'Anne Pientka, Bert Haagenstad, Candace, Sylvia and her cat, Rick (driving in his car). Joseph Maguire is a new member. You all know him as Bernadette's husband. Joe is a professional photographer who takes pictures of events. He's also available to do headshots for members who want a professional picture to post on their websites and book covers. There is no fee if you arrange in advance to have your picture taken at our scheduled meeting. Contact Bernadette Inclan at bsbincoin@aol.com for information.

Bernadette Inclan announced that PWC planted three memorial trees in loving memory of Dale Kent, Martha Kent's husband, who died a year ago on November 2.

Member's Spot:

Dr. Kixx Goldman was interviewed on the Author Show about her book. Use the link provided to listen to the interview. Thank you, Kixx for giving us a venue to talk about our publications. <https://wnbnetworkwest.com/channel/8/?play=Speak%20from%20Your%20Heart%20and%20eard%3A%20Stories%20of%20Courage%20and%20Healing>

Rick McMaster also has an interview on Author Show on his book *Aaron's War*. Be sure to listen to his interview using the link provided. https://richard-mcmaster.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Richard_McMaster-interview.mp3.

...and review this list of Rick's books which will be available in time for Holiday gift-giving at our next in-person meeting:

***Voyage of Life*. Unpublished.** The *Voyage of Life* story is told as the Robert Cole *Voyage of Life* paintings are described: *Childhood, Youth, Manhood, and Old Age*. The paintings are a metaphor for SEAN'S life. In early manhood he thinks MADDY, his one true love, has left him for another man and spends his life wondering what happened.

***Shadow in the Night*. Unpublished.** Twelve days before Christmas LUKE loses his job and his wife is called

away to care for her dying mother. Left alone at Christmas time, of the major traumatic life events—being fired from a job, fearing divorce, plotting murder, the death of a family member and jail time, any one of which can threaten your very existence—he faces them all.

Aaron's War. 2018 Arizona Author's Association runner-up fiction book of the year. Posted on Amazon. Aaron's War is about a young soldier who can't kill, overwhelmed by the horrors of war, conflicted by religion and ravaged by memories, makes the painful choice to leave his wife and child. Later, when he confronts the German soldier who spared his life, he faces a life decision that could take him back home.

A Love Divided by Time. 2019 finalist unpublished by Arizona Author's Association book of the year. Recently posted on Amazon. FORREST AND ALLIE believed they found love in a previous life and being born again was a game of hide and seek to find each other in plain sight, seeking their better halves, united and whole. When tragedy strikes, Forrest makes a pact to find her killer, raise their daughter, and find peace by joining her in the ever after.

The Attic. Unpublished. *The Attic* is an emotional story about facing adversity and overcoming loss. When BYRON KELLY's wife dies, he faces assault charges and a lawsuit, and flees to Chicago and assumes a new identity. When Byron Kelly becomes a whistleblower on the run from the FBI he hides out in the attic of a dying old man, HENRY STEELE. Byron cares for the old man and learns he is estranged from his daughter over the death of her mother, his wife, because of family secrets he has kept from her.

Speaker's Forum: Cindi introduced our speaker, Sue Fulton. You can read her biography in the October 2023 issue of *Stimulus*. Sue is the *Shut Up & Write* organizer, and founder of *POP*, a team of writers helping other writers generate work and share their stories. Find her at

Short Notes from a Tall Writer's Journal <https://www.sdfulton.com>

Sue gave an outstanding presentation on Emotional Intelligence (EQ). This strategy for writers was hands-on and the audience followed along with handouts that were emailed to all members. Members can get the recording by emailing a Board member. Be sure and ask to include the handout so you can participate when listening to the lecture.

Cindi closed the meeting at 2:06 p.m.



Hybrid Meetings

Join us at 12 p.m. (please arrive by noon or before to get lunch orders in before we start our meeting) at Gallagher's Sports Grill at [7575 N 16th St, Phoenix, AZ 85020](https://www.gallagher-sportsgrill.com/)

Members: \$25 CASH ONLY for lunch, which includes an entree, non-alcoholic beverage, tax and tip. Guests: \$30 CASH ONLY for lunch, which includes an entree, non-alcoholic beverage, tax and tip. If you choose to attend virtually: Please log-in to our virtual Zoom meeting space at 12:30 p.m. when we will begin our club and member announcements. The speaker will begin at 1 p.m. and our meeting will adjourn at 2 p.m. Zoom

Hybrid Meeting Pictures

Thank you to Joe Maguire, a new member and our photographer.



PWC Critique Writing Group

Our critique workshop meets via Zoom every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month, from 6:00-8:00. Email Bernadette Inclin at bsbincoin@aol.com for information.

You Think You Know English

Who will Ace this Quiz on Relative Pronouns?

<https://tinyurl.com/7f3j3nve>

Let us know how you do.

Thank you Bernadette for this link.

Hints & Tips

Ever find a url in your document is too long? Help is here, Tiny url. This website will take your long url and create a tiny url link... tinyurl.com



relative
pronouns



YELLOW
SPRUCE
ROASTERS

Yellow Spruce Roasters

3902 North Brown Avenue, #101, Scottsdale, AZ 85251

A new coffee / wine bar celebrated their grand opening October 28th in historic Scottsdale, Why are we interested? Besides live music, they plan to schedule poetry and story reading nights!!

1st and 3rd Sundays (starting Nov 19) — 12:00 -3:00 Poetry and Story reading

2nd Sunday—Wine and Bingo (time TBD)

4th Sunday—highlight local authors and artists (time based upon their availability)

Check their website for the most recent activities and times. www.yellowsprucerosters.net

For more information, call Lucy Fernandez, 602.206.4430—@ysroasters

Local Writing Clubs

PWC may be the longest running local writing club; however, there are others in the area you might like.

- Shut up and Write—Shut Up & Write hosts free in-person and online writing events for writers all over the world
- Tempe Science Fiction Writing Meetup—Thursday Evening South Tempe. Come write and talk about writing craft with other local writers. All skill levels welcome
- Scottsdale Society of Women Writers—<https://brooksgoldmannpublishing.com/scottsdale-society-of-women-writers/>
- Arizona State Poetry Society (ASPS) - azpoetry.net

Check the internet for others—some may be close to your area.

The Business of Authorship

These workshops are coming up soon.

THE BUSINESS OF AUTHORSHIP

with Ryder & Susan

Join [Metro Phoenix Shut Up & Write](#) and [POP](#) at a workshop series about the business side of being an author

LOCATION— [Foothills Library](#)
19055 N 57th Ave · Glendale, AZ

DATES / TIME

11/06/23 - *Trends & Analytics 2023-2024 and Budgeting for Your Book Launch/Series Launch*
RSVP: <https://www.meetup.com/shutupandwritephoenixaz/events/295321325/>

12/04/23 - *Literary Industry & Agents 101*
RSVP: <https://www.meetup.com/shutupandwritephoenixaz/events/295321346/>

If your plans change, please switch your RSVP from “Yes” to “No” to free up the space for another writer.

Each workshop runs from 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM.

COST / REGISTRATION

Workshops are free.
Sign-up is required.
RSVP via our Meetup calendar.

WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING?

Bring your favorite note-taking tools. Foothills Library has free WIFI access.

FOOD/BEVERAGES?

No food or beverages
(except water bottles) are
permitted.

PARKING

Free parking is available at
the site.

NOTE

Workshops are for adult
writers only; no childcare
at the site.





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Local Writing Activities

Central Phoenix Writing Workshop – check their website—they have several workshops scheduled
https://www.meetup.com/CentralPhoenixWritingWorkshop/?_cookie-check=mzzcOalgDI-tuB9n

Write Here, Write Now, Virtual pop-up workshops each month, hosted online, co-presented by Phoenix College and ASU's Piper Center for Creative Writing . Go to Changing Hands to register. 6:30-8:00.
<https://www.changinghands.com/upcoming-events>

Writing Workshops, <https://writingworkshops.com/>, lists all sorts of upcoming workshops for writers.

Eventbrite: Use the link below and add the filter “writing”. The upcoming events appear. They have a few workshops scheduled for November.
<https://www.eventbrite.com/d/az--phoenix/writing/>

Phoenix Writers Network: phoenixwritersnetwork.com

The **Tucson Arts Poetry Series (TAPS)** was started Feb. 2023 by Katie Sarah Zale, Bonnie Wehle, and Janet Rives. Each 4th Saturday of the month, at 3:30 pm, two Arizona poets are highlighted reading published work. The event takes place in 25,000 square feet of breathtaking art and artifacts. TAPS is sponsored, in part, by the **Arizona State Poetry Society (ASPS)**. This reading is supported by a grant from **Poets & Writers**, made possible by **Tucson Poetry Society (TPS)**

LOCATION: Tucson Desert Art [Museum](#), 7000 E. Tanque Verde Rd and Sabino Canyon