

# LA PLUME

Official Newsletter of the Writers' Guild of  
Acadiana

July-August 2025

## Next meeting: South Regional Library

The next meeting on Tuesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 6PM is to take place at the South Regional Library in the auditorium.

For any questions, call John @ 337-257-8665



## Board Members

President John Comeaux, Vice President Christopher Fontenot, Treasurer Beth Davis, Publicist Claire Waltner, Secretary Ed Gauthier, Webmaster **OPEN**, Historian James (Jim) McDonald, Newsletter Editor Brandon Russell, and all past WGA Presidents in good standing.

“There’s no such thing as perfect writing, just like there’s  
no such thing as perfect despair.”

-Haruki Murakami

## The WGA book *A Treasury of Louisiana Writers* Volume TWO wants YOU!

Do you have a short story, play, verse, or any other art created through the medium of word that you would like to share with the world? Then get in touch with the WGA board and get your works in the second volume of *A Treasury of Louisiana Writers*. Contact John for more information on rules and guidelines.

Volume one is still for sale and doing well, and each copy brings money into the guild that will come back to you in the form of guest speakers and opportunities. So if you haven’t already, grab a copy today from the link below!

<https://a.co/d/237GdNE>

## Next Meeting: July 29th, 6pm Members Read and Writing Competition

### July WGA Writing Competition!

Topic: "Summer Memories"  
Category: Memoirs

This is a fun competition for members. Non-members may also read their entries, but won't be eligible for the token prize. The prompt **MUST APPEAR** somewhere within the work, and entries must be no longer than 500 words. The author must be present, but may allow another to read the piece aloud. All entries must be typed and double-spaced. The story must have the word count, category, title, author's name, and date of the competition written at the top of the first page, and a paper copy of the **winner** and **runner-up** is to be handed in to the vice-president after the judging. An email to [eggchess@gmail.com](mailto:eggchess@gmail.com) with the entry will help ensure accuracy. Check your finished work for accuracy, grammar, spelling, and punctuation. You may be the one to be published!

Title  
Author's Name  
Date of contest

Category  
Word Count



### Upcoming Events

#### WGA and Marketing Opportunities

##### Member Profiles

The WGA website has a spot just for you! A dedicated Member Profiles page, where your works and accomplishments can be showcased to any who visit the site. If you would like to add your profile to the website, or update your profile if you already have one, contact John via email @ [jpcoman9@gmail.com](mailto:jpcoman9@gmail.com).

##### Moncus Park Saturday Market

Writer's Guild is inviting members AND non-members to participate in vending at Moncus Park. The requested fee is \$10.00 per sales day. We hold a sales booth on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and last Saturday of each month. The \$10. is to defray the cost that the Writer's Guild has to pay for the vending booth location. (\$35.00 per Saturday)

**Text** our secretary Ed Gauthier @ (337-945-5718) if you're interested in taking part.

##### Lafayette Downtown Artwalk

The Lafayette City Art Walk always occurs on the second Saturday of the month, every month,



weather permitting. If you wish to vend your books at Art Walk, free space is available. This occurs on Jefferson Street, from around 4:00 pm and goes to 8:30 or 9:00 pm. **Text Ed** and for more questions (337-945-5718) or stroll on by the evening of as he's usually seen there.

### WGA Critique Group

WGAcadiana Critique meets online using Google groups and Google Meet on the second and fourth Thursday evening of each month at 7:00 pm. Our purpose is to assist our writers in discovering the strong and weak points of their writing styles. Critique groups usually follow a careful format to develop trust amongst its members. If interested, contact our secretary by **text** (337-945-5718) or **email** at [eggchess@gmail.com](mailto:eggchess@gmail.com). Joining this group will require that you have an active Google account, which is free.

## Writing Competitions

### TWFest Writing Contest

The annual writing contests for the Tennessee Williams & New Orleans Literary Festival (TWFest) and Saints + Sinners LGBTQ+ Literary Festival (SASFest) are open to submissions now until October in fiction, poetry, and one-act plays. **Deadlines October 15<sup>th</sup>.**



This is the 40<sup>th</sup> annual TWFest, which will take place March 25-29, 2026. Prizes range from \$500-\$1,500 and include free passes, publication, staged readings, and the ever coveted *publicity*. This sounds like one to plan ahead for!

<https://tennesseewilliamsfestival.submittable.com/submit>

## Useful Links

### Tertulia

This is another site that can help you create and maintain a website for a fee. It is easy to start and has been used by members of the guild.

<https://authors.tertulia.com>

### Kindlepreneur

Kindlepreneur offers another insightful article into which book categories to choose, and which ones to avoid like the plague. Not all categories were created equal, but thankful others have done the footwork for you in figuring out which ones are right for you and your work.

[Amazon Book Categories SECRETS: \[READ before choosing!!!\]](#)

## WGA Website and Facebook

Please visit our refreshed website here: <https://www.writersguildacadiana.org/>

Like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/writersguildacadiana>

**Would you like to join or renew?**

Thank you for your interest in the Guild. Submit the form below to register to become a new or renew a membership with Writers' Guild of Acadiana. Annual membership fee is \$25.00. Your dues are good for one year from the date you renew. You will receive this monthly newsletter "La Plume", which will keep you informed of events and news of the Guild. Be sure to check your email junk folder if you are not getting the newsletter from [jpcoman9@gmail.com](mailto:jpcoman9@gmail.com). When submitting the form, please mail your check or money order to:

**Writers' Guild of Acadiana  
P O Box 51532  
Lafayette, LA 70505**

Email questions to: [info@writersguildacadiana.org](mailto:info@writersguildacadiana.org)  
Cash payments can be made at the monthly meeting – do not mail.

This form is also online: [writersguildacadiana.org](http://writersguildacadiana.org)

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