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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Carol J. Bova

The Williamsburg Book Festival weathered the long stretch of rain and extreme coastal high tides and flooding on October 3. The sun came out for part of the day and brought readers out. I wasn't able to get out from behind the table to visit with the authors and greet CBW members and talk about CBW with non-members as much as I would have liked with the number of people arriving. I'm not sure what we did wrong, but *there wasn't one volunteer to help with the CBW part of the table.*

Some of the folks who often do volunteer were out of town; others had their own tables at the Festival. I could understand last minute cancellations due to flooding, but I'm still puzzled why weeks prior to the event, before any rains were forecast, no one offered to help for a two hour shift. Were the newsletter and Facebook requests overlooked? *I'd appreciate any input on the subject.*

The next phase of CBW

Frank Milligan set out a series of initiatives that were accomplished during his term as CBW President. We had a successful 20th Anniversary Celebration and produced an anthology. We expanded publicity to become better known in our communities and worked to become involved in the larger Arts community. CBW provided public service projects such as library presentations, and we share information on writing classes and services in our area through our Facebook page.

All of this left one ongoing long range planning project for CBW: Planning Our Next Chapter.

As our original members, after 20 years and more of devoted service, began to step back to follow other interests or to reclaim time for themselves and their families, the CBW Board started to review our programs and activities to plan for the future.

Following Frank's lead, I set goals as President to increase membership, expand Northern Neck opportunities and increase programming. Membership is up 11% over two years ago. We've expanded our meeting schedule to six and have continued an

2015/16 CALENDAR

Luncheons

November 18

All-Stars Gala

Two Rivers Country Club

February 17, 2016

Center St. Grill, Williamsburg

CBW Election and

Ran Walker ~ Short Story Writing

active workshop schedule, including Northern Neck locations for both.



But the next step is up to you, our members. The Board cannot expand programs without your help. Are any of you willing to help plan one meeting or program

a year? Identify a possible speaker new to CBW? Represent CBW at an event like the Williamsburg Book Festival? Be a contact person sharing information between CBW and your local library? Become our radio interview scheduler? Could our critique groups suggest topics for programs?

What other ideas haven't you shared yet with the Board for the next phase of CBW? We need to hear from you and learn how you feel you can help design the future of CBW.

Carol J. Bova, President

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!

Naomi T. Austin, Williamsburg, says, "I am a freelance writer, orator, blogger, and managing member of Naomi Tene' Austin, LLC. I am a contributing writer for Williamsburg's *Next Door Neighbors* and *Cuisine Noir* online magazine. I have also done work for the Austin International Poetry Festival, *Pro2CEO*, and *WBSS SoulTalk* of London. In addition, I have had an opportunity to feature as speaker, panelist, and radio guest for a diverse array of events across the country."

Katherine C. Bavuso, Weems, says, "I am a middle aged mother of four, and I work for Lancaster County Public Schools. I like to read and write fiction."

Ann C. Eichenmuller, Farnham, says, "I am a retired teacher and freelance writer. While my first love is fiction, I began writing essays, narrative non-fiction articles, and how-to pieces recently for boating magazines after a writer I admire said his motto was to just write, everyday, no matter what it is. I have articles published or upcoming in *All At Sea*, *Boating Times*, *Chesapeake Bay* and *Chesapeake Style* magazines. I am continuing to work on both a novel and a children's book, and I am finding that the more I write, the more excited I become about writing!"

Nancy Alexander Fuchs, Burgess, says, "I am a freelancer for various publications, editor of *The*

BOASTS, BLUSTERS AND GLOATS



Debut children's book author and illustrator, **Mary Jo Beswick**, will be awarded first place, in the multi-discipline category, in the National League of American Pen Women's Vinnie Reams Award. The award for her debut picture

book, *Lonely Lola Ladybug* published April 2015, was reviewed by Mary Ann Carr in the June issue of *Chesapeake Style* Magazine. "I am thrilled!" says Beswick, "To have my little book honored by this prestigious organization of creative women is a dream come true!" The Vinnie Reams Award, which honors the legacy of the founder of the NLAPW, will be presented at a banquet at their 48th Biennial Convention in Washington, D.C. in April 2016.

Dave Cariens participated in the Hampton Roads

Marketplace and *Buyers Guide* shoppers in Northern Virginia. Founding editor/publisher of *Centre View* community newspaper in Centreville, sold to the Connection newspaper chain. Freelancer for *Virginia Gardener Magazine* and food columnist for *Buyers Guide*. Art accomplishments include murals at Yankee Point Marina and Brent & Becky's Bulbs."

Diane S. Kane, Hayes, "I am a former journalist. During the 1990's I worked for the *Henrico Gazette*, located in Henrico. I was also a contributing writer to the *Virginia Wildlife Magazine* from 1995-96. I have a BA in Environmental Journalism and a MS in Environmental communication. I retired in 2000 from the Newport News Shipyard where I worked as procedure writer and process developer. My hobbies are knitting, pen and ink with a specialty in Zendoodle and botanical illustration. And, of course, writing."

Diana D. Miller, Norfolk, says, "I am totally retired pursuing my passion for science fiction by following my dream as a science fiction author."

Charlene Talcott, from Lancaster, says, "I worked as a park ranger for a decade and before that in living history. I published articles and blogs as part of my job, but now want to write for the general public. I also conduct research for agencies and individuals."

Writers' Conference in Virginia Beach from September 17-19. He also took part in the Williamsburg Book Festival on October 5th and the following week he taught his analytic writing course for the Treasury Department's Financial Crimes Office. He taught the same course for the CIA from October 13-15. On October 29 and November 5, Dave will give lectures and host a signing at Richmond's Shepard's Center on his book, *Virginia Tech: Make Sure It Doesn't Get Out*. He is scheduled to give a lecture at the University of Richmond's Osher Institute on November 16 and 17. All his books will be available at the lectures. By the end of November, **High Tide Publications** will bring out the second edition of his book, *A Question of Accountability: The Murder of Angela Dales*. Dave and High Tide plan, before the end of the year, to publish a follow-on to that book entitled, *The Murder of Angela Dales: Thirteen Years Later*.

Howard & Georgeanna – Sixty Years of Marriage and Medicine was published by Jamestowne Bookworks in September. Howard W. Jones Jr. (1910-2015) was one of the most charismatic and ingenious figures of his generation in American medicine. From before



his World War II service as a battlefield surgeon, he was pioneering advances in surgery and gynecological oncology and endocrinology at Johns Hopkins University alongside his distinguished wife and collaborator, Georgeanna Seegar Jones, M.D. (1912-2005). Their greatest professional triumph was after retirement in Norfolk, Virginia, where they launched the nation's first in vitro fertilization (IVF) program for infertility. Dr. Jones' humanity, longevity, and industriousness were legendary; he published three books after becoming a centenarian. This memoir includes a chapter from his late wife's unpublished lectures, another chapter by a longtime assistant, and a prologue by the editors, **Drs. Lucinda Veeck Gosden and Roger G. Gosden**, who were his former colleagues. The book includes illustrations, family memories, and short tributes to the Joneses from over a hundred friends, colleagues, and patients around the world.

Sarah Collins Honenberger's fourth novel *Minding Henry Lewis* won first place in the Virginia Professional Communicators contest for novels published in 2014, and second place in the National Press Women's contest. The Richmond County Public Library featured her first novel *White Lies* at its October book club meeting.

Pamela K. Kinney will be signing *Paranormal* Petersburg, and the Tri-Cities Area on November 7, 2015 at 1-3 p.m. at Books A Million, Colonial Heights. She has two new short story releases in two different anthologies as of October 16. One is a horror one, *Silence in Nightmares* and *Echos II: The Return*. The other is an erotic paranormal by her under the pseudonym, Sapphire Phelan. The story is *Pick Up Date* and is included in *Shivers and Lace*. Both are for sale at Amazon and AmazonUK by the publisher.

John Newcomb's book *A Bunch of Plumbers* was published in September, 2015. It is the story of the unsung heroes of the American Space Program and is the behind-the-scenes story of how NASA engineers, armed with butcher paper, slide rules, and punch card

computers, accomplished two of the most successful missions of the 20th century. John's book reached number 19 on the Amazon Hot New Releases List.

Peter Stipe's book of short stories, *Finding Our Way*, was released in August, 2015. The stories cover relationships—past and present—and a great ghost story.

Gwen Keane's book, *Local Color*, tells the story of life in the Northern Neck in the 1950's and 1960's. It includes 46 photographs, and is a great series that give you a feel for a young girl's growing up years—from barefoot to ball gowns.

All three were proudly published by **High Tide Publications, Inc.** in Deltaville.

Bill Palmer's article *Wreck on the West Point Line* will appear in the November-December issue of *Pleasant Living*.

Peter Stipe has had three book signing events since his book *Finding Our Way* was released in August. First was the Tabb Library in Yorktown in late August, then The Art Stroll in Yorktown on the river, where Peter was at the Yorktown Bookshop. The first Saturday in October it was the Williamsburg Book Festival which was a success in spite of the near miss by the hurricane. In mid-October Peter had an impromptu book signing at his old workplace; Human Resources at AAA in Providence RI. Peter's next scheduled event will be early evening of Saturday, November 14 at the On The Hill Gallery on Main Street in historic Yorktown. Come by the gallery late in the afternoon and see Peter and pick up a book. For more information visit his website, peterstipe.com.

Marilyn J. Asprey: Wetta Publishing Company will publish my new book, *Power Steering*, for release in early 2016, under my pen name, M. J. Scott. Along with Daniel Wetta, his wife Judy and I are launching a new service for aspiring writers here in Williamsburg. Our writer's council, will provide individual motivation, inspiration and support to assist in getting authors into print. Cathy Leach, and her husband Skip will provide marketing and communication support for our group.

PROMOTE YOUR BOOK!

CBW now offers another opportunity to promote your book(s)! We will print your sales brochure as part of the CBW newsletter.

You need to submit copy—**edited, correct spelling, no abbreviations (i.e. Nov.)**.

We will **not** edit your submission.

Limit your copy to 500 words. Submit a high resolution copy of the cover, in .jpg format. File must be separate from the copy; i.e. **Not** embedded in the copy.

We will add a separate page to the newsletter, for your

book promotion. Be sure to include locations where the book can be purchased.

Send your information to cbwnews@gmail.com

Include CBW in the subject line, please!

See Page 6 in this issue, as an example of what is needed. It's your book! Promote it at every opportunity!





2015 ALL-STARS GALA LUNCHEON

**Calling All Members: All-Stars Gala:
November 18, 2015**

***Sign up Now for the All Stars
Annual Writing Competition***

Get ready to step up to the mike and read your favorite piece of poetry or prose at our annual All-Stars Luncheon. This year's gala will be held in the Cypress room at the Two Rivers Country Club, 1400 Two Rivers Road, Williamsburg, on **Wednesday, November 18 at 11 a.m.**

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.

Sign up now for the competition and see who has entered to date.

Social hour begins at 11 a.m. with a cash bar for wine, beer and soda. Lunch will be served at noon. Luncheon reservations are separate from the All-Star contest sign-up, so register for both now! Members: \$21, Non-Members \$26. See page 7.

Members may enter the competition online at:
<http://chesapeakebaywriters.org/allstarsreadersignup.htm>

All those in attendance will vote for First, Second, and Third 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 posted on the website.

IT'S NANOWRIMO!

November is National Novel Writing Month. The goal is to write a 50,000-word novel in a month! If anyone has participated in the past, you know what a challenge this can be. But the rewards of attempting it can lead to a rough draft

that can be honed into a solid piece of work.

For more information and to sign up for inspiration, fellowship and forums, go to: nanowrimo.org. Happy National Novel Writing Month!

OPINIONS? SUGGESTIONS?

*Let the CBW Board know your thoughts and
feelings at CBWreply@gmail.com*

IN SEARCH OF WRITERS IN STYLE

Last year, *Chesapeake Style* magazine launched a new column, Writers in Style, with 500-word articles contributed by board members of the Chesapeake Bay Writers. The opportunity is being extended to members of CBW and associated critique groups to submit articles for this year's upcoming issues.

The theme of the column is writing, and previous articles have been eclectic. They can be viewed in the *Chesapeake Style* archives at www.chesapeakestyle.com:

Chesapeake Style is published eight times a year, and 10,000 copies are distributed in March, May,

June, July, August, September, and October, with 13,000 copies for the Winter issue in November at locations throughout the Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck and at the Williamsburg General Store. Please email submissions with a subject of Writers in Style to: Janet A Fast chestyle@hughes.net

Thank you,

Carol J. Bova, President
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CBW WORKSHOP NOV. 7, SNAGGING A PUBLISHER

Wondering how to hook an agent or publisher for your novel? This workshop will explore the publishing industry's tools for submitting your novel to agents and publishers. Discussion and worksheets will lead you through the development of the all-important selling tools of a "pitch," synopsis, and query letter.

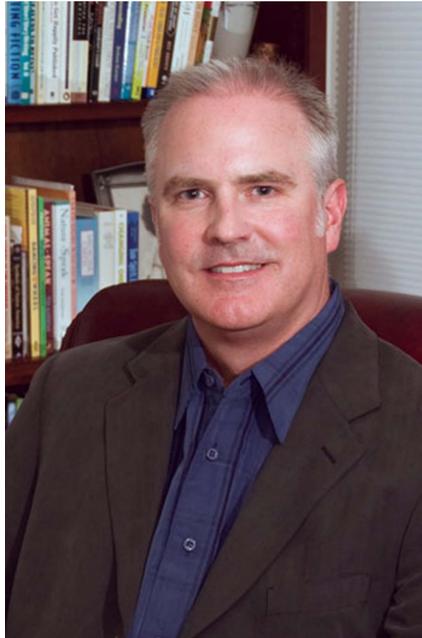
Audience: Writers who have completed or about to complete their novel

Date: Saturday, November 7, 2015
Time: 10:00 a.m. - noon

Cost: Free

What to bring: Paper and pen

Location: Yorktown Library
location just south of the Colonial Parkway, at
8500 George Washington Memorial Hwy (Route 17).



Presenter Bio:

Greg Lilly is a novelist, workshop presenter, magazine editor, and publishing house representative. Greg's latest book is *Sunsets & Semicolons – a Field Guide to the Writer's Life*. In the book, he shares his experiences and techniques – things that worked, not in academia or in New York City, but in the real world of freelancing and query letters and book signings.

He has presented workshops and served on panels at the College of William & Mary's Christopher Wren Association, the Virginia Festival of the Book, the Virginia Writers Club, the World Bank in Washington D.C. and the Sedona Arts Center in Sedona, Arizona.

The kernel of the book came from

requests for his workshop handouts and notes.

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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?

Chesapeake Style offers *Books in Style* reviews for members of CBW. Reviews are books by authors who are members of CBW or of the critique groups.

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

You will be glad you did!

- You wrote a book.
- You want it reviewed.
- Ask someone to review your book.
- Send an email requesting Guidelines and Deadlines.
- The person reviews the book and submits it (and a graphic of the cover) to *Chesapeake Style* for publication, according to Guidelines.



A Bunch of Plumbers

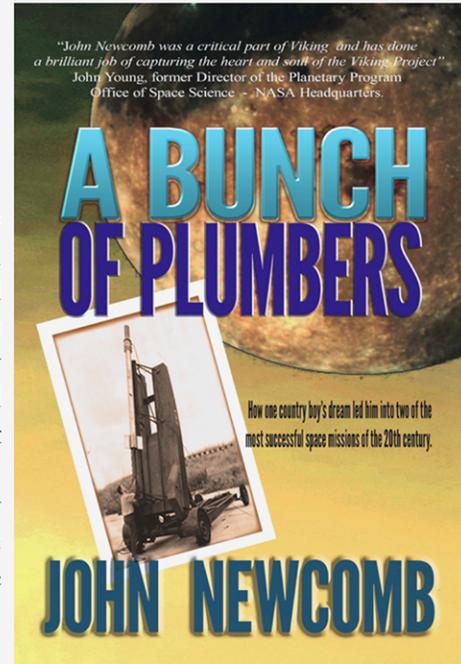
How one country boy's dream led him into two of the most successful space missions of the twentieth century.

John Newcomb

While attending Virginia Tech, John had many adventures through the Virginia Tech Cooperative Engineering Program, alternately working in the NASA, Langley Research Center's wind tunnels, laboratories, and at Langley's rocket launching site, Wallops Island. After graduating from Tech, John joined the Langley Research Center as a young engineer and quickly became involved in two of NASA's early space missions - the Lunar Orbiter Project and the Viking Project.

After Viking, John headed NASA's Physics and Chemistry Experiments in-Space Program that performed experiments in the free fall environment of NASA's Space Shuttle and The International Space Station.

John and his wife, Peggy, live in Gloucester Point, Virginia.



Pre-publication praise for *A Bunch of Plumbers*

"John Newcomb was a critical part of Viking and has done a brilliant job of capturing the heart and soul of the Viking project."

Tom Young, Mission Director, Viking Mission; President and Chief Operating Officer, Martin Marietta Corporation, now Lockheed Martin Corporation

A Bunch of Plumbers to be featured in the website of the Air and Space Smithsonian Magazine

– <http://www.airspacemag.com>

"A marvelous inside view of the historic early robotic space missions that brings us "up close and personal" to the unsung heroes of the era."

Gentry Lee, co-creator and co-developer of the tv series COSMOS with Carl Sagan, science fiction co-author with Arthur C. Clarke of four New York Times best sellers, currently Chief Engineer of the Solar System Exploration Directorate at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

The Unsung Heroes of the American Space Program

A Bunch of Plumbers is the behind-the-scenes story of how NASA engineers, armed with butcher paper, slide rules, and punch card computers, accomplished two of the most successful missions of the 20th century—the Lunar Orbiter Project that placed five spacecraft around the Moon and photographed the proposed Apollo Landing Sites, and the Viking Project that succeeded, against all odds, in placing two landers on the surface of Mars in 1976.

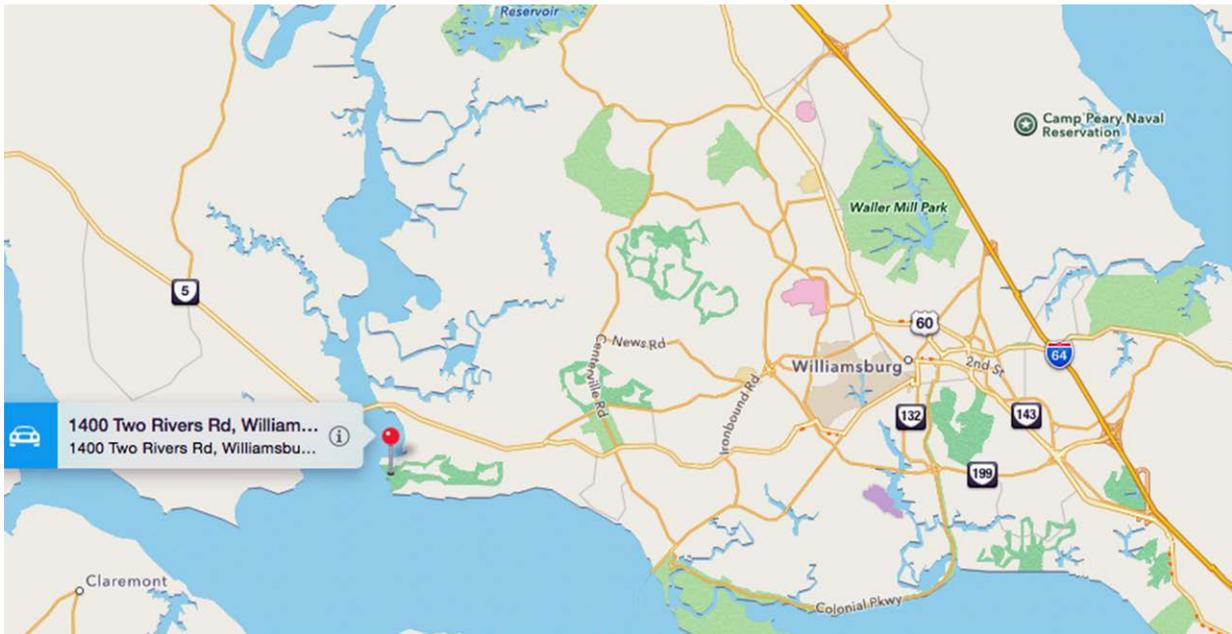
John Newcomb's account is a tribute to the Lunar Orbiter and Viking Project Teams and the thousands of other engineers who were the unsung heroes of the space race. Woven throughout this book are stories of extraordinary people like Derwood, who launched rockets from Wallops and continued to play the violin despite losing an arm in a launch accident; superstitions like Lee Scherer's lucky coat; and Newcomb's save-the-day calculation involving rolls of butcher paper. It is a wild ride mixed with sobering realities of sacrifice and dedication. **And ...you don't have to be a rocket scientist to enjoy this book.**

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From Yorktown: Take I-64W and exit at VA-199W. Keep straight onto VA-5 W/VA-199W. Keep straight onto VA-199W. Take ramp right and follow signs for VA-321 West (Monticello Avenue). Keep straight onto VA-5000 E/Monticello Avenue. Turn slight right onto VA-5/John Tyler Memorial Highway. Turn left onto Two

Rivers Road (see white fence and sign for Two Rivers Country Club). Arrive at the Two Rivers Country Club.

From Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck.

At West Point take I-64E and exit at VA-199W. Follow directions for coming from Yorktown.

CBW LUNCHEON MEETING, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Entree Choices are:

1. Caesar Salad with Grilled Chicken Breast

Romaine, Toasted Croutons, Parmigiano Reggiano with Grilled Chicken Breast

2. Bistro Burger

Hereford Beef Burger on Challah Bun with Lettuce, Tomato, Red Onion, Provolone Cheese, French Fries

3. Asian Stir Fry

Rice Bowl with Baby Bok Choy, Snow Peas, Broccoli, Shiitake

Mushrooms, Radish and Cashews – Miso Dressing

Freshly Baked Rolls with Butter, Fresh Berries with Lemon Sabayon, Coffee & Tea

Luncheon reservations are separate from the All-Star contest sign

up, so register for both now! Members: \$21, Non-Members \$26.

Advance reservations required by **Friday, November 13**. Refunds are only given when notice of cancellation is received at least two (2) business days in advance of the date of the meeting. Reservations can be made online at:

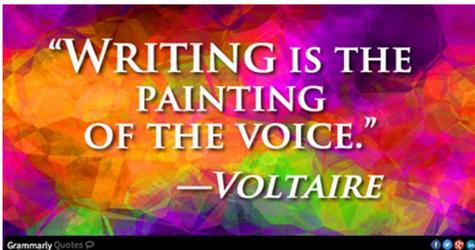
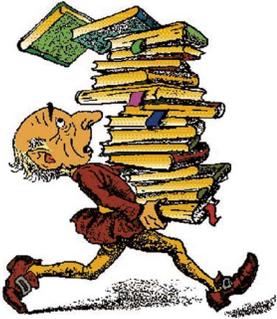
<http://www.chesapeakebaywriters.org/PressRoom.htm> or by completing this form and mailing it.

Total in Party X \$21 (Members) = \$.X Or \$26 (NonMembers) = \$. Please be sure member's name(s) appears on the check. Online reservations preferred. Reservations and payment must be received by **Friday, November 13**. Make Check payable to CBW, Mail to: CBW Treasurer, P.O. Box 385, Port Haywood, Va 23138.

www.ChesapeakeBayWriters.org



RECURRING EVENTS, MONTHLY, BI-MONTHLY



CBW Author Interview with Neal Steele XTRA 99.1

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

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

The Greater Peninsula Writers Critique Group,

Third Saturday of every month at Tabb Library in York County
1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Contact Carl Shirley at 757-947-8211.

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 Java Jacks Cafe, Rt 360/17, at Virginia St.

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

Contact Janet Fast, chestyle@hughes.net

Williamsburg Critiques:

For information about the *Second Thursday* or the *Fourth Thursday* meeting, contact Jack Bray at (757) 345-0405 or jbray6@cox.net

Open Mic at the Mathews Memorial Library

251 Main Street, Mathews, Second Sunday at 1 p.m.

The **Williamsburg Writers Gathering** is a group of published and working to be published writers offering encouragement, support, and a sharing of information in our rapidly changing world of writing. WWG meets the third Tuesday of each month from 10 to noon at the Williamsburg Regional Library in Room B. There is no sign up, membership, or dues. We get together to discuss the Art and Business of writing and are never quite sure what direction our conversation will take us. All are welcome. WWG contact: Lou Hamilton, louhamwrites@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!

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