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PWC Monthly Meeting

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

Pre-Payment & RSVP Required

Devonshire Senior Center, 2802 E Devonshire Ave (28th St., north of Indian School Rd. **Saturday, September 20**. Schedule: 10-10:30-social time; 10:30-11-business, intros; 11-12-speaker; 12-12:30 wrap up and social time.

\$10 fee for members, \$15 for guests.

RSVP to phoenixwriters1926@gmail.com.

Pay your meeting fee or your annual dues of \$40, if you haven't done so, with a check to our treasurer, Navissa Kaiser, payable to Phoenix Writers Club,

5715 E. Alder, Mesa 85206; or use Zelle which goes into our club account. You are also welcome to pay for several monthly meetings at one time in advance. If you already have a Zelle account and would like to pay this way, add new recipient phoenixwriters1926@gmail.com. **Questions?** Email Cindi Reiss at writeoncindi@gmail.com

April Speaker—Ann Narcisian Videan

Book shepherd, author, editor, illustrator, composer

Editing Schmediting! Who Needs It?

In this workshop, Book Shepherd Ann Videan will walk you through everything you need to know about finding and working with an editor. How to find one. How to prepare your manuscript for submission. Becoming familiar with writing tools like MS Word. Editing issues to watch for. And a few tips to help you create compelling writing your editor will love.

Ann guides peers through the writing, editing, publishing and word-of-mouth marketing of both fiction and nonfiction books.

Ann showed up in this world with a pen in her hand, a song in her heart, and the desire to share with you. She adores creativity of all types, and especially the people who live it. She gathers friends like flowers, including authors, musicians, artists, and her husband and two grown-up children. The Colorado native lives in Mesa, Arizona, along with numerous invisible friends including snarky mythical creatures and magical story characters.



Other career highlights:

2024 – Book shepherded more than 150 authors’ books to-date, helping them with ideas, writing, editing, formatting, pitching, publishing, and inspiration

2007– Selected by peers for the Public Relations Society of America's top honor: the PERCY Award

2005 – Selected by a national panel for The Crown Jewel Award (top U.S. home-based business)

2004 – Served as the catalyst to reintroduce white rhinos to the Phoenix Zoo

1996 – Enticed 15,000 extras to Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe, AZ, to film football movie scenes for *Jerry Maguire*

A Note from the PWC President

“September is the other January.”

Gretchen Rubin

Welcome back, writers! September has always been a time of reflection and renewal for me. Perhaps it comes from growing up in New Jersey, where we started school in September and there was a hint of the crispness that autumn would soon bring. Even though my grandkids start school in July and the only crispness is in the leaves of my bushes that yearn for a good monsoon storm, I embrace a sense of renewal for what the fall will bring. And of course, September is when PWC reconvenes to share, learn, and socialize with our fellow writers.

We are entering our centennial year in 2026 and are ready to celebrate our long history and the women who founded the club. Our board and centennial committee have been working this summer planning activities, parties, and more. We welcome all of you to get involved, even if you only attend a planning meeting to see what is being proposed.

We have several fall events, including serving as a sponsor at the Desert Nights, Rising Stars Writing Conference in October, and partnering with the Blue Guitar Festival in November. More info is included in this newsletter.

I’m eager to begin my September with all of you and our vast writing community.

Write on,

Cindi Reiss

Membership Annual Dues

This is a friendly reminder that annual dues of \$40 are coming due in September. You may send Navissa a check or pay via Zelle, instructions listed on the first page.

Fall Speakers

- September- Book Shepherd/Editor/Author Ann Videan, <https://anvidean.com/>
- October-Author/Book Coach/ Self-publishing Expert Andreaa Billig <https://selfpublishingmastery.com/about-us/>
- November-Writer/Actress/Documentary filmmaker Penny Peyser
- December-Annual Holiday Salon and Party!

Speakers

Our club thrives on camaraderie and having speakers from various genres each month. If you have a speaker that you feel is good for the club, please email Cindi for the speaker guidelines. We all have different connections in the writing community, and our club depends on the involvement of our members. Cindi Reiss. writeoncindi@gmail.com

PWC Website

Website: phoenixwritersclub.com and

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/phxwritersclub/>

Send Ilsa Manning or Eric Miller your photo and update your bio for the website—Send your news to Ilsa for a facebook update. This is free publicity for you, another benefit of being a PWC member.

PWC Volunteers

Phoenix Writers Club needs YOU! Our club runs on volunteers who give their time and donations. There is a place for anyone who would like to help in any way, especially with the planning of our centennial events and contests. If you would like to explore these options and find out more, please email Cindi Reiss at writeoncindi@gmail.com

You Think You Know English

New Words in English you should know for 2025

By Oxford University Press ELT | January 31, 2025

<https://tinyurl.com/New-Words-for-2025>

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 free benefits of being a PWC member. Email D'Anne Pientka at dannewriteson@gmail.com for more information (note the new email).

Member News

- **Navissa Kaiser:** *American Cultural De-mammification*—published February 2025 by Half and One. <https://halfandone.com/american-cultural-de-mammification/>
- **Trudy Wells-Meyer:** *Alpenrosen . . . Roses of the Alps* — published in *Art By Attitude Summer 2025* by Rabbitt Ears Press, Steamboat Springs, CO. <https://heyzine.com/flip-book/4b0786c646.html#page/54>

Member Links

- **Brad Graber:** Blog—<https://www.bradgraber.com/there-i-said-it/>
- **Mark D Walker:** Blog—<https://millionmilewalker.com/blog/>
- **Bert Haagenstad:** His books are available at 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
- **Bernadette Inclan:** *The Perils of Beginnings*: <https://bernadetteinclan.com/> . Check out her interview with Logan Crawford: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xvGjRbef2gM>
- **Kixx Goldman:** Blog—<https://www.drkixxgoldman.com/blog/>
- **Louise J Privette:** website—<https://louiseprivette.com/>
- **Nick Bratcher:** podcast— Greenwood & Company, jamisongreenwoodpodcast.com
- **Eric Miller:** <https://emillerphx.substack.com/>
- **Carolyn Golden:** website-www.aworkinprocess.us
- **Trudy Wells-Meyer:** website—www.trudywells-meyer.com

If you have a blog or website you'd like included in the newsletter, please send D'Anne the link. And check out our website! Eric Miller has added our previous newsletters and more pages of our members. Get your member profile to him today!



The Desert Nights, Rising Stars conference at The Virginia G. Piper Center for Creative Writing at ASU is Oct 9-11, 2025, Thurs-Sat. <https://piper.asu.edu/conference#about>

PWC will have a table to promote our club and also sell books on Thursday from 11:45 to 4:45. Unfortunately, they are not holding the book fair on Friday, which is a change from previous years. Ilsa Manning will send out a sign-up sheet for those who would like to help at the table/and or sell their books on that day. You do not have to attend the conference to be at the table. If you are selling your books, you must be at the table at that time and have your means of accepting payments.

Blue Guitar Festival

Mark your calendars now as PWC is partnering with Blue Guitar Festival-Sunday, Nov. 2nd, at Desert Ridge Marketplace. Our contest winners will be reading; we'll introduce our history and centennial news, and we'll have a booth and writing activities. The festival is from 11-3, and we will need people to help set up and take down, and staff the table. The morning features children's music, then readers from the most recent Blue Guitar Magazine, and then PWC will have the afternoon. You are also welcome to display your books, though per Desert Ridge policy, we are not allowed to sell. We will be sending a sign-up sheet soon.

More Information: <https://tinyurl.com/yb7c48c6>

Invite your family, friends, and everyone else to celebrate the creativity of our community!

To submit to Blue Guitar Magazine, check out this link <https://www.theblueguitarmagazine.org/3.html>

Fall 2025 Poetry Center Season Lineup

Events take place at the University of Arizona Poetry Center and will be livestreamed (<https://poetry.arizona.edu/readings/live>) at the time of the reading unless noted otherwise on the Poetry Center website. <https://poetry.arizona.edu/blog/fall-2025>

Phoenix Writers Club Centennial

Phoenix Writers Club was formed in 1926 when a group of formidable women were denied access to the all-male press club, so this Centennial is in honor of them and all of the formidable women we know!



We have been exploring our history as we approach our centennial in 2026. We have notebooks of pictures, newsletters, articles and more that were meticulously organized by Bernadette, one more thing that she did for PWC.

We are working on a history page on our website, and our newsletter occasionally contains summaries of some of the decades and features on individuals in PWC history.

Diane Shotton and Jeff Callan are combing through the albums to compile timelines and stories. And we need more; we have 100 years of history to showcase. Your ideas and input are needed. Email me at writeoncindi@gmail.com and become part of our history!

Desert Scribblers

Born from the Phoenix region for NaNoWriMo, this writing group has expanded their "First Draft Frenzy" Challenge to both October and November each year.

Check it out—perhaps you'd like to participate.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/129741080414743>

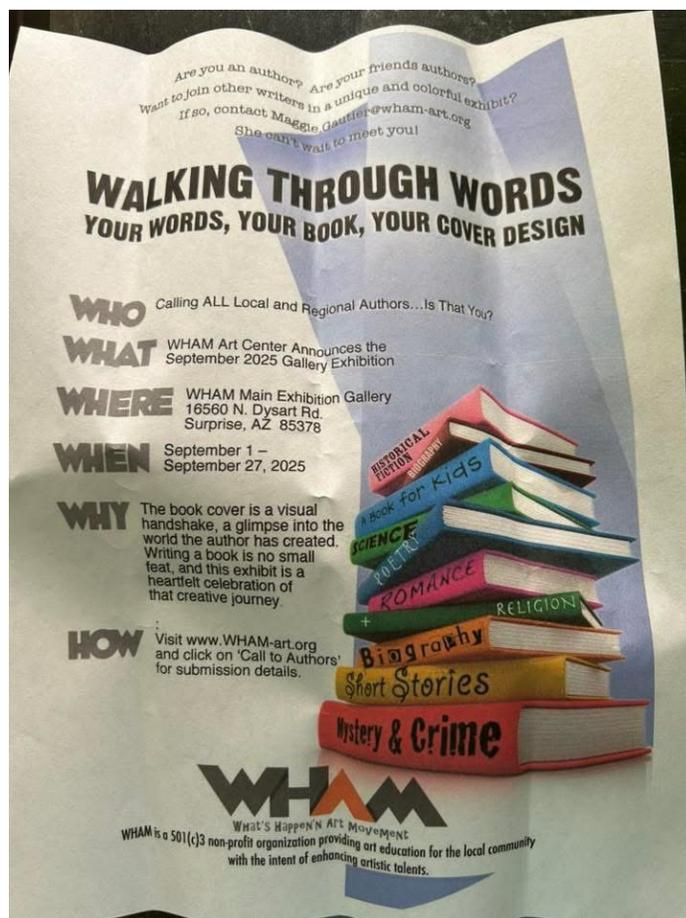
Discord Channel: <https://discord.gg/dAQae8W3ng>

Contact Erin Lorandos if you have questions:
erin@lorandos.com

Walking Through Words

WHAM Art Center announces the September 2025 Book Cover Gallery Exhibition. September 1-27, 2025

WHAM Art Center
16560 N. Dysart Rd
Surprise, AZ 85378



Local Writing Clubs

PWC 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 September 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.
- 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.
- 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. Heard about this from another writer who raves about the value of the site.
- Author-preneurship: [From Pen to Profit: Meet Arizona's Thriving Author-preneurs - Blog](#)
- Phoenix Writers Network: phoenixwritersnetwork.com

Board Election Slate

By Ilsa Manning

It's that time of year again! The board member election will take place at our October meeting—please find below the slate for our centennial year.

- President - Cindi Reiss
- Vice President - Diane Shotton
- Treasurer - Navissa Kaiser
- Secretary - beth Johnson

If you find yourself with a driving desire to run for office or to volunteer for a non-voting position (e.g., newsletter editor, website, social media, etc.), please contact Ilsa.

We're always on the lookout for volunteers.



PWC Contacts

Reminder: Elections upcoming this October.

President	Cindi Reiss	writeoncindi@gmail.com
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Secretary	beth Liechti Johnson	eljohnson707@gmail.com
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Membership Chair	Cindi Reiss	writeoncindi@gmail.com
Writers Critique Workshop	D'Anne Pientka	dannewriteson@gmail.com
PWC Centennial Chair	Open	
Phoenix Writers Club Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/phxwritersclub/	
Phoenix Writers Club website	phoenixwritersclub.com	

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

The **Tucson Arts Poetry Series (TAPS)** 4th 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 they write about and share with the group. Contact Cindi Reiss if interested, writeoncindi@gmail.com.