



# Wyoming Writers E-News

## April 2014

This short news piece is designed to provide you with deadline reminders and a few other items of interest before our next newsletter, which will be distributed in May.

### **SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS DEADLINE APPROACHING!**

The deadline to apply for Wyoming Writers, Inc. Scholarships and Awards is **April 30, 2014**.

According to Scholarship Chair Aaron Holst, seven scholarships will be awarded this year. If you or someone you know needs financial help to attend this year's conference, please encourage them to apply. Letters of application may be sent to Aaron at 1508 Hillpond Drive, Sheridan, WY 82801 or emailed to [scholarship@wyowriters.org](mailto:scholarship@wyowriters.org). If you email your letter, please note "WW, Inc., Conference Scholarship" in the subject line.

Every year, WW, Inc., presents awards at the conference. The Western Horizon Award and the Milestone Award are open to current members of WW, Inc., and each award may have multiple recipients; these are non-competitive awards. These awards recognize individual achievement and are applied for by the member seeking the award.

**The Western Horizon Award** recognizes a writer's first major work published between May 2013 and May 1, 2014. For a first book, include the title, ISBN, the publisher, and the publication date. For a first article/story/essay/poem in a major publication, include the title of the work, the name of the periodical, and the date of publication. The periodical must be national or literary and have a subscriber base.

**The Milestone Award** recognizes published writers for ongoing achievements of personal significance in their writing careers. Submissions should succinctly express the breadth and depth of the applicant's writing career as well as an explanation of what specific events took place that launched the milestone.

The Arizola Magnenat and Emmie Mygatt awards are chosen from nominations submitted by a current WW, Inc., member.

**The Arizola Magnenat Award** is given to any adult, organization, business, or other entity that has provided special encouragement and motivation to writers. The nominee doesn't have to be a member of WW, Inc. The nomination must include a letter explaining why the nominee deserves this award.

**The Emmie Mygatt Award** is given to a WW, Inc., member for outstanding services to the organization. Past recipients and the outgoing president of WW, Inc., are not eligible. The nomination must include a letter explaining why the nominee deserves this award.

Send all nominations to Aaron, who is also the Awards Chair, at 1508 Hillpond Drive, Sheridan, WY 82801 or email him at [awards@wyowriters.org](mailto:awards@wyowriters.org).

**NEW FOR STUDENTS: REDUCED CONFERENCE RATE AND SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED!**

The WW, Inc., Board is excited to offer a reduced conference rate for students this year! Additionally, thanks to a generous member, Margaret Smith-Braniff, one student will be selected for a conference scholarship, which includes one night hotel stay and the conference fee.

In order to qualify for the reduced conference rate and be eligible for the student scholarship, the Board has established these guidelines:

*For the purposes of application for a reduced conference fee, the Wyoming Writers, Inc., defines "student" as an individual who is enrolled in ongoing coursework, with the intent of graduating with a degree or certificate.*

To receive the reduced student rate for this year's annual conference, the Board requests a one-page written summary be included with your application. It should detail your life, career, and educational goals. Within this explanation, please tell us how your attendance at the WW, Inc., annual conference will assist you in meeting these goals for your professional and/or personal life. Mail the application to Wyoming Writers, Inc., P.O. Box 999, Sundance, WY 82729.

To apply for the student scholarship, provide the same information as mentioned above and send to Aaron Holst via email at [scholarship@wyowriters.org](mailto:scholarship@wyowriters.org); indicate "Student Scholarship Inquiry" in the subject line. You can also mail the student scholarship application to him at 1508 Hillpond Drive, Sheridan, WY 82801, **Deadline to apply is May 15, 2014.** For more information on the Student Scholarship opportunity, contact Aaron. Students can also apply for a financial need scholarship as outlined at the beginning of this E-News publication.

**SAVE MONEY BY REGISTERING EARLY FOR THE CONFERENCE!**

**Early bird registration for the 2014 conference ends May 15.** Save \$35 by registering between now and mid-May. You can register either online ([www.wyowriters.org/conference](http://www.wyowriters.org/conference)) or via mail through the conference brochure, which was mailed to all WW, Inc., members in March. If you did not receive your copy of the conference brochure, please email Gayle at [wyowriters@gmail.com](mailto:wyowriters@gmail.com) with your postal mailing address, and she will send you one. Although the hotel accepts pets, no pets other than service dogs will be allowed at conference activities.

**HAVE YOU MADE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE?**

The 2014 Conference site is the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Sheridan. A block of rooms has been set aside for attendees at a special rate of \$84/night; **however, you need to make your reservations by May 15, 2014.** Contact the hotel directly, either by calling 800-465-4329 or 307-672-8931; please use the code "WWI" or let the reservationist know you are attending the Wyoming Writers, Inc., conference. Reservations can also be made online at [www.holidayinn.com/sheridanwy](http://www.holidayinn.com/sheridanwy).

**OUR 2014 BOOKSTORE: A BETTER FIT FOR MEMBERS AND WW, INC.!**

You'll get a bigger check from books you offer for sale at the WW, Inc., conference this year ... and WW, Inc., will make something from the service, too! We're planning to woo conference-goers with readings, charging members less to sell their books, offering our presenters a great deal on selling theirs, and bringing in an outstanding selection of "writerly" books you've not seen on WW, Inc., booksellers' tables before ... books *about the craft of writing!* These "how-to" tomes will tempt you, teach you, and taunt you into sitting at your computer and actually completing that novel; that nonfiction marvel you've been researching for too long; that poetry collection you've edited to death!

We're feeling our way, operating with a volunteer staff, and whether you plan to bring your books to the conference, ship them in, or have us add them to our Barnes & Noble order (**extended deadline is April 20!**), email Andi Hummel at [hummela@outlook.com](mailto:hummela@outlook.com) or Katie Smith at

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Bookstore, continued:

[sixtybar@vcn.com](mailto:sixtybar@vcn.com) for information on how to sell your books at the upcoming conference. Please also email her to learn how you can lend a hand in making this new bookstore really work – we need volunteers! Interested in doing a reading from your book at our new bookstore? Please contact Chris Williams at [cwillia1041@yahoo.com](mailto:cwillia1041@yahoo.com) for more information.

### **ATTEND OUR CONFERENCE, RECEIVE A DISCOUNT FOR THE JACKSON HOLE CONFERENCE!**

Jackson Hole Writers are offering a discount on their registration equal to the membership early bird cost of the Wyoming Writers Conference (\$170) for those who pay for and attend the Wyoming Writers, Inc., 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference June 6-8, 2014 in Sheridan, Wyoming! The best way to get the discount is to send Jackson Hole Writers a letter with a check for your registration minus the discounted amount. This reduced price does not apply to the manuscript critiques – that is a separate item to be paid for and arranged with the Jackson Hole Writers. Contact Connie, the registration director, for more information on the discount: [connie@blackhen.com](mailto:connie@blackhen.com).

The 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Jackson Hole Writers Conference takes place June 26 - 28, 2014. Learn more at the organization's website: <http://www.jacksonholewritersconference.com>.

Wyoming Writers, Inc., thanks Jackson Hole Writers for their generosity in partnering to promote more opportunities for growth and networking for writers!

### **SOME UPCOMING REGIONAL EVENTS THAT MAY INTEREST YOU**

The annual **WyoPoets' Meeting and Conference** will be held in Casper **Saturday, April 19, 2014** at the Hilton Garden Inn. Current Wyoming Poet Laureate Echo Klaproth will lead workshops. Readings will take place the evening before at Metro Coffee Company, and the WyoPoets will unveil their new chapbook! For more information on these events, check the organization's website <http://www.wyopoets.org/>.

The **Las Vegas Writers Conference** takes place **April 24 - 26, 2014** in Las Vegas, NV. Learn more at <http://lasvegaswritersconference.com/>.

The **Pikes Peak Writers Conference** is set for **April 25 - 27, 2014** in Colorado Springs, CO. For more information visit <http://www.pikespeakwriters.com/ppwc/>.

Bozeman, MT is the site for the annual **Get Published Conference**, scheduled for **Saturday, May 17, 2014** at the Gran Tree Inn. Early bird registration of \$97.00 through May 1. Learn more at <http://getpublishedconference.com/>.

Wyoming Writers, Inc., celebrates 40 years this year! The annual **Wyoming Writers Inc., Conference** takes place **June 6 - 8, 2014** in Sheridan at the Holiday Inn & Conference Center in Sheridan and features Chuck Sambuchino, Mark Spragg, Lee Gutkind, and Wyoming's Poet Laureate Echo Klaproth. Learn more at [www.wyowriters.org](http://www.wyowriters.org).

The **Jackson Hole Writers Conference**, featuring authors Craig Johnson, Sarah Bird and many others, as well as agents and editors takes place **June 26 - 28, 2014** at the Jackson Hole Center for the Arts in Jackson, WY. Learn more at <http://www.jacksonholewritersconference.com/>.

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