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PWC Monthly 3rd Saturday Meeting

NEW LOCATION

North Mountain Visitor Center, surrounded by desert reserve.

12950 N. 7th Street, Phoenix, 85022, classroom #1

<https://northmountainvisitorcenter.org/>

10:00-10:30 social; 10:30-11:00 business; 11:00-12:00 speaker.

\$10-members; \$15-guests. Pre-Payment & RSVP required for each meeting. To RSVP, please pay via Zelle to phoenixwriters1926@gmail.com, Venmo to Phoenix@phoenixwriters1926. Checks and cash are accepted at the door, but RSVP is still required. At this facility, it is essential that you RSVP each time as our setup each month, including the configuration of tables needed that day, needs to be sent to the center five days before the meeting to determine the number of tables and people to follow fire marshal rules.

Membership Annual Dues

Annual dues of \$40 are due by the end of September. You may pay via Zelle or Venmo to phoenixwriters1926@gmail.com or mail a check to our treasurer, Navissa Kaiser, payable to Phoenix Writers Club, 5715 E. Alder, Mesa 85206. **Questions?** Email Cindi Reiss at writeoncindi@gmail.com

Looking Ahead

- September 19th: General Meeting Speaker—attorney Maria Crimi Speth is speaking on intellectual property, copyrights, and much-needed information to protect our writings
- October 17th: General Meeting—PWC History presentations
- November 8th: Blue Guitar Festival—Contest winners will read, plus other presentations from members
- November 12th, 4-7: PWC Centennial Party
- November: No general meeting
- December 19th: PWC Holiday Salon Party with members' readings (in lieu of general meeting)

So You Think You Know English

6 Grammar Rules You Can Totally Break

<https://tinyurl.com/Obsolete-Grammar-Rules>, by Ellen Gutoskey

September Speaker—Maria Crimi Speth



Maria Crimi Speth, a shareholder in the law firm of Jaburg & Wilk, P.C., practices in the areas of intellectual property, technology, and commercial litigation, representing clients and serving as a neutral. Litigating for over thirty-five years, she is admitted to practice in the state and federal courts of Arizona and New York, as well as the Courts of Appeals for six circuits and the Supreme Court. She is the author of two published books, *Protect Your Writings: A Legal Guide for*

Authors, and *Protect Your Photographs: A Legal Guide for Photographers*.

Maria is a member of the AAA's Roster of Arbitrators and Mediators. She is the past Chair of the Board of YWCA Metropolitan Phoenix. She is a past chair of the Intellectual Property and E-commerce Sections of the Arizona State Bar Association.

You can visit her business link at JW's website, <https://www.jaburgwilk.com/our-people/maria-crimi-speth>

A Note from the PWC President

September has always been my favorite month. I loved going back to school each year, the start of another year of learning, reading, writing, but not so much arithmetic! I embrace September as the beginning of my year. It has hope for a new start in whatever you want to do.

Our PWC September starts with a new meeting location. We are grateful to everyone who sent suggestions, called, or scoped out venues in the Valley. We're excited to announce that we'll meet at the North Mountain Visitor Center, surrounded by desert reserve. 12950 N. 7th Street, Phoenix, 85022, classroom #1 <https://northmountainvisitorcenter.org/> It will be our usual time: 10-10:30 social; 10:30-11 business and announcements; 11-12 speaker.

At this facility, it is essential that you RSVP each time, as our setup each month, including the configuration of tables needed that day, needs to be sent to the center five days before the meeting to determine the number of tables and people to follow fire marshal rules.

Our usual Zelle or Venmo works very well, and also prepay. You may pay at the center with cash or check, but we still need to know whether you are attending. I know there are often last-minute decisions about whether you can attend, so just email me, and we will go from there. We want everyone to attend and bring a guest too!

Our fall will be busy with continued centennial party planning for the November 12th centennial party, history presentations, and the annual Blue Guitar Festival.

I look forward to seeing everyone in September and starting our year creatively.

Write on,
Cindi Reiss

PWC Wanted Ads

If you have a writers service you offer or if you are looking for advice and/or service, please send D'Anne (dannewriteson@gmail.com) your notice for inclusion in this area.

PCW Poetry Reviewers

by Cindy Mosca

I am a member of the Peace Corps Writers (PCW) Advisory Board with Mark Walker. I am volunteering as the coordinator for book reviews written by Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCV) and current volunteers. Several RPCVs have written poetry books and would like them reviewed. I am looking for people willing to review poetry.

The procedure is:

1. You send me your request to be a reviewer by September 30th (cnmosca69@gmail.com).
2. I send the reviewer information about the books so they can select one. The information includes author details and a description explaining why they might want to read the book. I usually also include the cover and a link to where the book is available for sale.
3. The author sends the assigned reviewer the book.
4. The reviewer sends their review to me. I check it over for required details.
5. I send the review to Greg Emerson, our president and editorial director. He does a final edit and decides when to publish the review.

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. The success of PWC's workshops is highlighted by:

- Numerous workshop attendees publishing their books
- Strong attendee growth.

Workshop guidelines are available on the PWC website: <https://phoenixwritersclub.com/pwc-critique-workshop-guidelines/>

The Desert Willow Substack

From Aliens in the Closet to Desert Plants with a Message: A Collection of writings from Phoenix Writers Club members—Volume 3—Summer 2026 is now available online.

<https://phoenixwritersclub.substack.com/p/the-desert-willow-volume-3-summer>

PWC Centennial Planning

As you can see from the attached minutes from our recent centennial celebration planning meeting, things are moving along smoothly with the help of so many of you. The date, November 12th from 4-7 pm, is approaching quickly, and we'll send more info about tickets and how to buy them.

If you have the time and desire to be part of the organizational team, please contact Lois Kiely, llkiely@aol.com/ 732 531 4648 (phone calls only, no texts). And she will gladly and gratefully find a spot for you.

Photos Wanted

If you have photographs of club members or club events we'd love to have them to include in our centennial slideshow. Old, new, all welcome. If digital, please email to Jeff Callan (message.jacallan@outlook.com) and please indicate PWC Photos in the subject. If not in digital format, email Jeff and if a "good stash", he will arrange to get them from you, scan and return them to you. The deadline to submit is the end of September. Thank you.

Upcoming Writing Events

Writing in Real in the Desert

January 15-17, Lodge on the Desert, Tucson

Sheila Bender, Meg Files, and Jack Heffron have taught 19 workshops together, and now they're getting back together again. More information: megfiles@earthlink.net and attached flyer, Writing it Real.pdf.

Blue Guitar Festival

Sunday, November 8th, 11-3, PWC members, 12:30-3:00, Desert Ridge Marketplace.

<https://shopdesertridge.com/about/>

Our PWC Centennial Year Founders Contest winners will be reading, Bonnie Bennett will present our history in skit form, and more. Our writers are multi-talented, and if you sing, dance, play an instrument, etc., and would like to share with us that day, please contact Cindi Reiss at writeoncindi@gmail.com



Earl Llewellyn Goldmann

It is with great sadness we announce member author, Earl Llewellyn Goldmann, passed away July 17th, 2026. He was partners with his wife, author Patricia L. Brooks, in their writing world for the past 25 years.

He was born on December 23, 1934, in Tillamook, Oregon. A place that never left his heart, Earl lived his life with passion and purpose, authoring many stories around his beloved Oregon after a successful career as a high school teacher and coach.

Earl was an avid golfer and earned a hole-in-one on two occasions, fifty years apart. One was at his home course in Tillamook, Oregon, Alderbrook, and the other at the Phoenician Resort in Scottsdale. He played golf from high school to age 80 and then gave it up to replace his golf clubs with a pen and paper.

He wrote memoirs, publishing his first book, *Bounce Back*, at age 82 and the second one, *Intestinal Fortitude*, at age 86. His wife is currently partnering with an editor to finalize his third book posthumously, *Tillamook: it's not just about the cheese*. This **non-fiction work will be launched at the end of the year, just prior to his 92nd birthday**. Mark your calendar!

Earl is remembered by friends and family in both Arizona and Oregon. He considered his fellow writers as some of his most important relationships. Earl requested no services here in Arizona. At his request, Patricia will take his ashes to the mouth of the Wilson River outside Tillamook, Oregon, next spring and throw them west to the Pacific Ocean.

Patricia will participate with her books, and Earl's, in the Desert Foothills Book Festival at the Holland Center, Scottsdale, on October 17, 2026, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. The books will sell for cost plus shipping or \$10.00 each. Patricia will be ready to greet you. Earl's spirit will be there too.
info@brooksgoldmannpublishing.com and www.brooksgoldmannpublishing.com

PWC Board Election Slate

It's that time of year again! The board member election will take place at our October meeting; please find below the slate for the 2026–2027 year.

- President - Cindi Reiss
- Vice President - Tamara Santley
- Treasurer - Navissa Kaiser
- Secretary - beth Johnson

If you're interested in running for office or volunteering for a non-voting position {e.g., newsletter editor (D'Anne is asking for a replacement), website, social media, etc.}, please contact Ilsa at ilsamanningwrites@gmail.com.

Upcoming Book Fairs

Thank you, Laura Nastasia, for this list. Readers, note that Laura plans to attend each of these.

Books in the Desert - Book Bliss, LLC

September 26, 2026

DoubleTree by Hilton

1011 W Holmes Ave

Mesa, AZ 85210

Readers of the Valley

<https://www.bookishbeccaco.com/collections/bookish-events>

October 4, 2026

Bellair Golf Club

17233 N 45th Ave, Glendale, AZ 85308

Readers of the Valley

<https://www.bookishbeccaco.com/collections/bookish-events>

November 8, 2026

Bellair Golf Club

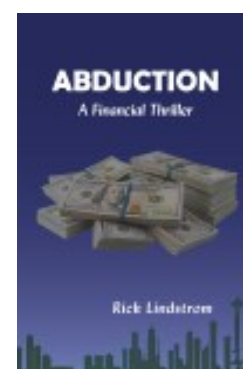
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Member News

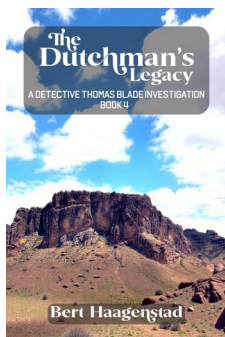


Jeffrey Callan's new book, *The Intrigants: The Cleaner*, is available on Amazon <https://a.co/d/0dk3jKu3>. It's the basis for "The Cleaner" podcast.

Rick Lindstrom's final novel, *Abduction*, is available on Amazon, <https://a.co/d/0fy7ykan>. His wife, Kim Nielsen, forged ahead to get it published, now a year since his passing.



Cindi Reiss is included in the Motherhood Anthology with little somethings press with Revisionary Arts.



Bert Haagenstad: *The Dutchman's Legacy*, 4th in the Detective Thomas Blade Investigations series is available on Amazon <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0H3R8JCDW>

beth Liechti Johnson: "Ricochet," 2nd place, 2026 Story Circle Poetry Competition <https://www.storycircle.org/2nd-poetry-contest-winner/>

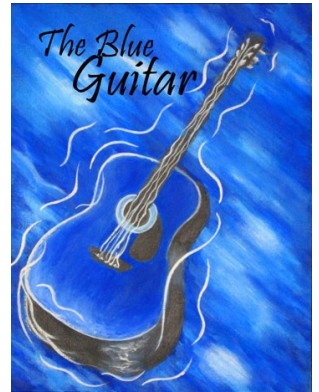
Call for Submissions

The Blue Guitar

The Blue Guitar literary and arts magazine seeks literary submissions for the Fall 2026 Edition from Sept. 1 through Oct. 4. Submissions are sought in all genres — fiction, poetry, plays, creative nonfiction. Writers must submit original work (no AI-generated work) and must live part- or full-time in Arizona.

Simultaneous submissions will be accepted, but the writer must notify the magazine as soon as possible if the work is accepted elsewhere. It is free to submit, and submissions may be made in multiple genres. Please include your name and the best way to contact you on your submission. To submit or for further information, e-mail Editor Rebecca Dyer at rebeccadyer@theblueguitarmagazine.org. For more information, visit www.theblueguitarmagazine.org.

Their *Unstrung* Summer 2026 poetry magazine is now available. It features poems by Paula Ashley, Duann Black, David Chorlton, Roxanne Doty, Richard Fenton Sederstrom, and Varina J. Martindale.



Unstrung is a magazine of, for, and about poetry, and is a project of the nonprofits **The Blue Guitar** (www.theblueguitarmagazine.org) and **The Arizona Consortium for the Arts** (www.artizona.org).

The Desert Willow Volume 4

Phoenix Writers Club is pleased to announce that the submission period for Volume 4 of our literary magazine, *The Desert Willow*, is now open. Any club member can submit their work to pwc.substack@gmail.com.

The submission period is September 1, 2026, to September 31, 2026.

You can view all the details on what categories we accept, word counts, submission format, and publication rights on the magazine's About page: <https://phoenixwritersclub.substack.com/about>

And please consider subscribing. You don't need a Substack (the platform we publish on) account, just an email. The more subscribers we have, the more others on Substack will see it. We are just under 50 subscribers, and we would like to see that at over 100 by the time Volume 4 is published in October.

PWC Website

<https://phoenixwritersclub.com>

Visit the website to find information about past and future meetings, contest information and winners, tributes to past members, and "Author Pages." Don't forget, as a member, you get a free "Author Page."

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PWC Desert Willow Substack <https://phoenixwritersclub.substack.com/>

Member Links

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

Member	Type	Link
Bobbie Bennett	Website	www.bobbiebennett.com
Wanda Bevan	Website	www.wandaswayiswrite.com
Nick Bratcher	Podcast-Greenwood & Co	jamisongreenwoodpodcast.com
Patricia Brooks	Website	www.brooksgoldmannpublishing.com
Mary Cornelius	Website	https://www.corneliusblogs.com/
Brad Graber	Blog	https://www.bradgraber.com/there-i-said-it/
Carolyn Golden	Website	www.aworkinprocess.us
Kixx Goldman	Blog	https://www.drkixxgoldman.com/blog/
Bert Haagenstad	Website	https://booksbybert.online/
Eric Miller	Substack	https://emillerphx.substack.com/
Laura Nastasia	Website	https://www.soulferriers.com/
Louise J Privette	Website	https://louiseprivette.com/
Mark Prior	Website	www.markpriorauthor.com
Diane Shotton	Website	https://dianewahnshotton.com/
Mark D Walker	Substack	https://tinyurl.com/mrrmz6j2
Trudy Wells-Meyer	Website	www.trudywells-meyer.com