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## PWC Monthly Meeting

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

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

**Devonshire Senior Center**, 2802 E Devonshire Ave (28th St., north of Indian School Rd.). Saturday, November 16, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. in person. \$10 members, \$15 guests. Details in the newsletter.

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

## November Speaker— Danielle Hampson

Executive Producer - [TheAuthorsShow.com](http://TheAuthorsShow.com)

PWC is excited to partner with Arizona Authors Association (AAA) to present our November speaker Danielle Hampson. A publishing industry podcasting pioneer and multilingual marketing expert, Danielle Hampson created “**The Authors Show®**” in 2005 to showcase the works of fiction and nonfiction authors. Currently in its 19<sup>th</sup> year of production, the show which produces & broadcasts professional audio interviews online has processed over 6000 traditionally and independently published authors from around the world.



### PRESENTATION DESCRIPTION

Never-ending technological advancements cause the book marketing landscape to rapidly evolve. Learn to navigate it using 3 powerful tools: the Internet, Podcasts and Social Media.

*Global Publishing Industry Podcasting Pioneer - producing powerful author interviews since 2005*

Danielle encourages us to bring one or more books to the meeting for the Give a Book, Get a Smile program. Books for adults and children are needed of all genres. For all of you published authors, this is an opportunity to share your books and promote literacy. We all have books that will give a smile, so bring one of your favorites and keep smiling!

<https://wnbnetworkwest.com/give-book-get-smile>

### A Note from the PWC President

It has been an energizing fall for PWC as we continue to collaborate with the rich writing community in the Valley. This month we are partnering with Arizona Authors Association <https://www.arizonaauthors.org/> to present Danielle Hampson - Executive Producer - [TheAuthorsShow.com](https://www.theauthorsshow.com).

Many of us attended and manned our vendor table at the Desert Night, Rising Stars conference through the Virginia G. Piper Center for Creative Writing <https://piper.asu.edu/> and are participating in online classes for discounted tuition.



We are continuing our participation with Oasis Press and their anthologies and workshops. <https://www.phoenixoasispress.com/2025anthology>

And I was happy to be part of Poetry Fest at Scottsdale Community College <https://www.scottsdalecc.edu/news/2024/scc-hosts-oct-19-poetry-fest-poet-laureate-dr-lois-roma-deeley>

On November 3rd we invite you to attend The Arizona Consortium for The Arts 15th Annual Blue Guitar Festival of The Arts for a day of creativity and entertainment and support fellow creatives. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1899106853925537>.

We have met and shared our club with writers of all genres through these endeavors and we welcome everyone to join us on our writing journeys.

Become a part of celebrating our centennial in 2026. We are meeting each month to plan events, contests, and more as we mark 100 years of 'Writers Helping Writers'.

See the attached flyer for info on how to enter *the Formidable Women 2025 Essay and Poetry Contest*. PWC was started by a group of feisty women who were denied access to the all-male press club. And now it's 100 years of women and men sharing their creativity and writing. Here's to another 100 years!!



Write on,  
*Cindi Reiss*

## PWC Website

[phoenixwritersclub.com](https://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.

## October Meeting Minutes

By Bernadette Inclin

Cindi Reiss, President, opened the meeting at 10:30 am. As the first order of business, members voted for officers for 2024-2025. President-Cindi Reiss; Vice-president-Bernadette Inclin; Treasurer-Navissa Kaiser; Secretary-open. Motions were made to accept the slate and all were in favor.

She offered a review of the *Desert Nights, Rising Stars Conference* that was a big success. Not only were the workshops excellent, our PWC table attracted many attendees who signed up to receive our newsletter, the Stimulus, which Cindi sent out to all interested in PWC.

Cindi next welcomed new attendees/members, Tiel Battin, Olin Reams, and Dakima Hicks who gave backgrounds on their writings. Next the Board Members and attending members introduced themselves and spoke of their writing genres.

Navissa Kaiser, Treasurer, gave the details of the 2025 themed essay and poetry contests, *Formidable Women*, launching the PWC centennial celebrations in January 2026. The contest is open to all writers and Arizona residents submitting preferable non-published writings. More details are in this newsletter.

Cindi announced the annual Blue Guitar Festival of the Arts at Desert Ridge Marketplace will be on Sunday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11-3:30. She will be one of the featured poets to read from noon-12:30. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1899106853925537/?ref=newsfeed>

We still have an opening for an assistant media person.

Cindi encouraged the group to keep posting on Facebook.

### Guest Speaker

Cindi introduced our speaker, Sasha Hawkins, coordinator at the Virginia G. Piper Center at ASU. She is the author of two Chapbooks and writes poetry. Sasha invited PWC members to register for writing classes at ASU using code SHAWKI31@ASU for 25% off.

Sasha began with poetry + importance because it is the gateway to writing anything. She divides writing a poem into three parts: Idea, Movement, and Style. The Idea or narrative is the beat by beat that drives writing and pushes it forward. Movement paces, and Style is your voice, or the way you put together phrases.

Plot your poem like a novel: Emotional beats, pacing to tie into your voice; how to get to your point. Line breaks or how the poem looks on a page which can also give cues pointing in the right direction. It is self-centered; a representative about your emphasis on authenticity.

Sasha then gave the group an exercise.:

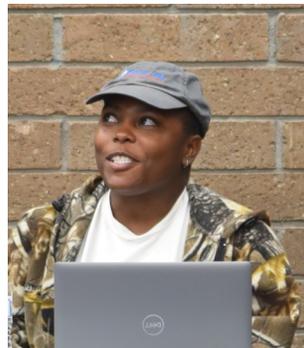
- Think about a memory
- Jot down everything about the memory
- Insert someone else talking about the memory
- Then begin the memory with...I saw it all happen...

Two members read their writings out to the group. After questions and answers, the meeting closed at noon.

## October Monthly PWC Pictures



Thank you to Joe Maguire for the photos.



## Member News

- **Cindi Reiss:** Check out Cindi's three poems 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/>
- **Mark D Walker:** Blog—<https://millionmilewalker.com/blog/>. His interview with Voyage Phoenix Magazine recently came out [Life & Work with Mark Walker of Scottsdale - VoyagePhoenix - Phoenix](#)  
NEW: *The Guatemala Reader* received a BookFest Award for Nonfiction Travel: Self Discovery & Travel Journals
- **Bert Haagenstad:** His books are available at [https://www.amazon.com/First-Easter-Egg-Bert-Haagenstad-ebook/dp/B0CTFTDY6R/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/B0CTFTDY6R/ref=sr_1_4?keywords=THE+FIRST+EASTER+EGG&qid=1707505430&sr=8-4)
- **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/>
- **Louise J Privette:** website—<https://louiseprivette.com/>
- **D'Anne Pientka** has a poem to be published in the next Arizona State Poetry Society's anthology.

## Looking Ahead

- December—Annual holiday salon/party
- January 2025-We'll start the year with Arizona history and hauntings with Author Debe Branning.

## PWC Monthly Meetings

We look forward to our monthly meetings at **Devonshire Senior Center** <https://www.phoenix.gov/parks/recreation-and-community-centers/centers-d/devonshire>. Our meeting on November 19 will be from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The earlier time 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. The cost to attend is \$10 members, \$15 guests, which covers the cost of the meeting location, food and beverage offerings, and monthly speaker.

With this new format, **members and guests must RSVP and pay before the meeting**. The official city requirement forbids fees to be collected at the center. We have several ways to accomplish fee collection. First, the old standby, mail a check payable to Phoenix Writers Club to our treasured treasurer, 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 November 30, can be paid using any of those means. If you want to use your Zelle account, add new recipient [phoenixwriters1926@gmail.com](mailto:phoenixwriters1926@gmail.com).

If you have Venmo or PayPal, send to Navissa Kaiser and a receipt will be sent to your email. On Venmo it will appear as @Navissa-Kaiser.

## PWC Board Member

We're still looking for a volunteer to take on the role of Secretary and another person to assist with the Media coverage with Ilsa Manning.

## PWC and AAA

PWC is collaborating with the Arizona Authors Association (AAA) to host former PWC member Danielle Hampson to 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 to donate books to underprivileged people, children and adults. This reflects another effort for our club to collaborate with other Phoenix writing clubs, making us stronger.

## 2025 PWC Essay and Poetry Contests

PWC celebrates formidable women, the theme for the contests. Entries accepted between Jan 1, 2025—Feb 1, 2025.

- Essay word count: 1926 word max.
- Poetry from 19-26 lines.

See a theme here (the club started the year 1926). Check out the attached contest flyer for details.



## PWC Centennial 2026

We continue the planning stages of our centennial in 2026! You are welcome to join our committee and our next meeting is immediately after the general meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup>. We have lots in store as we explore and present our history. If you would like to get involved in our club in any way, please contact Bernadette Inlan, Centennial Committee Chair, at [bsbincoin@aol.com](mailto:bsbincoin@aol.com), or Cindi Reiss at [writeoncindi@gmail.com](mailto:writeoncindi@gmail.com).

## Open—PWC Social Media Coordinator

Would you like to get involved with PWC and put your technology savviness to work? Our Social Media Coordinator, Ilsa Manning, is looking to move on from this role as her business is expanding and taking much of her time. We thank her for the years she's devoted to developing the website and facebook pages. and wish her the best of luck.

This is a great opportunity to expand your knowledge and to promote our club. Ilsa says, "I spend about 1-2 hours on this a month, but they could use maybe 3-4 hours a month to make them more vibrant."

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

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/>



## 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.

## So You Think You Know English

Words invented 50 years ago

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## 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/>. **Check out their website this month. They have several fun writing activities planned.**
- 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.



*Bernadette Inlan, X2*

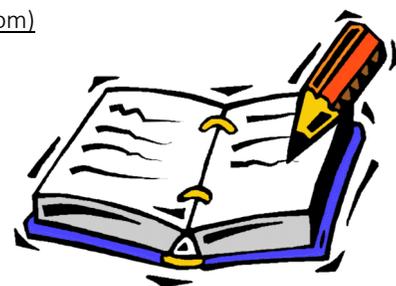
They are actively looking for additional mentors. If anyone is interested, fill out the form on the Poetry Center's website: <https://poetry.arizona.edu/opportunities/get-involved/free-time-writers-inside-and-out> The page also has the group's core values including their preference that anyone who joins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

## So You Think You Know English

Found a YouTube site with funny English memes. Enjoy

[25 Hilarious Memes That Prove English Is The Funniest Language - Funny \(chameleonmemes.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)





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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](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](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.