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## PWC Monthly Meeting

*Phoenix Writers Club meets monthly on the 3rd Saturday.*

***New Location—New Time—Pre-Payment & RSVP Required***

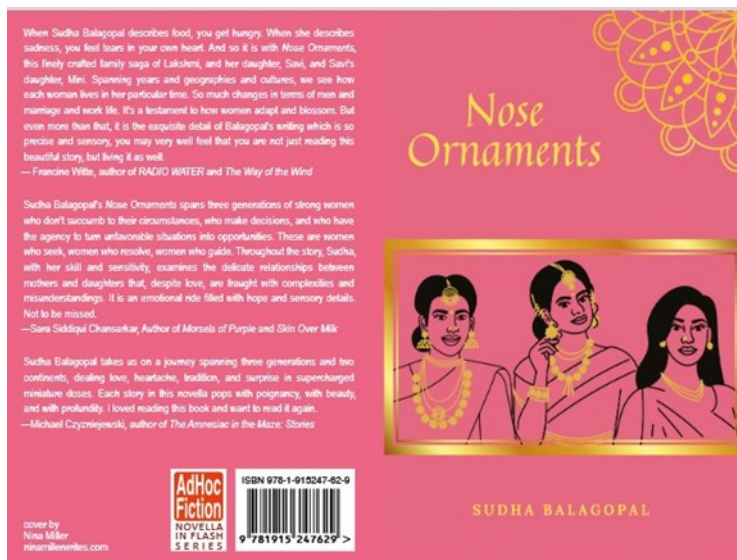
**Devonshire Senior Center**, 2802 E Devonshire Ave (28th St., north of Indian School Rd.). Saturday, September 21, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. in person. \$10 members, \$15 guests. Read the President's column for details.

**Questions?** Email Cindi Reiss at [writeoncindi@gmail.com](mailto:writeoncindi@gmail.com)

## September Speaker

Sudha Balagopal is an Indian American writer whose fiction straddles continents and cultures, blending thoughts and ideas from the east and the west. Most recently, her novella in flash, *Nose Ornaments*, was published by Ad Hoc Fiction, UK. Her highly commended novella in flash, *Things I Can't Tell Amma*, was published by Ad Hoc Fiction in 2021. She has a full-length flash collection, *Tiny Untruths*, forthcoming from Alternating Current Press.

Nominated for several awards, her work has appeared in Best Microfiction, 2021, 2022 and Best Small Fictions, 2022, 2023, 2024. When she's not writing, she teaches yoga.



## Personal note from D'Anne, Editor

Thank you to all who attended Rick Lindstrom's Celebration of Life . It was a lovely ceremony, hosted by Rick's wife, Kim.

Our club members presence honoring Rick was duly appreciated by his family and friends.

## A Note from the PWC President

When Spirit Halloween stores appear in empty shopping centers and pumpkin spice everything fills the coffee shops, we know it's September and change is in the air, even here in Phoenix's heat. PWC is ready to embrace change with our new location, meeting time, and more events on the horizon as we plan our 2026 centennial. Thank you to all who reached out with your feedback and support.

PWC has grown through many changes in its near-one-hundred-year history. We are committed to continually embracing the changes that will make our club continue for another hundred years. Please read the RSVP info below and I'll see you in September, with a pumpkin spice latte, apple cider donut, and pumpkin muffin for starters!

We look forward to our monthly meetings at **Devonshire Senior Center** <https://www.phoenix.gov/parks/recreation-and-community-centers/centers-d/devonshire>. This community center is located in the city's picturesque Los Olivos Park. The 23,000 sq. ft. center offers a fitness center, dance/exercise room, billiards room, meeting space, an art gallery . . . and now us!

Our meeting on September 21 will be from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We determined that the earlier time will work best for our club. It gives us the opportunity to meet with other members afterwards for lunch or nosh at a nearby restaurant, if desired. Our meeting will follow our usual format: 10:00–10:30 social time; 10:30–11:00 business, announcements; 11:00–12:00 speaker.

The club will provide coffee, water, and bagels/pastries at the meeting. The cost to attend is \$10 members, \$15 guests, which covers the cost of the meeting location, food, beverage offerings, and monthly speaker.

With this new format, members and guests must RSVP and pay before the meeting. It is a city requirement that fees are not allowed to be collected at the center. We have several ways to accomplish this: first, the old standby, send a check to our treasured treasurer, Navissa Kaiser, payable to Phoenix Writers Club, mail to Navissa Kaiser, 5715 E. Alder, Mesa 85206; second, use Zelle (a secure online banking app), which goes into our club account; third, PayPal or Venmo.

Your annual dues of \$40, which are due by September 30, can also be paid this way. If you already have a Zelle account and would like to pay this way, add new recipient [phoenixwriters1926@gmail.com](mailto:phoenixwriters1926@gmail.com).

For questions on signing up for Zelle, or if you have Venmo or PayPal, contact Navissa at this email: [Navissak@hotmail.com](mailto:Navissak@hotmail.com). Also, after the general meeting our board and centennial committee will meet at a casual restaurant nearby. You are welcome to join us and get in on the action. No RSVP needed.

Write on,  
*Cindi Reiss*

## STELLA POPE DUARTE

“Up the Spiral Staircase: The Call to Write”  
Thursday, September 12, 9:30—11:00 am  
J Cloyd Miller Library

## Something Different

*Provided by Christy White*

Have you ever wondered what your poems would sound like if they were turned into a song? Well, now you can...and it's free...

An AI website, SUNO, allows you to add your poems to music and vocals. Cut/paste your poem in the input box, pick a style of music that you think best suits the emotion and pace, click "Create", and in less than a minute, your poem becomes a song!!!...You can even make multiple variations of the poem / song, and try different music ... It is really fun and amazing what you can make.

## AARP Responding to Literacy Crises

<https://www.phoenix.gov/readon/experience-corps>  
Apply to join the program as a tutor.

## Life Writing in the Garden

<https://ticketing.dbg.org/dbg/events/01905758-e284-2ac2-6134-77f9160485db>  
Martha Kent leads these workshops. Please see the attached for details.

## PWC Board Member Elections

Elections for the board members are coming up in November. If you wish to run for a position, please let us know. For the moment, open positions requests include Vice President and Secretary. Any position is available, especially open calls for media editor/assistant. Tell us your wish on which position you'd like to hold. Four voting positions include: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary. Please email Ilsa Manning, at [ilsamanningwrites@gmail.com](mailto:ilsamanningwrites@gmail.com) if you are interested.

## PWC and AAA

PWC is collaborating with the Arizona Authors Association to host former PWC member Danielle Hampson speak about media book marketing for our November meeting. Danielle is the founder of The Authors Show which has produced audio interviews for over 6,000 authors around the world. She'll also present her "Give a Book Get a Smile" program. You can bring a book if you want to participate in this new initiative.

This reflects another effort for our club to collaborate with other Phoenix writing clubs, making us stronger.

## Uta Behren's Writing Contests

Get your submissions in for the annual Uta Behrens Writing Contests

**Poetry-** Please submit one completed poem.

Rules:

- Must rhyme
- Must be at least 20 lines

Award: \$75

### Non-Fiction Books

Rules: Non-fiction includes memoirs, books of essays, short stories, and books of poetry, published or finished manuscripts as of 2024 and at least 120 pages

Award: \$300

Deadline for submissions: **September 21, 2024.**

Must be current in dues as of September 30<sup>th</sup> and a local Phoenix Writers Club member. If you are not a member and interested in joining, membership is \$40 a year. Email Membership Chair D'Anne Pientka at phoenixwriters1926@gmail.com for details.

Send your submissions to Uta Behrens, 4019 E. Campbell Ave., Phx. 85018.

The winners of both the poetry and non-fiction book contests will be announced at the October, 2024 meeting.

Thank you Uta and get writing everyone!

## PWC Online Presence

Would you like to get involved with PWC and put your technology savviness to work? Our Social Media Coordinator, Ilsa Manning, is looking to share the responsibility of this job as PWC continues to update its social media presence.

This is a good opportunity to expand your knowledge and to promote our club.

Please contact Ilsa at [ilsamanningwrites@gmail.com](mailto:ilsamanningwrites@gmail.com)

Or Cindi Reiss at [writeoncindi@gmail.com](mailto:writeoncindi@gmail.com)

Follow us on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/phxwritersclub/>

Ilsa posts events, member's news, and inspiring items to keep us writing! Keep our Facebook page moving, comment, share and support your fellow writers. To share your writing news, go to the 'mentions' tab and post your news.



## PWC Critique Writing Group

Our critique workshop meets via Zoom every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month, from 6:00-8:00. Enjoy one of the great benefits of being a PWC member. Email Bernadette Inlan at [bsbincoin@aol.com](mailto:bsbincoin@aol.com) for information.

## Local Writing Clubs

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

- 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/>
- Phoenix Oasis Press (POP) - <https://www.phoenixoasispress.com/>
- Arizona Authors Association— [www.arizonaauthors.org](http://www.arizonaauthors.org).
- Arizona Professional Writers - (formerly Arizona Press Women) <https://arizonaprofessionalwriters.org/>
- Poetry Center—<https://poetry.arizona.edu/> - a volunteer group focused on working with incarcerated writers throughout the country.



They are actively looking for additional mentors. If anyone is interested, fill out the form on the Poetry Center's website: <https://poetry.arizona.edu/opportunities/get-involved/free-time-writers-inside-and-out> The page also has the group's core values including their preference that anyone who joins will commit to participate for at least one year.

- SouthWest Writers (SWW)—<https://www.southwestwriters.com/>
- The Studio—Story Slams—<https://www.thestudiophx.org/sos>
- Medium—<https://medium.com/> - a website with tools and advice for writers. 20% off membership fee for a limited time—\$40 a year. Heard about this from another writer who raves about the value of the site.



## PWC Centennial Planning

The second meeting for the PWC Centennial committee met at Bernadette and Joe's house. **We'll meet after the Sept Club meeting for the 3rd.** If you'd like to participate, please join us or contact either Bernadette or Cindi, contact information on the last page of this newsletter.



## Member News

- **Cindi Reiss:** Several poems selected for *The Blue Guitar*. Check it out at [https://www.theblueguitarmagazine.org/resources/UNSTRUNG+summer+2024\\_ENJOY.pdf](https://www.theblueguitarmagazine.org/resources/UNSTRUNG+summer+2024_ENJOY.pdf)
- **Brad Graber:** Blog—<https://www.bradgraber.com/there-i-said-it/>

**NEW!!—Mark D Walker:** Blog—<https://millionmilewalker.com/blog/>. **His interview with Voyage Phoenix Magazine just came out** [Life & Work with Mark Walker of Scottsdale - VoyagePhoenix - Phoenix](#)

- **Bert Haagenstad:** His books: [https://www.amazon.com/First-Easter-Egg-Bert-Haagenstad-ebook/dp/BOCTFTDY6R/ref=sr\\_1\\_4?keywords=THE+FIRST+EASTER+EGG&qid=1707505430&sr=8-4](https://www.amazon.com/First-Easter-Egg-Bert-Haagenstad-ebook/dp/BOCTFTDY6R/ref=sr_1_4?keywords=THE+FIRST+EASTER+EGG&qid=1707505430&sr=8-4)

**NEW!!—Bernadette Inclan:** Her book, *The Perils of Beginnings*: <https://bernadetteinclan.com/> was just **picked up by the publisher AR Press**. Congratulations, Bernadette!!

- **Donna Rebadow:** Would like advice on how to create an audio book for *Wednesdays With Sadie, The Miracle Dog*. If any of you can help, please contact D'Anne Pientka for her contact information.
- **Kixx Goldman:** Blog—<https://www.drkixxgoldman.com/blog/>

If you have a blog or website you'd like included in the newsletter, please send the editor the link.

## Editing and Formatting Tools

Compiled by Arizona State Poetry Society (ASPS).

- **Grammarly:** A free online grammar and spell-checking tool that can help you catch errors in your writing.
- **Hemingway Editor:** A writing app that analyzes your text and highlights areas that are difficult to read, sentences that are too long, and words that can be simplified.
- **Reedsy:** A marketplace for authors that connects you with professional editors, designers, and formatters who can help you prepare your book for self-publishing.
- **Scrivener:** A writing software that allows you to organize and structure your writing, making it easier to format and prepare your book for self-publishing.
- **Kindle Create:** A free formatting tool offered by Amazon that allows you to format your manuscript for Kindle e-readers and tablets.
- **Vellum:** A premium formatting software that allows you to create professional-looking eBooks and print books with ease.
- **Canva:** A free design tool that allows you to create book covers, promotional graphics, and other design elements for your self-published book.

## PWC Website

[phoenixwritersclub.com](http://phoenixwritersclub.com)

Be sure to send Ilsa Manning your photo and update your bio—this is free publicity for you, another benefit of being a PWC member.

# Virginia G Piper Center

**Writers Conference October 10-12**



OCTOBER  
10-12 2024

VIRGINIA G. PIPER CENTER FOR  
CREATIVE WRITING PRESENTS

*Desert  
Nights  
Rising Stars*

WRITERS CONFERENCE

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS  
**NICOLE SEALEY & JOHN MURILLO**  
PIPER.ASU.EDU/CONFERENCE

PWC is looking to rebuild former ties with Virginia G Piper Center. Please note the upcoming conference and registration.

<https://piper.asu.edu/conference/>

They also want to promote some scholarships - both an open scholarship and a scholarship specifically for Arizona educators. Both applications are available on their website at <https://piper.asu.edu/conference/scholarships-and-fellowships>



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS  
*Nicole Sealey & John Murillo*

FEATURED FACULTY

Camille Acker • Jacqueline Balderrama • Sally Ball • Sherwin Bitsui  
• Kimberly Blaeser • Regina Brooks • Elena Karina Byrne • Hayan Charara  
• Jonathan Danielson • Debra Magpie Earling • Tami Haaland • Jenny Irish • Tara  
Ision • Lois P. Jones • Caroline Kim • Melissa Kwasny • Patricia Murphy • Dean  
Newlund • Diana Khoi Nguyen • Susan Nguyen • Cindy Juyoung Ok • Justin  
Petropoulos • Gianni Ponce • Ramona Reeves • Alberto Ríos • Deborah Taffa  
• TC Tolbert • Alexandra van de Kamp • Sarah Viren • Phillip B. Williams

TEACHING FELLOWS

Stephanie Austin • Ariana Benson • Brandon Blue • Amy E. Casey • Larry Chavis • Aaliyah C. Daniels  
• Ayling Zulema Dominguez • CD Eskilson • Zoe Flavin • Laura Gaddis • Inbal Gilboa • Estella González  
• Andrew Hudson • Chloe L. Jensen • Tarah Knaresboro • Rebecca Loggia • Tamara MC • Daniel Mills  
• Kristine Morgan • Ames O'Neill • Karen Odden • Shawnte Orion • Brooke Sahni • Cecilia Savala • Ben  
Shahon • Christian Teresi • Pamela Uschuk • Joni Wallace • Sarah Yaron

PANELISTS AND GUESTS

Brent Ameneyro • Francisco Aragón • Anushah Jiwani • Kundiman SW • Letras Latinas  
• Susan Nguyen • Aria Pahari • Richard Siken • Edie Tsong • Laura Villareal

MFA PRESENTS

April Bannister • Brandon Blue • Frankie Concepcion • Patrick De Leon • David Dell'oso • Ayling Zulema Dominguez  
• Kinsale Drake • Matt Ferraz • Jack Galati • Emad Jabini • Siobhan Jean-Charles • Chloe L. Jensen • Russ Kazmierczak  
• Tarah Knaresboro • Zack Lesmeister • Polly Llewellyn • Amanda Machado • M. McDonough • Mona Morsy • Ames O'Neill  
• Destiny Pinder-Buckley • Timothy Provenzano • Hana Saad • Winslow Schmelling • Jacob Simmons

COMMUNITY WRITERS

Daisy Atterbury • Angie Dell • Maria Esquinca • David Foster • Wendy J. Fox • Catherine Garbinsky • Anna Abraham Gasaway • Hanna Uf Ghabhain  
• Michelle Gurule • Saúl Hernández • Jane Kalu • Saba Keramati • Cindy Kibbe • Charissa Lucille • Jj Peña • Devin Pope • Juan Carlos Reyes •  
Karen Rigby • Vic Saturnhex • Cecilia Savala • Marisa Tirado • Denise Tolan • Judith van Praag • Lorraine Wheat

**NEW: We have an exhibit table from which you may sell your books.** Contact Cindi if you wish to participate. The limited bookfair hours will run Thursday, October 10 and Friday, October 11 from 1:15 - 5:15pm in the MU. Ballroom.

If you do not qualify for any of the discounts offered, (such as being a senior!) please email Cindi for a discount that ICP may offer to our members. [writeoncindi@gmail.com](mailto:writeoncindi@gmail.com)

They'd love to have folks from Phoenix Writers Club take part in whatever way works for us and are very grateful for any promotion of the conference we can offer. As they said, "It is great to see our organizations begin to work together this way."

We agree.



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<b>Phoenix Writers Club website</b>	<a href="http://phoenixwritersclub.com">phoenixwritersclub.com</a>	

## Local Writing Activities

**Central Phoenix Writing Workshop** – check their website—they have several workshops scheduled [https://www.meetup.com/CentralPhoenixWritingWorkshop/?\\_cookie-check=mzzcOalgDI-tuB9n](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 September. <https://www.eventbrite.com/d/az--phoenix/writing/>

**Phoenix Writers Network**: [phoenixwritersnetwork.com](http://phoenixwritersnetwork.com)

The **Tucson Arts Poetry Series (TAPS)** 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month, at 3:30 pm, two Arizona poets are highlighted reading published work. **Poets & Writers**, made possible by **Tucson Poetry Society (TPS)**

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

**Writers Inspiration Group (WIG)** meets on Zoom on the first and third Tuesday of the Month from 3-4:40 PM. The sessions include prompts that we write about and share with the group. Contact Bernadette if interested.