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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, THANKS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS

If you're like me you probably hate it when local stores jump the gun on the holidays. As a personal matter, I refuse to get into the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday spirit until they are actually upon us. But I find as I pen this a few days before Halloween, I have to break my own rule.

This is my penultimate president's message and my final message will be published sometime in late January or early February, so I want to take the opportunity now to say thank you to the members of CBW's board who have worked so hard for all of us over the past two years.

Vice President **Jackie Guidry** and Director of Meeting Logistics **Carol Bova** have done an outstanding job of finding speakers and suitable locations to hold our meetings. **Dave Carr** is everybody's go-to guy for all things CBW and he does a wonderful job of maintaining the website.

Treasurer **Mary Ann Carr** has excelled at making sure all our bills are paid, income is accounted for, and at holding vendors to the original prices they quoted. **Martha Anne King** does an absolutely masterful job of keeping track of our raucous board meetings as well as keeping records of all our business decisions and documents.

Director of Publicity **Narielle Living** has stayed on top of our needs in that area and past president **Jack Bray** has done an

admirable job of running the Golden Nib Contest and providing an experienced sounding board on many issues based on his experience as CBW's president.

Last but certainly not least our Newsletter Director, **Janet Abbott Fast** has done a remarkable job of developing, coordinating, designing, and producing this very professional newsletter you're currently reading, despite recalcitrant writers such as yours truly which she has to track down and tie to the chair to meet her deadlines.

So to the members of the board, I wish you a very hearty and well deserved thank you for all we've accomplished these past two years.

To our members, I hope I'll be seeing you at our All Stars meeting in November, and if not, I wish you a very happy and joyous holiday season.

Frank Milligan, President

2013 CALENDAR

November 13

All Stars Luncheon

VWC 2013 GOLDEN NIB STATE LEVEL WINNERS! CONGRATULATIONS!



The Golden Nib winners are:

Jeanne Smith Johansen, placed second in fiction:

John A. Bray, placed third in non-fiction.



Chesapeake Bay Writers Bylaw Article II Objectives: To further the craft of writing. To provide members with opportunities for connecting and exchanging ideas with others who share similar interests; to assist and encourage members in their efforts to achieve their writing related goals; to offer educational and informative programs about writing and marketing finished works. Visit our website at: www.ChesapeakeBayWriters.org.



WELCOME ABOARD!

Warren Bell, of Williamsburg, says, "I am a 30-year naval officer and former City Engineer for Alexandria. I published my debut novel, *Fall Eagle One*, in 2011. This book has hovered in the upper 1% of Kindle sales for most of 2013. My second novel, *Hold Back the Sun* (HBTS), was released on Kindle in August 2013 and is currently #8 on the Kindle historical fiction/asian best sellers list. Paperback launch is scheduled for October 25."

Suzanne R. Eisinger, of Williamsburg, says, "I am a stay at home Mom with three children, ages eight, 11 and 13. I have always enjoyed writing and managed to pursue this love while managing a home and kids. I have a first draft of a novel I've written and am unsure about how good it is, since I've never had the nerve to show it to anyone. That's why joining this club is so intriguing and terrifying at the same time. But, it's time."

BOASTS, BLUSTERS AND GLOATS

A variety of interesting and eclectic articles by **Carol Bova**, **Mary Ann Carr**, **Jackie Guidry** and **Jeanne Smith Johansen** have been published in recent issues of *Chesapeake Style*.

Warren Bell is launching his second novel in paperback in Williamsburg! *Hold Back The Sun: U.s Asiatic Fleet Vs Japan*; e-book version #4 on Kindle historical fiction best seller List; Lots of history, combat and wartime romance.

John Broadwater's book *USS Monitor* received an Honorable mention from John Lyman Book Award in the category of Naval and maritime reference works and published primary sources, sponsored by the North American Society for Oceanic History.

Catherine C. Brooks will sign books at Dilly Dally Emporium, Main Street, Mathews, on Saturday, November 9, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Her new book, *Celebrating Restorations* about life after World War II has received favorable comments.

Carol Chapman's article, *The 40-Day Prayer of Manifestation*, appeared in the October/November/December 2013 issue of *Venture Inward*. She will be speaking in Charlottesville on November 16th about *Atlantis and its Colonies in Egypt and Yucatan*. On December 29th, she will give her presentation, *Have Your Heart's Desire*, as part of Edgar Cayce's A.R.E.'s New Year's Eve Conference in Virginia Beach, and on January 23rd, her talk will be *Secrets of a Psychic*, at The Villages in Florida.

Cynthia M Kelly says, "I was born and raised in a farming community in northeastern Ohio (yes, the snow belt). I attended Franklin University and received two bachelor degrees in, sad to say, nothing to do with writing. I've dabbled in fiction since I could pick up a pencil and have recently published *Inhale*. I'm working on my second novel, *The Underside of the Melon*, which will be out in 2014. I live in Williamsburg with my husband and two wayward cats."

Frank Scott, of Newport News, says, "I spent 43 years in the newspaper business before retiring and published more than 8,000 articles in more than 200 publications. I have also written some books and ghost-written others (all non-fiction, textbooks and instructional manuals). Now, I wish to write fiction. I could use help getting started in the field."

Upcoming appearances for **Feather Schwartz Foster**: Book signings for *The First Ladies*: Saturday, Nov. 16 - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 23 - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. William & Mary Book Store, Williamsburg. *The First Ladies* is now in its second printing!

Sarah 'Sally' Honenberger's new novel manuscript *Minding Henry Lewis* was a finalist in The Best Unpublished Novel Contest for 2013 sponsored by *Richmond Magazine* and the James River Writers. Honenberger's feature articles on sculptor Thomas Marsh appeared in *Chesapeake Style*'s August issue and in *The Rappahannock Times* in September.

Kathleen Toomey Jabs' short story, *Acts of Contribution*, will be published in Volume 2 of *Proud to Be: Writing by American Warriors*. Created by the Missouri Humanities Council, the Warrior Arts Alliance, and Southeast Missouri State University Press, this series of anthologies preserves and shares the perspectives of our military and veterans of all conflicts and of their families. Kathleen will be speaking at the USNA Breakfast, November 6, at Saint Timothy's Lutheran Church in Norfolk.

Pleasant Living Magazine has accepted **Dianne Jordan**'s article about The Old Bay Line for their Winter edition.

About **Cyndy Kelly**'s *Inhale*: In Ohio, 1975, Addie Redmond is a cantankerous, aging widow concealing a family secret and a serious health problem. She's content to live alone with a stray cat in a cluttered



house and is less than thrilled when her estranged daughter, Chris, moves back to town. Just when she thought life couldn't get more complicated, she meets a charming stranger. He intrudes in Addie's life and asks personal questions about Chris. Addie knows she has to confront him and share her painful and complicated story. But did she wait a day too long? Maybe.

Gail Wilson Kenna attended the ten day Bread Loaf Writers' Conference in August. This oldest of writing conferences selects two hundred writers from the approximately two thousand writers who apply. A winner of the Donald Axinn Fiction Scholarship in 2012, Kenna returned this summer to study again with Helena Maria Viramontes, her instructor from the summer before. Anyone interested in information about the Bread Loaf, please contact gailkenna@aol.com. In October, Gail taught a four session course, *The Craft of Creative Non-Fiction*, for the Rappahannock Institute for Adult Learning (RILL) in the RCC Kilmarnock Center. In October 2014, she will teach a RILL course about *Description, Dialogue, and Scenes* for five Thursday afternoons in Kilmarnock.

Pamela K. Kinney's short horror story, *Bottled Spirits*, is not the winner of the 2013 WSFA Small Press Award, but is still the runner up for the award. *Bottled Spirits* was published by *Buzzy Mag* in June 2012.

Greg Lilly will sign copies of his writing/publishing book *Sunsets & Semicolons*, his mystery *Scalping the Red Rocks*, and his historical fiction *Under a Copper Moon* on Saturday, December 14, from 6 - 9 p.m. at The College of William and Mary Bookstore. On Friday, December 20, from 6 - 9 p.m. **contributors** will sign copies of the Chesapeake Bay Writers

20th anniversary anthology *Harboring Secrets* at the College of William and Mary Bookstore.

Barbara N. McLennan's new book, *The Wealth of Jamestown*, is already available from Amazon and Barnes and Noble. The official publication date for the book is December 1.

Rena Roberts Shipp, Essex County retired educator, is pleased to announce the release of the third volume, *Can't Hurry Love*, in a series of three teen fiction books. Carly and Lissa's old-school grandmother suddenly becomes their mother when their divorced mother, Denice, leaves in a huff. The girls' need for independence doesn't sit well with Nanna's motives and methods. Conflict, concealment, and clashes result. Meanwhile, Denice has her own challenges—reversals that allow her to see what is important, and that lead her to try to mend her broken family. Carly's bold actions to get her mother back, put her in unexpected danger, leading to the story's suspenseful and dramatic climax. You're invited to view Rena's website: www.renarobertsshipp.com. Purchase copies directly from the author through Paypal. Not Amazon.com.

Mary Montague Sikes did art and book signing events Oct. 4 - 6 at Cielo Bella Gallery in Sedona, Arizona. She was guest at the Urbanna Book Club on Oct. 9. The group read *Daddy's Christmas Angel*. She will have a book signing at William and Mary College Book Store on Nov. 22, 2 to 6 p.m. She is featured in a one-person Art Exhibition, Nov. 1 - 30 at Prince George Art Gallery, 107 Colony Square Shopping Center, in Williamsburg. Two paintings she created for her novel, *Jungle Jeopardy*, will be part of the exhibit.

WHAT'S NEXT? CBW LUNCHEON MEETING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

CBW CELEBRATING ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2013

All Stars Gala Luncheon and Writing Competition

CBW Members: Get ready to step up to the mike and read your favorite piece of poetry or prose at our annual All-Stars Luncheon. By popular demand, this year's gala again will be held at RiverWalk Restaurant, 323 Water Street in Yorktown.

To make our All Stars event the best ever, we need Great Stars to read—and guess what?—That's You! So

find that favorite poem, short story or essay that you have written and share it with the Club. *Members Only are eligible to read.* Length should be no more than **eight minutes** reading time. Only one entry per member. Your work does not have to be submitted in advance.

All those in attendance will vote for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize winners who will receive cash prizes of \$75, \$50 and \$25, respectively. Attendees will also vote for the most humorous entry, the winner of which will receive the annual Richard Bailey Humor Award and a \$25 prize.

Winning entries will be recognized in the February newsletter and published on the website if permitted.



OPEN MIKE SUNDAYS AT BAY SCHOOL COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER

The Bay School Community Arts Center in Mathews will hold an Open Mike on the last Sunday of each month at 2 p.m. in the Art Speaks Gallery at the school, located at 279 Main Street. The first Open Mike will be held on January, 26 2014. Coffee, tea and light refreshments will be served. The events are free and open to the public.

The Bay School invites all writers in CBW to participate in the Open Mike. Those interested in reading should come to the Bay School at 1:45 p.m. on the day of the event and sign up to be included on the program. Readers will be limited to one of the following: prose up to 2500 words; five poems of no more than 50 lines each, or five haiku.

Mark your calendars every month and plan to read your work and enjoy the works of other writers. Prior to the event, you might enjoy having lunch at one of the local restaurants in Mathews. They have excellent food at reasonable prices.

Four delightful restaurants are located within walking distance of the school and are highly recommended by local residents.

Last Sunday of each month at 2 p.m.

First Open Mike: January 26, 2014

Visit these websites for more information about the Bay School and Mathews County.

www.bayschool-arts.com

www.visitmathews.com

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Would you like to see a review of *your book* printed and distributed in 10,000 copies, to 300 locations in the Chesapeake Bay Region?

Right now, **Email** chestyle@hughes.net or go to www.chesapeakebaywriters.org/CSBookReviews.htm and ask for Guidelines and Deadlines.

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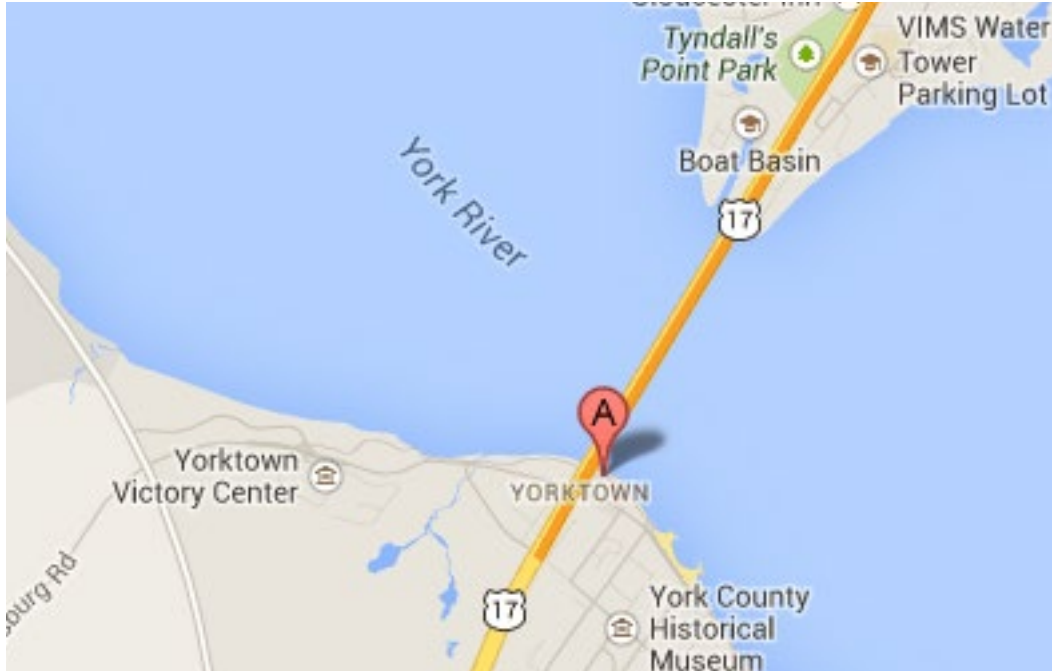
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RIVERWALK RESTAURANT IN YORKTOWN



From Williamsburg

From VA 132N/N Henry St go 0.4 mi:
Take the 2nd right onto State Route 132Y/Visitor Center Dr 0.3 mi
Slight left onto Colonial National Historic Parkway 11 miles
Turn left onto Fusiliers Redoubt Ramp 0.4 mi
Take 1st left onto State Route 1020/Water St.
Riverwalk Restaurant is on the right.

From Southeast of Yorktown via I-64

Take I-64 W toward Williamsburg/Richmond
Take exit 247 to merge onto VA-238E/
Yorktown Rd toward Yorktown

Slight left to stay on VA-238 E 0.4 mi
Continue to follow VA-238E 3.3 mi
Same road becomes Old Williamsburg Rd/State Route 1020
Continue 1.3 mi. Restaurant on right.

From Tappahannock, Gloucester Courthouse, Mathews

U.S. 17 S/Geo Washington Memorial Hwy
Go over Coleman Bridge and turn right on Mathews St 0.2 mi
Turn right onto State Route 1020/
Water St. Restaurant is on the right

CBW LUNCHEON MEETING, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH

Reservations can be made online at www.chesapeakebaywriters.org/reservcheck/reservations_view.php, or by completing this form and mailing it. **Online reservations preferred.** Reservations and payment must be **Postmarked by Friday, November 8th.** Make Check payable to "CBW", Mail to: CBW Treasurer, P.O. Box 385, Port Haywood, Va 23138. Non-Members \$27 per person, Members \$22; RiverWalk Restaurant in Yorktown

Social hour at 11 a.m.; Lunch at Noon, Program begins at about 1 p.m. (90 Minutes)

1. Beef Tenderloin, 2. Crab Cakes, or 3. Pasta Primavera

Entrees one and two served with potato and a vegetable, warm Apple Bread Pudding for dessert.

Total in Party X \$22 (Members) = \$.X \$27 (NonMembers) = \$.

Please be sure member's name(s) appears on the check. Refunds are only given when notice of cancellation is received at least two (2) business days in advance of the date of the meeting.



RECURRING EVENTS, MONTHLY, BI-MONTHLY



CBW Author Interview with Neal XTRA 99.1 FM,

Gloucester, Second Monday 8:05-8:30 a.m.

Contact Dave Carr 804-725-9843 or carr1600@netscape.net

Gloucester Evening Critique: Location TBD, Last Saturday of the month, 7 p.m.

Contact Gary Herring 804-694-5646 or docargent@cox.net

James York Critique: Tabb Library, Yorktown, Third

Saturday of the month, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Contact Narielle Living, narielleliving@gmail.com

Rappatomac Critiques: Lively at The Oaks, Route 3

First Thursday of the month, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Contact Janet Fast, chestyle@hughes.net

Tappahannock at Roma Ristorante Italiano-Tappahannock

Third Thursday of the month, Eat at noon, Meet 1-3 p.m.

Contact Janet Fast, chestyle@hughes.net

Williamsburg Critiques:

Bailey Residence, 6244 N. Mayfair Circle

Second Thursday of the month, 1-3 p.m.

Contact Rick Bailey 757-564-7118 or rvbailey@verizon.net

Bray Residence, 261 Zelkova Road

Fourth Thursday of the month, 1-3 p.m.

Contact Jack Bray 757-345-0405 or jbray6@cox.net

Williamsburg Critique Group for Serious Novelists

Contact Roger Gosden 757-345-2896 or roger.gosden@gmail.com

Our critique groups listed above are all inclusive and meant for writers of every stage in their career. Whether you are just starting out and want to see what a critique group is like or you are a multi-published author, there is a critique home for you. If you have any questions please feel free to call the contact person listed. Come join our community of talent!

HARBORING SECRETS, TALES & REFLECTIONS FROM THE CHESAPEAKE BAY WRITERS

The literary pieces created for the 20th Anniversary Anthology of the Chesapeake Bay Writers Club presents fiction, personal essays, and poetry based around the Chesapeake Bay region of Virginia, while shining light on hidden secrets.

In his introduction to the anthology, *New York Times* best-seller John Gilstrap writes about the Power of Secrets. "Who among us would not go to great lengths to prevent the revelation of at least one secret in our own lives? Our secrets define us, allow us to shape for others the image that we want them to see, projecting our strengths and sheltering our weaknesses."

Open the book, settle by the riverbank or the bay shore, and discover the secrets harbored by the Chesapeake Bay Writers. Copies will be available at

www.ChesapeakeBayWriters.org

the All Stars Luncheon and are available at Amazon.com, Paperback/Kindle and BarnesandNoble.com, Paperback/Nook. Roger.Gosden@gmail.com

SOCIAL MEDIA

The Chesapeake Bay Writers can be found on Facebook and Twitter. Our Twitter address is @baywriters. Facebook and Twitter are easy to use, fun and informative, and a great way to meet your peers and others in the publishing industry.

If you have questions about these social media sites, contact Narielle Living at narielleliving@gmail.com.

The QR code can be scanned by a Smartphone to go to the CBW website.

Click on the Facebook logo and go to the CBW Facebook page.

