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Eastern Shore Writer's Association Newsletter

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Letter from the president



Happy spring! May the gloom of this past overly-long winter be gone and may we be called to our keyboards with a new sense of brightness and energy!

The Memoir Writing Workshop held on our Second Saturday meeting in April was a great success. Emily Rich gave the group some practical ideas and had us work through some exercises to help us start the process of telling our stories. Due to scheduling difficulties, the May Second Saturday “Write-in” at the Art League of Ocean City has been postponed until October. We’ll have more details when we get closer to that date. Our June meeting, location TBA, will be on June 9. It will probably be in the Easton/St. Michaels area. “Reach out with your feelings, Luke” will be a workshop on using your senses to enhance your writing both emotionally and descriptively. This is a module of the creative writing course I’ve taught for the Lighthouse Literary Guild at Salisbury University. It’s always a lot of fun to see how people take the same concepts and have entirely different results.

One of the member benefits is posting job opportunities. Please check the Members Area of the ESWA website. We periodically have requests from people looking for writers. At the moment, there is someone wanting a biographer for his father’s story.

At the ESWA Board meeting in April, we started a discussion on programming for the latter part of 2018 and beyond. We have ideas about workshops and courses – both in person and on-line. We know there is interest in critique groups, but geography is an issue. Are people interested in developing an on-line critique group? We know how that is done elsewhere, and it may be a viable solution for us. There was also some talk about creating “accountability” groups, in which participants either meet on a regular basis – maybe every two weeks – to talk about what they’ve done and/or do some brainstorming and writing prompt exercises. That’s something that can be done in a slightly

different version via Skype. I've been part of a group that routinely "nagged" each other, and it was fun and useful.

What we need is suggestions from you. This is a membership organization and we can't provide the benefits you want and need if we don't know what they are. Please send me your ideas: ESWAPresident2018@gmail.com. Post ideas on the Facebook page so we can start some discussions and plan the fall.

Cheers!

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BTO Conference committee needs you!

The Bay to Ocean Writers Conference is the most fun, visible, and altogether rewarding event ESWA sponsors every year. It attracts over 200 people from all over the tri-state area and even regions beyond. There's just one problem: our most experienced hands are rotating off the committee after a decade or more of service. They've earned a respite! Now it's the turn of everyone who has enjoyed BTO in the past and wants to see it keep going for another 20 years.

We need help. We need people like you.

The planning committee is already meeting for the 22nd annual BTO, scheduled for March 9, 2019, at Chesapeake College in Wye Mills.

This is no fooling - we truly, totally, critically need new volunteers who can start planning and working with us *now* in the following areas:

- Public relations
- Social media (alignment and coordination of Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram)
- Registration and reception
- Community and business outreach
- Room/ speaker hosting (a one-day commitment)

Volunteers can earn full or partial tuition waivers (worth up to \$95) in recognition of their hard work. But let's be honest – the real rewards are psychic. Get to know your fellow ESWA members in ways you never have before; network professionally; help represent ESWA to the larger community. Once you start, you may not want to stop.

Please respond to Ron Sauder at eswapresident17@gmail.com if you would like to be one of those people who make next year's BTO happen.

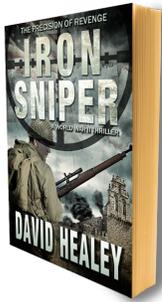
Membership news and accomplishments



ESWA board member and Salisbury Middle School English Language Arts teacher **Tara Elliott** was named the 2018 Christine D. Sarbanes Teacher of the Year for the Maryland Humanities. Tara encouraged her students to take part in the Letters About Literature Contest, and recently involved students and adults in Salisbury Poetry Week, an event she started a year ago.

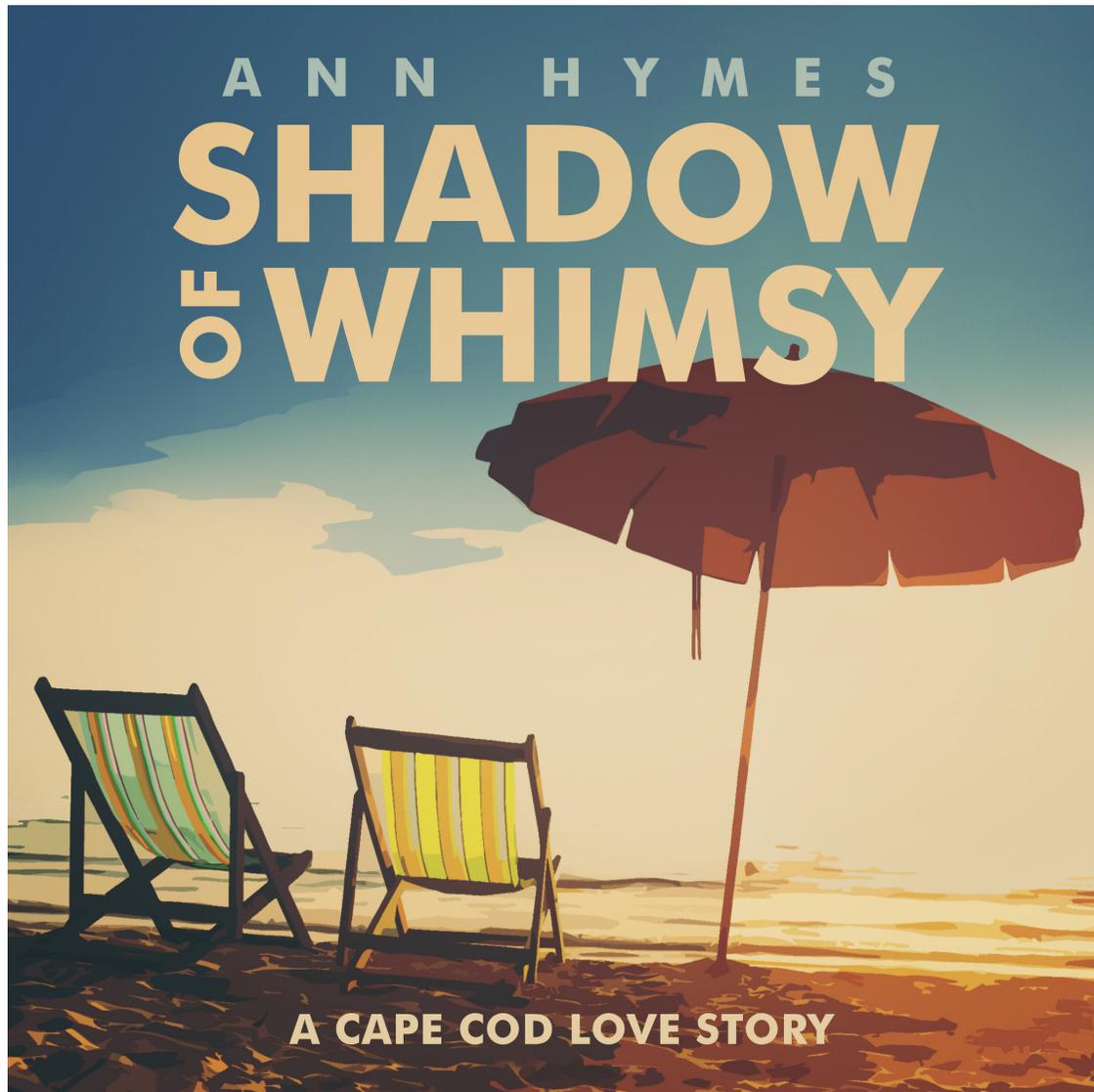
Irene Flick's second poetry collection, *The Wild Side of the Window*, will be published this summer by Main Street Rag Publishing Company (Charlotte, NC). It is available now for a discounted pre-publication price. Here is a direct link to the author's page on the Main Street Rag website:

<http://mainstreetragbookstore.com/product/wild-side-of-the-window-irene-fick/>



David Healey's World War II series continues with the release of *Iron Sniper*, about a German marksman who seeks to redeem his family's name by winning the Iron Cross medal. Just out in May is the audiobook for *Red Sniper*. To get your free audiobook code while supplies last, please visit www.davidhealeyauthor.com.

Please share your great news about publications and awards by emailing cheswriters@gmail.com. Include a photo or book cover!



Have you heard any good books lately?

Secant Publishing of Salisbury is proud to announce the audiobook publication of *Shadow of Whimsy: A Cape Cod Love Story*, by ESWA member Ann Hymes of St. Michaels. Year over year, audiobooks continue to be the fastest growing format in the book industry. Check out *Shadow of Whimsy* on Apple iTunes, Amazon, or Audible to “hear” what the buzz is all about. Bonus tip: the first three readers who email publisher Ron Sauder editor@secantpublishing.com will be rewarded with promo codes for free downloads on Audible. The only thing we ask in return – an honest review on the social media platform of your choice.

Second Saturday to focus on the senses

Our Second Saturday meeting is June 9. It will be an interactive writing workshop on “Using Your Senses in Your Writing.” The time is from 10 a.m. -12 p.m. Please watch the ESWA website for the location. (The May Second Saturday meeting has been moved to Saturday, May 13. Details will follow when we are closer to the date.)

Call going out soon for BTO presenters

Heads up! We've already begun planning for the next Bay to Ocean Writers Conference, to be held March 9, 2019, and we're always looking for new and interesting seminars and speakers. Look for an e-mail soon with a link to our Call for Proposals, and if you'd like to present at BTO 2019, you can use that to tell us about yourself and your ideas for a seminar. We hope to hear from you!

Underground Railroad talk set for library

Easton

Underground Railroad Journeys: Finding Douglass & Tubman on the Eastern Shore

Thursday, May 24, 6:30 p.m. Award-winning writer Jim Duffy will share stories, surprising finds, and life lessons learned as he wrote *Tubman Travels*:

32 Underground Railroad Journeys on Delmarva. Special emphasis will be given to Frederick Douglass, whose bicentennial is being celebrated this year.

St. Michaels

Book Discussion: Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave Thursday, May 17, 2:30 p.m. "Library guy" Bill Peak hosts a discussion of the historic, 96- page autobiography that brought the savage reality of slavery home to the world.

Opportunities to get the word out!

Your membership in the Eastern Shore Writers Association enables you to take advantage of several avenues to share your publication news with others. Here's how:

1. Share your upcoming book signing or reading on the ESWA website <https://www.easternshorewriters.org/>. This quick video shows you how <https://drive.google.com/file/d/16ATITb-cbFXWGlwjqsMFJr0j-eazOlc-/view>
2. Submit your new book cover to be featured on the ESWA website. Please send a .jpg image, along with where you would like the image to be linked (your own website, Amazon, Goodreads, etc.) One cover per member, please! The exception would be a fiction cover and nonfiction book. Please email your book cover and link to cheswriters@gmail.com
3. Share news about your new publication or achievement in the monthly Between the Bays newsletter by emailing your news item and images to cheswriters@gmail.com
4. Please be sure to join the Eastern Shore Writers Facebook Group <https://goo.gl/cDggVE> to let others know your news and to share opportunities and inspiration for writers.

IF YOU AREN'T A MEMBER- WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
JOIN TODAY AND YOU WILL MEET SOME OF THE BEST WRITERS ON THE
EASTERN SHORE...LIKE YOU!

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Submit your news!

Have a new book or publication out? Have a tip on a great opportunity for writers in the region? Please send your news and photos for inclusion in the newsletter to

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