



LEAGUE OF VERMONT WRITERS, INC.

League Lines

The League of Vermont Writers Newsletter

Register now!

September 28, 2019

8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

St. Albans Historical
Society & Museum

St. Albans, VT

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

LVW Fall Program



The Art of Writing—The Power of Visual Media in Storytelling

Saturday, September 28, 2019

8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Bliss Room, St. Albans Historical Society & Museum

9 Church St., St. Albans, VT 05478

Rates:

\$32 members / \$47 non-members

**Please don't wait to sign up—space is limited,
so register today!**

AGENDA

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM
9:30 AM – 10:15 AM
10:15 AM – 10:45 AM
10:45 AM – 11:30 AM
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
1:15 PM – 2:00 PM
2:00 PM – 2:15 PM
2:15 PM – 3:00 PM

Registration and networking

Gowri Savor: Worldbuilding Through Art, Word, and Blog

Break

D.B. Johnson: Art of the Moving Book

Lunch on your own*

Corrina Thurston: Marketing Through Visual Media and Storytelling

Break

Ted Tedford: Incident at St. Albans

*Lunch will be on an individual basis. There are several good restaurants right on St. Albans's Main Street within close walking distance of the museum or a quick drive. Restaurants nearby include (but aren't limited to) Mimmo's Pizzeria and Restaurant, Tim's Place, 84 Main Sports Grill, Twiggs, The Old Foundry at One Federal, and Jeff's Maine Seafood Restaurant. If you want to go out for lunch, please research the local and available restaurants ahead of time. You may also pack your own lunch and leave it in the kitchen until the break.

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Letter from the President

Dear Fellow League Members,

Autumn is right around the corner, vegetable gardens are being harvested, and apples are just about ready to pick off the trees! Another wonderful thing just around the corner is the League's Fall Program. It is being held in St. Albans this year, and it is shaping up to be a fabulous event. Check out our website for more details and how to register. Spread the word!

Our Summer Program at Jerry Johnson's schoolhouse was once again a huge success. Thank you, Jerry, for being such an amazing host and opening up your home to all of us! We have such a wealth of talent within our membership, and being able to showcase this talent at our "Into the Words" retreats is always inspiring. A big thank you to all the presenters at this event.

We held a celebration for the League, which turns 90 this year, at our "Into the Words" program, and we had cake! The League of Vermont Writers is the oldest writing organization in the state of Vermont. It is awe-inspiring for me to be a part of this rich history and to see that the League is still going strong.

Lisa Halvorsen wrote a blog post on our website highlighting the League's early years, the first in a series on our history. Thank you Lisa, for pulling this together for all of us. It is greatly appreciated! Please take a moment if you have not seen it and go check it out.

I know how busy life can get for many of us. However, the League needs your help. Would you like to learn how to collaborate with fellow members to organize a program? Send us an email. Would you like to learn how to get more involved in the League but aren't sure what you might like to do to help? Send us an email. Would you like to expand your writing credits? Write a blog post for our website. (This is a great opportunity to share your writing with your fellow members and to keep our blog going. I also need to take advantage of this member perk!)

For 90 years, we've been a group of doers, so let's keep "doing." Always feel free to reach out with any suggestions or ideas you may have. Do you have any special talents that would benefit the League? Connect with us about ways you can get involved. Share your talents! Let's keep moving forward as a strong body of Vermont writers.

All the best,

Bobbi Jo Capone
LVW, President



FALL PROGRAM

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PRESENTATIONS

Gowri Savor: Worldbuilding Through Art, Word, and Blog

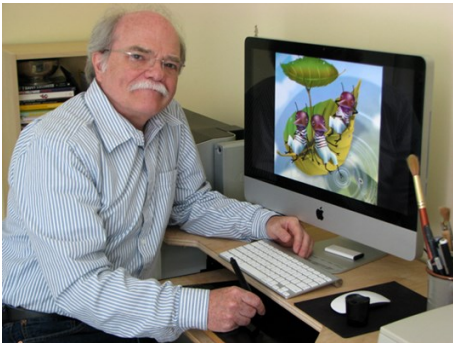


Enter the world of artist Gowri Savor's *Tiny Hero Tales*... Tiny's story has unfolded through art and a series of written adventures posted on Savor's website/blog, tinyherotales.com. In this presentation, Gowri will talk about her creative process, her art, writing, and web presence, and how they all come together to bring Tiny's tales to life.

About Gowri Savor

Gowri Savor is a visual-teaching artist whose practice includes sculpture, drawing, and the Indian art of rangoli. Born in England, she was educated in Manchester and Leeds, and moved to the United States in 2007.

D.B. Johnson: Art of the Moving Book



D.B. Johnson's "Art of the Moving Book" introduces writers and artists to the surprising power of HTML to animate stories with simple, non-disruptive "pictures that move" for an iPad or Apple device. Amazingly beautiful animations can be written and embedded seamlessly in your book with simple markup language and a text editor; no complex programming required.

About D.B. Johnson

D.B. Johnson is the author/illustrator of 12 acclaimed picture books, including the Boston Globe-Horn Book Award-winning, *Henry Hikes to Fitchburg* (Houghton Mifflin, 2000). Since his 2012 surreal picture book, *Magritte's Marvelous Hat*, Johnson has written, illustrated, and animated two digital picture books, *Polly Wolly Willy Woggle* and *POTS, REBBOR!*, available at the Apple Bookstore.

Corrina Thurston: Marketing Through Visual Media and Storytelling



Corrina has written two books on the topics of business and marketing for creatives and frequently gives presentations, workshops, and does consulting on those topics. For this workshop, she will go into detail about how visual media and storytelling should be the backbone of your marketing for your writing and author platform.

She'll talk about how best to use visuals in your marketing, what makes good storytelling for marketing specifically, and how to enhance and emphasize both in order to capture the attention of your audience. She uses specific examples to clearly explain her points, and you'll walk away with easy-to-implement ideas to use for your own marketing plan.

FALL PROGRAM (continued)

INTO THE WORDS Recap

About Corrina Thurston

Corrina is a wildlife artist, author, speaker, and business consultant working out of central Vermont. She began drawing in 2010, two years into a debilitating illness that left her mostly bedridden for over six years. Her art and writing were the silver lining of what came out of her illness, and now that she's on proper treatment, she's turned them into a career.

She's a TEDx speaker, was named one of the Top 40 People Under 40 in Vermont for 2018, and her books have been listed on the "Best Books for Artists" by the Arts Business Institute. Learn more about Corrina, her two business/marketing books, and her artwork on her website: www.corrinathurston.com.

Ted Tedford: Incident At St. Albans

Ted Tedford, a long-time newspaper reporter and editor, will discuss the research and writing of his historical novel. The novel is about a Civil War raid by Confederate soldiers on St. Albans, Vermont, and the 21-year-old Kentuckian who led the raid. It netted them about \$300,000 from robbing the town's three banks, and they successfully escaped back to Canada where they had gathered to plot the raid.



About Ted Tedford

Ted Tedford is a long-time newspaper editor and reporter and is now semi-retired. He has worked for five daily newspapers, including *The Burlington Free Press*. On retirement from daily newspapering, he was editor and general manager of the *Mountain Villager*, a weekly newspaper covering towns in eastern Chittenden County. When that paper folded, he turned to freelance writing and has published *Incident at St. Albans*, a historical novel about a Civil War raid on St. Albans, Vermont, by Confederate soldiers. He is also writing short stories.

Into the Words—Recap

Our biennial summer retreat, "Into the Words," was again a smashing success. League members gathered in an informal setting on Jerry Johnson's schoolhouse property (thanks, Jerry, for hosting!) to learn from other members how to paint your words (Namaya), develop characters that live on in the minds of readers (Sarah Ward), build your author platform (Paula Diaco), and much more. In addition to the lectures and workshops, we celebrated the League's 90th anniversary with a literal walk down Memory Lane, a cake, and an animated slideshow of the history of the League (thanks to our intern Stephanie for the great work!).



RECENTLY PUBLISHED

League Members' Credits and Accomplishments

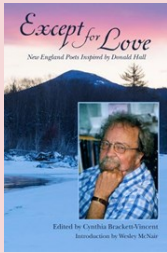
Sarah Snyder

Sarah's poetry collection, *With a Polaroid Camera*, was published in July 2019 by Main Street Rag Publishing Company.

Sarah Dickenson Snyder has written poetry since she knew there was a form with conscious line breaks. She has three poetry collections, including *The Human Contract* and *Notes from a Nomad* (both published in 2017). She was selected for the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference both times she applied. One poem was nominated for Best of Net in 2017. Recent work has appeared in *RHINO* and *The Sewanee Review*.



Kathleen McKinley Harris



Lines from Kathy's poem, "Mt. Philo," were included in Judy Chaves' recent book, *Secrets of Mount Philo* (published by Vermont Historical Society, p. 11).

Kathy's poem, "Valentine's Night," is included in the anthology, *Except for Love: New England Poets Inspired by Donald Hall*. Kathy is one of 35 poets whose poetry is featured in the volume (editor Cynthia Brackett-Vincent; publisher Encircle Publications). The volume was released on June 23, 2019, the one-year anniversary of poet Donald Hall's death.

C.L. Howland

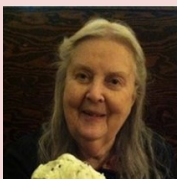
C.L.'s novel, *The Good Life*, was published by Random Tangent Press in July 2019.

Plot: When A-list actor Ring Stanford arrives in town claiming to be the father of her unborn child, Madison is shocked to learn he's telling the truth. Now this anonymous donor wants to be part of her baby's life. Madison's world is runny noses and small-town minds. She wants no part of the celebrity circus he inhabits. Yet, she can't deny an attraction to the man movie-goers never see...



Find more about C.L. and her books at <http://www.clhowland.com>.

Janet Hayward Burnham



Janet Hayward Burnham recently wrote an article for the newsletter for the Bethel Historical Society.

Janet's comment: "The article was about a collection of letters that were sent to a gal named Laurette Mary McCoy around the 1850s. Two of the letters were from a guy named Alfred, who appears to have been afraid of his own shadow. He is, in a very roundabout way, proposing to Miss Laurette. I don't think she married him. But she kept the letters—I'm guessing here—because they were so unusual."

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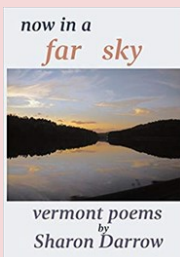
Ron Lavalette

Since the last update, Barton resident Ron Lavalette has amassed several publishing credits. They include five poems and four prose pieces of short fiction and creative nonfiction, published in a wide variety of both print and online journals, reviews, and anthologies. Most of these works can be viewed at his website, [Eggs over Tokyo](#).



Most recently, Ron's poem "Oasis" was included in *Dreamscapes*, a newly released anthology from [Cherry House Press](#).

Sharon Darrow



New League member Sharon Darrow (welcome!) has published a poetry collection in 2019 titled, *Now in a Far Sky: Vermont Poems*.

She also gave numerous presentations and workshops, including workshops at the Vermont College of Fine Arts in Montpelier, at Off-Campus Writers in Winnetka, IL, and at the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators' (SCBWI) Midwest Conference, where she gave a workshop and the keynote speech.



Katherine Quimby Johnson



Katherine Quimby Johnson's haiku was included in "[Beach Adventures and Falling in Love: Summer in a Haiku](#)," on NPR's *Morning Edition*, on July 1, 2019, in the category "Wild Adventures."

Submit your recent accomplishments and publishing credits to Shannara Johnson (shannara.johnson@gmail.com) for inclusion in the League Lines. Please only include published works from the past year, including books, short stories, magazine articles/columns, guest blogs, plays, and movie/TV scripts. Other accomplishments may include the facilitation of writing workshops, hosting of open mics, and more. Unfortunately, works in progress or older than one year cannot be considered for League Lines but may be posted on the League's Facebook page.

Registration Form

LVW Fall Program “The Art of Writing—The Power of Visual Media in Storytelling”

Register online at www.leagueofvermontwriters.org or fill out the form below and send the registration form with a check to the League’s P.O. Box postmarked by September 24, 2019.

League of Vermont Writers, P.O. Box 5046, Burlington, VT 05402.

Please make your check payable to: **League of Vermont Writers.** Write “Fall Program” on the memo line.

Registrar: lvw@leagueofvermontwriters.org

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Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Members: _____ @ \$32 each registration = \$ _____

Non-members: _____ @ \$47 each registration = \$ _____

(Students, ask about our student discount)

Tax-deductible donation: \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Check # _____

TELL YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT THE LEAGUE!

HAVE THEM VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT:

www.leagueofvermontwriters.org

LVW Board: Bobbi Jo Capone, president; Shawn Anderson, vice-president; Alyssa Berthiaume, immediate past president; Ron Jensen, treasurer; Shannara Johnson, secretary; Lisa Halvorsen, Tammy Hetrick, Amy Braun, Joan Grant, and Pat Esden at large.

Membership: Tommy Walz

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