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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I've always appreciated authors. When I was a child, they gave me worlds beyond my blue-collar Kensington neighborhood in Philadelphia. My weekly pilgrimage to the library was a bit less than a mile away, but it felt longer in the winter getting there. Coming home, the trip felt shorter because of the anticipation of reading one of the ten books we were allowed to check out.

In the three years between my late husband's advertising career in New York City and becoming a full-time artist, he worked at the Doubleday Bookstore on Fifth Avenue. One of the perks of the job was shopping at the employee book sales of depreciated stock. We did our part to support the store with new book purchases as well. By the time we left for California, we had added at least 20 boxes of books to our already extensive collections. I think UPS and the Post Office appreciated authors too when we moved to California.

One thing though, I never imagined that one day I would be a writer, and certainly never thought I'd have the honor of being the president of a club of writers with the talent we have here in the Chesapeake Bay Writers Club. Now if I can just wrap up the last details of getting a nonfiction book ready for printing, I can get back to enjoying the new books in my waiting to read stack.

Hope to see you at the All Stars Gala!
Write on!

President's P.S.

The second Annual Williamsburg Book Festival in September was a pleasure. **Sarah Collins Honenberger** and **Julie Leverenz** helped cover the CBW table greeting readers and writers attending. Thank you for your help! Congrats to **Greg Lilly** for organizing it and to all the CBW writers and publishers who participated!

If you missed John Gilstrap at our CBW 20th Anniversary Celebration, or would like to hear him again, you'll have a chance to hear him speak at the VWC Annual Meeting on Nov. 1. (Details in VWC announcement in this issue, page 4.)

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.

2014/15 CALENDAR

November 19

All Stars Gala Luncheon

Hartfield

February 18

Luncheon

Center Street Grill,

Williamsburg

April 15 TBA

OPINIONS? SUGGESTIONS?

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



WELCOME ABOARD!

Catherine A. Bennett of Lancaster, Says, “Some people know exactly what they want to be from an early age; that gift evaded me as I was fascinated with everything. Writing has been the one central theme of my life and led me to an exciting and fruitful career using my Journalism and Art degree to suit any field through work in public relations. Upon leaving one job in one field for another, someone would say, I didn't know you were a banker...or in medicine, or whatever my new employer did. It's been a lifetime as a chameleon, taking on whatever camouflage of words needed to blend in. The joy of writing is that you can learn about a field and communicate about it often better than those who have spent a lifetime becoming a specialist. So fifteen years of public relations in government, non-profits and corporations in Memphis, Tennessee led to twenty years at Melrose Plantation in Lancaster, Virginia. This city girl is now writing about subjects that I want choose and experiencing a dream come true of love, nature and friends. I can finally say that I know what I want to be when I grow up: a writer.”

Dawn Brotherton of Lightfoot, says, “I began as a Missile Launch Officer in the US Air Force and

continue to serve at Naval Station Norfolk. My 24+ years of service have given me many experiences to pull from. I've been stationed stateside at many bases as well as the Republic of Korea, Germany, and Italy. I was deployed for Operation ALLIED FORCE for Kosovo and am a contributing author for *A-10s Over Kosovo*. I offer a unique perspective from inside the military with my first murder mystery, *It's the Right Thing to Do* and the sequel *Wind the Clock* that was just released. I'm also an avid fastpitch softball player and coach. I've designed a new scorebook that makes it easier to take notes and enable the coach to re-create the game at a later date to pull out lessons learned.”

Vickey L. Garner of Williamsburg, says, “I am a fifty- something retired elementary teacher who had a dream on July 12, 2014 and ended up writing a full length romance novel from that start. It is called *A Real Love at Last* and is being published by Xlibris in Indiana. It should be for sale in bookstores around Thanksgiving. I am planning a sequel called *A Forever Love*. The same characters will continue to love and live their lives in Williamsburg I also have tentative plans for third book. Help!”

IT'S YOUR TIME TO SHINE AT THE ALL-STARS GALA!

Pick a piece of your work to read, up to eight (8) minutes reading time maximum, and sign up to share it with us at the All Stars Gala on **Wednesday, November 19!** Your selection can be serious or funny, so surprise us and delight us!

Those attending will vote for first, second, and third place prize winners, at \$75, \$50 and \$25 respectively, and for the writer who'll receive the “Richard Bailey Humor Award” and \$25 prize.

Only members are eligible to read, and only

one entry allowed per member. Your work does not have to be submitted in advance, but you must register online on the CBW website: <http://chesapeakebaywriters.org/allstarsreadersignup.htm>

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

Whether you plan to read or listen, make your reservation now for the Gala luncheon at the Piankatank River Golf Club in Hartfield (\$21 members, \$26 guests).

PROMOTE YOUR BOOK!

CBW will soon offer another opportunity to promote your book(s)!

We will print your sales brochure as part of the CBW newsletter, beginning in 2015.

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!



BOASTS, BLUSTERS AND GLOATS

Rick Bailey had his essay *Criminal Activity or Stupidity?* about a teenager walking around his neighborhood after dark in the middle of August wearing black clothes with a ski mask pulled over his face published in the *Virginia Gazette*. (The teen was apprehended by the police and fortunately nobody got shot!)

Warren Bell's new novel, *Asphalt And Blood*, is now available on Amazon.com in Kindle e-book format. The paperback version will become available about the middle of October. *Asphalt And Blood* is a story about a U.S. Naval Seabee battalion during the Battle for Hue City in 1968 and the subsequent relief of the isolated Marine outpost at Khe Sanh. Shot down in Hue during the first day of the battle, Seabee officer Kevin Corcoran takes shelter with a South Vietnamese unit. While waiting for rescue, he reflects on his affair with Madame Linh, a bewitching Vietnamese widow. After U.S. Marines retake the area where Kevin has survived, he buries his anguish for the missing Linh in heroic efforts to reopen the vital logistics highways to Danang and Khe Sahn. *Asphalt and Blood* is replete with scenes of fierce combat, Seabee ingenuity and "can do" spirit, and romance under the pressures of war. *Asphalt And Blood* is available at bit.ly/aandblood. The trailer may be viewed on my website at wbellaauthor.com.

Carol J. Bova's first nonfiction book, *Drowning a County—When Urban Myths Destroy Rural Drainage*, about the causes and environmental impacts of highway drainage failure in Mathews County will be available November 1 at www.InsidetheCrater.com and Amazon. The book was inspired by her work with the grass-roots Ditches of Mathews County project. She writes *The Ditches of Mathews County* column in *Chesapeake Style Magazine*.

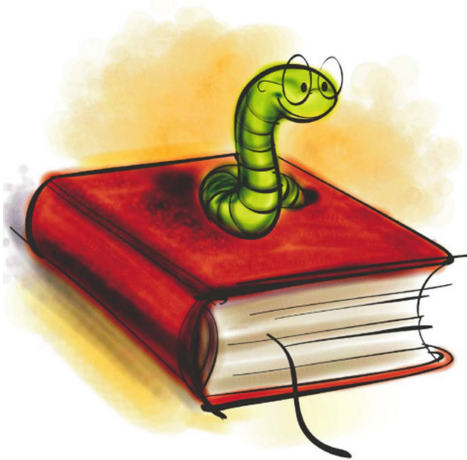
David Cariens held talks and signings on his book, *Virginia Tech: Make Sure It Doesn't Get Out*, at the Tides Inn on September 20th, Emerson College in Boston on September 29th, and at the University of Richmond on October 1st. He held a signing at The Book People in Richmond on October 18th, and at the National Alliance on Mental Illness (Mid-Tidewater) meeting in Urbana on November 17th (Urbana Baptist Church) at 7 p.m. Virginia Commonwealth University has agreed to host a lecture and signing in November, but the date is not set. Cariens will participate in the Art Show at the Tides Inn on December 6th. He also signed a contract with High Tide Publications for his next book.

Feather Schwartz Foster will be signing copies of *The First Ladies: An Intimate Portrait* on Saturday, November 1 and Friday, November 14 from 10–2 at the William & Mary Bookstore.

Vickey L. Garner wrote an adult fiction romance novel set in Williamsburg, *A Real Love at Last*. It will be published in November by Xlibris Publishing in Indiana.

Gwen Keane has signed a book contract with High Tide Publications. Her creative non-fiction book, *Local Color*, will be available in April 2015. Gwen who was born, raised, in the Northern Neck but left for a career, returned in 2003. She shares life as remembered beginning in the 1950's—the good, the bad, the ugly!

Forged in Fire: A History of the West Point Volunteer Fire Department, by **William A. Palmer, Jr.**, was published in October. The book chronicles the department's 114-year history in its context as the oldest civic organization in West Point. Palmer, a retired minister, serves as the fire company's eleventh sworn chaplain. The book is available for \$25 from the West Point Volunteer Fire Department and can be ordered from its website at www.wpvfr.com.



HAVE NEWS?

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VWC CONTEST WINNERS!

Two CBW members took first place awards in the VWC 2014 **Summer Shorts Writing Contest**. Congratulations to **Julie Leverenz** for 1st Place in Fiction for *The Passing* and to **Ann Skelton** for 1st Place in Poetry, *Driving the Blue Ridge in October*.

Three CBW members are in the state-wide **Golden Nib Contest Finals**.

Congratulations to First Place Winners at the **Club Level**:

Ann Skelton, Fiction
Gwen Keane, Nonfiction
John Bray, Poetry

Best of luck at the state level competition!

FROM THE VIRGINIA WRITERS CLUB

VWC Annual Meeting **November 1, 2014**
Embassy Suites, 2925
Emerywood Parkway, Richmond
Meet and greet at 10:30 am
Keynote Address: John Gilstrap

Book signings at 3 p.m.

Please go to the VWC website to register. <http://www.virginiawritersclub.org/> The fee is \$40 per person. Guests are welcome. Life members and honorees may attend at no charge.

Books in Print

Members who have published books in 2014 may bring copies for sale during the meet and greet and following the keynote address. Please respond if you want to reserve table space.

We welcome books for the raffle as well. We will sell \$1 raffle tickets at registration with a drawing for a book during the luncheon.

On to Richmond for a day of networking, renewing friendships, being inspired by a great speaker and recognizing our Golden Nib winners and new service award recipients.

CHESAPEAKE



MAGAZINE

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.

IN THE WORKS—SHHHH!

Has **your** book review been published in *Chesapeake Style Magazine*? If so, **in the future**, we plan to offer a page on our CBW website which will include your book review, reprinted. And the links where to obtain a copy!

Research has shown that more folks

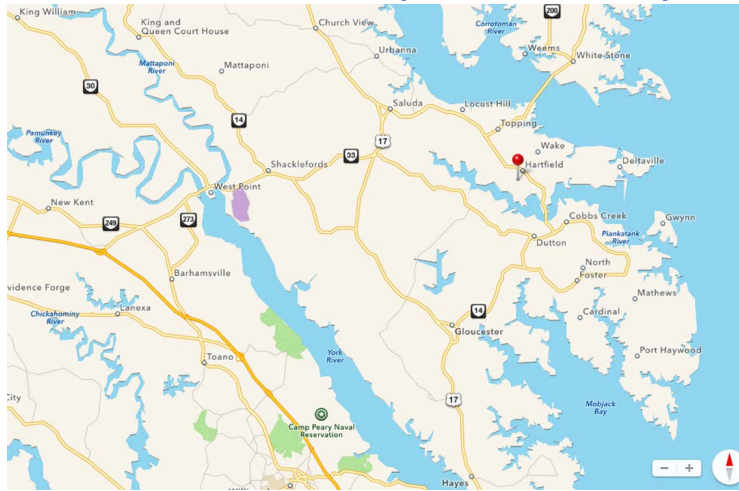
respond to real book reviews than any other method to enhance book sales.

If your book has not yet been reviewed in *Chesapeake Style*, follow the instructions above to make it happen. Next issue available will be Spring 2015.

Watch for details in 2015!



PIANKATANK RIVER GOLF CLUB, HARTFIELD, (804) 776-6516



Directions to Hartfield with **detour** info

Important: Do NOT follow GPS instructions to take Rte 629 Stormont Rd directly from Route 33 Saluda. The road is out at the dam and not all GPS programs have the detour (including Google Maps)!

From Williamsburg/Richmond via I-64, Take I-64 to exit 220 merge onto Eltham Rd/VA-33 E toward West Point Continue on 33E to US 17 N (18.5 mi) Turn left on US17 N (3.2 mi) Turn right onto Gloucester Rd/VA-33 E (.8 mi.) Turn right at VA-33E (Go 8.3 miles)

***From VA-33** do not turn onto 629 from 33!) Turn right at Grafton Church Rd/Rte 707 (1/2 mi) Turn onto Stormont Rd/VA-629 Turn Left on North Club Drive to Piankatank River Golf Club just past main parking lot.

From Yorktown (approx 28 miles total) Cross Coleman Bridge and take US-17 N (12.6 mi) At Gloucester Courthouse sign before light, Slight curve to right to VA-14 E/VA-3 W (1.2 mi) Right at light onto VA14E/VA3W (6.4mi) Left onto Windsor Rd VA-3 (2.0 mi) At stop sign, Right on 198 (1.5 mi) Left at BP

Station onto Twiggs Ferry Rd/VA3-W (4.6 mi) Left at stop sign onto Gen. Puller Hwy/VA-3/VA-33 (1.3 mi.)

****From VA-33,** turn left at Grafton Church Rd (Rte 707) (1/2 mi) Turn left at Stormont Rd/VA-629 (1/2 mi) Turn left onto N. Club Drive to Piankatank River Golf Club just past main parking lot. Handicapped parking in front, and more parking to side.

From Williamsburg via Colonial Parkway take Parkway to US-17 N, cross Coleman Bridge and follow Yorktown directions **From Hampton, Newport News** Take I-664 N via the ramp to Hampton Take exit 1A to merge onto I-64 W toward Richmond/Williamsburg Take exit 258B to merge onto J Clyde Morris Blvd/US-17 N toward Yorktown. Cross Coleman bridge and follow Yorktown directions

From Gloucester, Mathews, Use local routes to 198 and 3 at BP. See Yorktown details from there.

From Northern Neck, Local routes to VA-33. From north, see Williamsburg* From 33. From Kilmarnock, see Yorktown** From 33

CBW LUNCHEON MEETING, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Entree Choices include: Caesar Salad with Salmon, small salad and a cup of soup **Or** Reuben Sandwich with fries, small salad and a cup of soup **Or** Pasta with Marinara Sauce, a small salad and a cup of soup. (Crab Bisque if available) Dessert: Pumpkin Cheese Cake. Includes: Hot Bread, coffee, or tea and water. Members \$21 Guests \$26

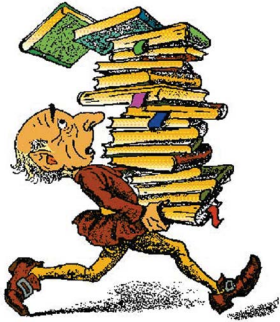
Social starts at 11 a.m. Lunch at Noon, Program at 1 p.m. Advance reservations required by **November 13**. Refunds are only given when notice of cancellation is received at least two (2) business days in advance of the date of the meeting.

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 \$26 (NonMembers) = \$.

Please be sure member's name(s) appears on the check. Online reservations preferred. Reservations and payment must be postmarked by **November 13**. Make Check payable to CBW, Mail to: CBW Treasurer, P.O. Box 385, Port Haywood, Va 23138.



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

James York Critique: Tabb Library, Yorktown, Third Saturday of the month, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Contact Narielle Living, narielleliving@gmail.com

Rappatamac 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* meeting, contact Sharon Dillon at (757) 876-6185 or energywriter@cox.net

For information on the *Fourth Thursday* meeting, contact

Jack Bray at (757) 345-0405 or jbray6@cox.net

Open Mic: Bay School Community Arts Center

Meets on the **Last** Sunday monthly: 2 - 4 p.m. 2015 TBA

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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