



Bay Writers News

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Announcements and Important Events

CBW Luncheon Meeting, Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Speaker: Feather Schwartz Foster, Presidential Historian

Topic: "Understanding Your Audience"

11:30 a.m. at The Whaling Company Restaurant in Williamsburg

Join us on May 18 to hear Feather Schwartz Foster speak on "Understanding Your Audience" at the Whaling Company in Williamsburg. **Guests are welcome, but advance reservations are required by May 13th at www.chesapeakebaywriters.org. \$21 for members, \$26 for guests.**



Writing is only half an equation, similar to the old question, "If a tree falls in the forest..." Reading is the other half. A creative writer – one who chooses his/her own subject (as opposed to a journalist, who writes for a specific target audience) needs a reader at the other end. How do you find them? How do you reach them? How do you come to terms with the absolute fact that people read what they want to read.

Feather Schwartz Foster has been an independent writer of Presidential and First Ladies history for more than a decade. Her books include *LADIES: A Conjecture of Personalities; Garfield's Train, A Novel; The First Ladies: From Martha Washington to Mamie Eisenhower, An Intimate Portrait of the Women Who Shaped America*, and *Mary Lincoln's Flannel Pajamas and other Stories from the First Ladies' Closet*. She is a former founding member of the New Jersey Writers Society, and is currently a member of the Chesapeake Bay Writers Club, the Virginia Writers Association, and Biographers International Organization.

Menu Selections:

Choice of Deep-Fried Shrimp Tempura, Baked Tilapia, Charbroiled Lemon Herb Chicken or Vegetarian option on request. Served with vegetable du jour, red-skinned potatoes, and include coffee, hot or iced tea, and ice cream for dessert.

If additional information needed, email CBWreply@gmail.com or call (804) 725-6163.

Directions to The Whaling Company, 494 McLaws Circle, Williamsburg 757-229-0275

From Interstate 64 East Or West:

Merge onto VA-199 W via Exit 242A toward Williamsburg/Jamestown. Merge onto US-60 E/ Pocahontas Trail toward Busch Gardens/Newport News, 0.4 mi. Turn right onto McLaws Circle. (If you reach Kingsmill Road, you've gone .3 miles too far.)

From Gloucester or Yorktown via Colonial Parkway:

Colonial Parkway to sign for VA-199/U.S. Navy Cheatham Annex, take ramp to right to Sanda Avenue. Turn left. Continue straight ahead 1.4 mi. (becomes Penniman Road Route 641). Continue straight onto VA-199 W. 1.9 mi. Merge onto US-60 E/ Pocahontas Trail toward Busch Gardens/Newport News. Turn right onto McLaws Circle. 0.4 mi. (If you reach Kingsmill Road, you've gone .3 miles too far.)

Writers' Workshop May 14 at Yorktown Library

The Yorktown Library will be hosting a Writers' Workshop titled *Working with Fairy Tales: A Writer's Approach* from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 14, 2016. Fairy tales continue to be a source of rich creative fodder for the writer whether as a retelling, an interpretative expression, or an inventive tale from scratch. Author Joslyn Robinson will present varying functions of the fairy tale through an examination of culture and depth psychology, powerful tools for the writer interested in working with the fairy tale. The workshop will include a reading, analysis and interpretation of a traditional tale, *The Handless Maiden*, collected by the Brothers Grimm, as well as a reading of an original fairy tale, *The Red Scarf*, written by the presenter, to illustrate the writer's process of working with fairy tale content. Writing exercises and a list of resources will be available for participants. Registration is required for this free Writers' Workshop for adults. [Register online](#) through the library's event calendar.



The Chesapeake Bay Writers are sponsoring this workshop as a community service.

Working with Fairy Tales—A Writer's Approach—Saturday, May 14

The Hero's Journey: An Exploration of Form vs Formula—Saturday, June 4

<http://host2.evanced.info/yorkcountyva/evanced/eventcalendar.asp?ag=&et=&dt=mo&mo=5/1/2016&df=calendar&cn=0&private=0&ln=ALL>

Save This Date

***Wednesday, June 15 Dinner Meeting at Goodfella's in Gloucester with
Jeanne Johansen and Greg Lilly***

Speakers Wanted for Authors Series in Williamsburg

Dawn Brotherton of Blue Dragon Publishing is starting an author series in Williamsburg. One to three authors will speak to a different group of interested people every week beginning in June. Speakers can offer their books for sale. To apply, send your name, contact info, book title(s), and genre to:

bluedragonpub@cox.net.





Update! Three CBW Authors Received Nominations for 2016 Library of Virginia Literary Awards

In the April newsletter, we announced that Pamela Kinney and Dr. Barbara McLennan received nominations for the 19th annual Library of Virginia Literary Awards. After publication, we learned that CBW member Gwen Keane also received a non-fiction nomination for her book, *Local Color*, about growing up in the Northern Neck of Virginia. Congratulations!



CBW Second Monday

TALK RADIO SHOW XTRA 99.1 FM, Gloucester
8:05 A.M. Second Monday of Every Month

I have been given the exciting duty of arranging all of the future interviews on the air by Talk Radio Show host Neal Steele. Mary Wakefield Buxton had a wonderful interview on April 11th which was educational for me. May 9th David Cariens is scheduled for an interview and Feather Foster will be on line for the September 12th show. So we have several spots available on the following dates: June 13, July 11, August 8, October 10, November 14 and December 12.

The summer months are fast approaching so give me a call to schedule an interview about your latest published book with Neal on XTRA 99.1 FM. He is a skillful interviewer and listeners will be delighted to hear the inside story of your book. Please email me at tracygl@cox.net or call at 804-815-9954.

I will then forward to you the show guidelines. FYI – this is the only way you can arrange to be on the show. Please do not call the station. I look forward to hearing from you. Tracy Lanum.



**Exhibit at the Book Fair, Saturday,
October 1st**

Author Applications Deadline is May 31, 2016

See details at: <http://www.williamsburgbookfestival.com/exhibit.html>

Table rental fees are not due until you have received an invitation to participate. You have the option of sending a copy of your book for review by the selection committee. All books received with applications will be donated to the Williamsburg Regional Library.

The invitations will be extended to the authors in mid-June.

In Search of Writers in Style

In 2014, *Chesapeake Style* magazine launched a new column, Writers in Style, with 500-word articles contributed by board members and members of CBW and associated critique of the Chesapeake Bay Writers. The opportunity is being extended 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 14,000 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

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Recurring Events, Monthly, Bi-Monthly

« Rappahannock Critiques: Lancaster CH at Lancaster Tavern, 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 Elizabeth Brown at 804-654-1117 or

ecomptonlee@yahoo.com or akendall@atlanticbb.ne

« 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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