

January 2021 SCWG Meeting

Saturday, January 16, 2020

1:00 PM

Eau Gallie Public Library

1521 Pineapple Ave

Melbourne, FL 32935



Guest Speaker:

Coming up on January 16 Karen Whiting, a traditionally-published, award winning author of twenty-six nonfiction books, will present ***Organizing Your Writing with Spreadsheets***. This is a creative way to keep you focused while you write your Great American Novel!

Join the Meeting on Facebook Live!

<https://www.facebook.com/writers.guild.1>

Karen loves to let creativity splash onto the pages as she writes. Karen's books include the popular tween series ***God's Girls*** (inspirational craft books) and, for parents, ***Raising a Young Modern Day Princess***.

Please visit Karen's website at <https://karenwhiting.com>.

Science has proven that Gratitude helps in many ways including:

- More relationships (thanking a new friend opens doors to friendships)
- Improves physical and mental health
- Reduces anger
- Grateful people sleep better
- Improves self-esteem (and reduces comparisons)
- Reduces stress
- Enhances empathy and increases happiness

He's BAAAACK!

SCWG distinguished Life Member/Fellow Dr. Scott Tilley has been away for a while because of the lockdowns and COVID scare. Scott is back, however, and with a roar! He has some new irons in the fire:

1. **AFTERMATH**, a new anthology that is a direct sequel to **PANDEMIC**.
2. Zoom webinar, **Writing Your Author Bio**, February 6 at 10 a.m. This is a critical skill to learn in just 75 words. Register at www.preciouspublishing.biz/join/.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2021! This year is a continuation of 2020, but with political and social turmoil, and the promise of vaccines. We all are expecting to be able to resume a more normal life, soon!

We will be having our annual elections soon. Watch the Bulletin, website, and emails for more information.

Sincerely,

Joanne Fisher
President, SCWG

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Please join us for our free webinars in 2021! The first takes place via Zoom on Saturday, February 6 at 10:00 a.m. The topic is "Writing Your Author Bio" – a critical skill to learn in just 75 words. Just go to <http://www.preciouspublishing.biz/join/> and sign up. You'll receive full details on how to join the webinar with other successful writers of all genres. Cancel anytime.

The meeting will be led by **Scott Tilley, Ph.D.**, president and founder of Precious Publishing, an emeritus professor at the Florida Institute of Technology, president and founder of the Center for Technology & Society, president and co-founder of Big Data Florida, Senior Fellow at the American Security Council Foundation, past president of INCOSE Space Coast, and a Space Coast Writers' Guild Fellow. His recent books include *Systems Analysis & Design* (Cengage, 2020), *Perspectives on Systems Engineering from Florida's Space Coast* (CTS Press, 2020), and *PANDEMIC* (Anthology Alliance, 2020). He wrote the "Technology Today" column for *FLORIDA TODAY* from 2010 to 2018. He holds a Ph.D. in computer science from the University of Victoria (1995). Visit his author website at <http://www.amazon.com/author/stilley>. Email: stilley@preciouspublishing.biz

Call for Submissions

AFTERMATH

The vaccines have finally arrived, offering us a way out of this dreadful COVID-19 pandemic. Sadly, the coronavirus is still surging worldwide, so now it's a race between infections and injections. We all hope that science will ultimately prevail.

When enough people have received the jab, and we start approaching herd immunity, what will the world look like? Will we reset our "new normal" back to the way it was, or has society fundamentally changed? When will we stop using masks? When will social distancing become a thing of the past? How will your daily habits change?

The forthcoming anthology, **AFTERMATH**, is a direct sequel to **PANDEMIC**. It is a collection of stories about people's expectations for life after COVID-19. The Black Death gave rise to many structural changes in European society in the 14th century. The Spanish Flu outbreak in 1918 led to the Roaring 20s. What will the end of COVID-19 bring to us? What lessons have we learned to prepare ourselves for the next inevitable pandemic? How will we deal with the avalanche of long-term mental health issues? When will the economy recover? What will happen to education and the students who lost so much with remote learning?

Submission Guidelines:

- One submission per person (fiction, non-fiction, essays), no longer than 8,000 words. The submission cannot be previously published or currently under review elsewhere. Submissions must be sent as an email attachment in MS Word format to stilley@preciouspublishing.biz.
- Images must be in JPG or PNG format at 300dpi and sent as separate email attachments.
- Authors must include a 75-word biography and a 1"x1" digital headshot.
- There is NO FEE to submit your work. We're all in this together.
- The publisher reserves the right to edit or decline submissions.
- Contributors maintain copyright on their submission, but the overall copyright of the anthology rests with the publisher.
- **AFTERMATH** will be published by Anthology Alliance and distributed through Amazon.com in Kindle and print formats by July 2021.
- Authors selected to appear in **AFTERMATH** will receive a free copy of the print version of the book.



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Important Dates: Submit your work by Friday, April 30, 2021, for consideration.

For More Information: Contact the editor, Scott Tilley, at stilley@preciouspublishing.biz

www.preciouspublishing.biz/anthologyalliance/aftermath/