

PWC Monthly Meetings

Phoenix Writers Club meets monthly on the 3rd Saturday

We are hybrid! Join us Saturday, January 20:

In-person: 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Arrive at Gallagher's (7575 N. 16th St. Phoenix, AZ 85020) by noon to place your lunch order (\$25 cash for members and \$30 for guests, includes lunch, drink, tax, and tip).

Virtual (Zoom): 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. If you are a guest and wish to join the meeting, send an email to phoenixwriters1926@gmail.com a week in advance.

Questions? Email Cindi Reiss at writeoncindi@gmail.com

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January 2024 Speaker

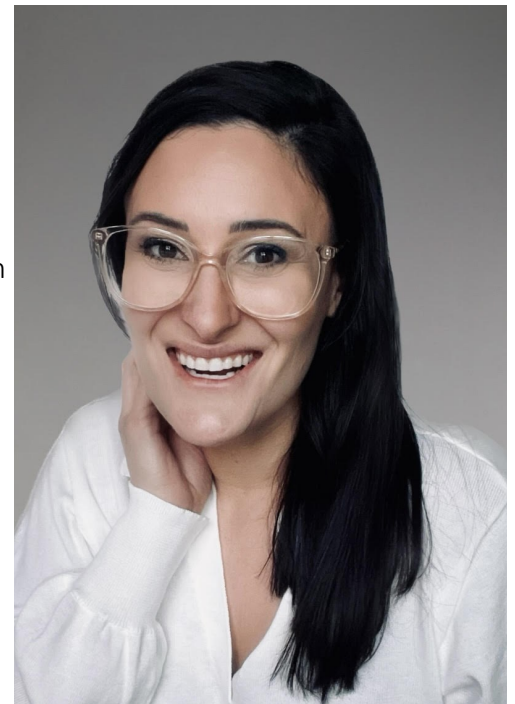
In January, we welcome Ryder Lyne!

We welcome Ryder Lyne back for her second visit to expand on the content she offered in November 2023. In January, Ryder will be specifically discussing what authors can expect to spend to get published both traditionally and by self-publishing. Ryder will offer specific budgeting strategies so you can make the most of the money you invest in your publication process.

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.



A Note from the PWC President

It has been good to see many of your faces out of the Zoom boxes this past year (many for the first time) and we're also appreciative of our hybrid meetings to keep our members thriving.

As PWC begins its 98th year we are grateful for the many writers who have been a part of our club. We are continually growing, learning, and sharing our writing lives and I look forward to many more years of camaraderie.

This Year was for the Birds

Woodpecker knocks on my window to rise & shine

Mockingbird guards her pyracantha berries

Mourning doves skitter into themselves picking at birdseed

Hummingbirds flit from flower to feeder

Thrasher's deep orange eyes follow my every move

Quails lead their young with precision

Roadrunner scours the scene for lizards

Hawk swoops down in search of breakfast

as butterflies flutter close to my heart.

With the birds come the droppings.

We hose it down, scrape it up,

then appreciate the beauty again.

May your New Year be filled with the sweet songs of birds

and the strength to carry the droppings of life.



Happy New Year

Write on,
Cindi Reiss

PWC December 2023 Meeting Minutes

By Bernadette Inclan

No meeting minutes were taken at the December holiday party.

December Holiday Celebration

Thank you Joe Maguire, our photographer and thank you to Jenny Bilskie-Smith for organizing The Salon and to those who participated in sharing.



Members News

Doris Nehrbass

PWC is proud to bestow Honorary Membership to long time Phoenix Writers Club member, Doris Nehrbass. Doris has been a vital presence in PWC for over twenty years and during that time has served as Secretary, Newsletter Editor and Speaker Chair. She wrote our newsletter in its beginning stages when you had to go to the copy store, run it off (in color!) and hand address each envelope to send through the mail. After some years she began to send them through email as members embraced this new phase of communication. It's hard to imagine that was how we did things at one time!



Doris has written for numerous magazines and newspapers: print and online. She was the children's theater columnist at *Arizona Parenting Magazine*. She is a professional editor and though she is retired, she continues editing for many of her long-time clients.



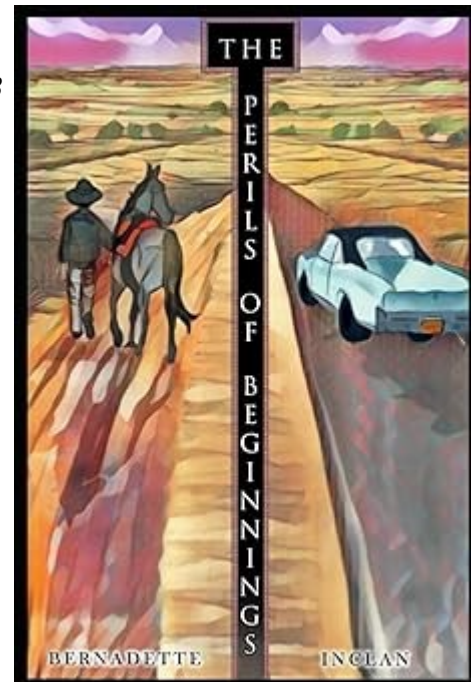
We are grateful for the many roles that Doris has had at PWC and look forward to her membership for many more years!

Brad Graber blog: <https://www.bradgraber.com/>

D'Anne Pientka, Membership Chairperson, created a new membership email address. If anyone has membership questions, please contact D'Anne at phoenixwriters1926@gmail.com.

Bert Haagenstad is sharing an article, *Writing Powerful Characters: A 13-Point Checklist*, he thinks you might find interesting (see attached). Thank you, Bert.

Bernadette Inclan just published her first book, *The Perils of Beginnings*—Congratulations. You can order your copy at <https://www.amazon.com/author/bernadetteinclan>. Be sure to leave a good review on Amazon.



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 Inlan at bsbincoin@aol.com for information.

So You Think You Know English

I found this website when searching on “You think you know English.” I hope you find it as amusing as I do.

<https://www.facebook.com/TwinklESL/videos/so-you-think-you-know-english/463123935445009/>

Local Writing Clubs

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



Happy New Year!

- Shut up and Write—Shut Up & Write hosts free in-person and online writing events for writers all over the world. Updated calendar may be viewed here: <https://www.meetup.com/shutupandwritephoenixaz/events/calendar/>
- 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 out their flyer (attached) for their annual poetry conference, January 19-21, 2024

- Phoenix Oasis Press (POP) - <https://www.phoenixoasispress.com/>
They revamped their website, started a new podcast (<https://open.spotify.com/show/0tRjptla2P3wiNW5rveocw>), and have numerous classes coming up. Check their website for details.

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





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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 January. <https://www.eventbrite.com/d/az--phoenix/writing/>

Phoenix Writers Network: phoenixwritersnetwork.com

The **Tucson Arts Poetry Series (TAPS)** was started Feb. 2024 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