

Wonderful Wednesday for May 2021

Welcome Breezers!

This monthly newsletter is from SCBWI Southern Breeze, the region encompassing Alabama, Georgia, and the Florida Panhandle. As a member of SCBWI, you are automatically also a member of the region where you live.

The regional level runs on volunteers, including the editors of this newsletter. If you have questions, ideas, or would like to help, please email southern-breeze@scbwi.org.

New! Southern Breeze is Launching Monthly Meetings!



We are so excited to announce our new monthly meeting series! Beginning in May, our Regional Team and talented MM Coordinator, [Kara Bietz](#), will be presenting meetings designed to engage and inspire you in your creative journey.

Breeze on in May 11th at 7:30 pm EDT/6:30 pm CDT for our inaugural Monthly Meeting! On the agenda for our first meeting:

- Meet the members of our new Southern Breeze Equity and Inclusion Team! Bring your questions. The recipients of the critique opportunity with agent Saba Sulaiman will be announced.
- Co-ARA Melissa Miles will give us an overview of using crowdsourcing platforms to raise funds for self-publishing kidlit.
- Breakout rooms! Door prizes! Opportunities to meet new writer and illustrator friends! More fun than a barrel of monkeys!

We can't wait to see you all on Tuesday, May 11th!

To join us, visit the [Members Only page](#) via the green side menu on the Southern Breeze Website. You must be signed in to see the Zoom links. We can't wait to see you there!

Southern Breeze Annual Writing Contest is Back!

[2021 Southern Breeze Writing Contest](#)

Polish those manuscripts! The annual writing contest submission window opens on June 1st, and will remain open for the month of June. As we did last year, the entries will once again mirror the submissions you send to agents and publishers.



Why Enter the Writing Contest?

**Each manuscript receives scoring sheet feedback from one to two published authors, depending on the number of submissions.

**The top 15 manuscripts in each category move onto the final round and receive feedback from an editor or agent judge!

**1st Place Winner receives FREE tuition to the next Southern Breeze Conference.

**1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Winners receive acknowledgement in the Southern Breeze News and social media sites, and of course, bragging rights to potential agents and publishers.

Special thanks to Debbie Daurelio for coordinating the contest again this year! For all the details, click [here](#).

Virtual Storytime and Art Gallery: Southern Breezers Present



We are putting together a program featuring SCBWI Southern Breeze Authors and Illustrators through the Georgia Center for the Book and the DeKalb County Library System.

We are looking to collaborate to present story time and live drawing sessions featuring picture books, middle grade books and graphic novels.

The event will also feature a virtual gallery show of Southern Breeze

Illustrators.

Details:

The Georgia Center for the Book and SCBWI Southern Breeze are partnering to present our members during the 2021 Georgia Center of the Book "Southern Breezers Present" online event the week of June 21 - 25, 2021.

The week will feature videos presented online featuring your books, readings, live demonstrations, and author or artist talks.

We invite our PAL authors and illustrators to fill out the Interest Form to learn more about how you can join the event. Spots are limited. Apply early.

Google Interest Form: [Click to Apply!](#)



**SHOW-
MO is
BACK!**

To prepare your submissions for the annual writing contest, the Southern Breeze region holds Show-Mo events beginning in May. They're listed on the upcoming events, and if you want to learn more about Show-Mo, our Critique Group Coordinator, TK Read wrote a blog post about it. Read it [here](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 11th at 7:30 pm EDT/6:30 CDT: Our first Monthly Meeting. Join us for our inaugural monthly meeting. See above for more information. Be sure to log-in to your SCBWI account, and visit to [Members Only Page](#) on our website to access the Zoom links. Hope to see you there!

May 13 at 2 PM EDT/1 PM CDT: Online PAL chat. Discussion Topics: Websites, Option and Non-compete clauses

May 15th at 11am EDT/ 10am CDT: Online Critique Group for all genres. You'll find the Zoom link on the Member's Only Page on our website. You must be logged in to access the link.

May 24th at 7pm EDT/ 6pm CDT: Special Show Mo online critique event to help us all prepare our submissions for the writing contest in June! Zoom link also found on Member's Only page. The first thirty minutes is devoted to socializing, so hop on and join us. Will include an **Illustrators Portfolio Critique Breakout room**.

May 31st: Deadline to submit or schedule videos with GCB/SCBWI Summer Series online event. See above for more details.

Also be sure to check out our [illustrator gallery!](#)



SCBWI international events:

SCBWI Celebrates Own Voices Series: Quarterly panels with authors and illustrators discuss the process of creating protagonists outside the dominant culture.

Celebrating Asian Voices, to be presented May 20, 4 p.m. EDT/ 3 p.m. CDT

The schedule for SCBWI's new lineup of digital workshops is available [here](#).

The workshops will begin on **May 13th** with *Transforming a Picture Book Manuscript into a Visual Narrative*. Registration opens **May 10th**.

THE BIG FIVE-OH!!

SCBWI 50th Annual Summer Conference will happen **July 30 – August 1, 2021** with two optional days of craft-specific intensives (July 29 and August 2). Registration opens **May 19 at 10 am PDT**. Register early, as there will be a pitching opportunity for 900 people.



Are You a PAL?

SCBWI has three membership categories: Associate Member (open to anyone), Full Member (open to individuals who have published a book, article, etc. for children), PAL Member (open to those with a book or article published by a traditional publishing house). Have you published a book that might change your membership category? To update your membership, log into www.SCBWI.org, visit your home page, and add to your publications list. For more information, visit <https://www.scbwi.org/about/levels-of->

Time to Celebrate

Please celebrate with Southern Breezers who are launching books. Congratulate your colleagues; share on social media; [learn and be inspired by their videos!](#)

Upcoming PAL Chats

May 13; 2 PM EDT/1 PM CDT; Discussion Topics: Websites, Option and Non-compete clauses

June 21; 11 AM EDT/10 AM CDT; Discussion Topics: TBD
What internet sites do you rely on?

If you are willing to give other PALs a 5-minute tour during a PAL Chat, let Heather know (sipse21@hotmail.com).

Facebook Group

If you are a PAL Member and want to join the discussion on Facebook, search for "Southern Breeze PALs" and request to join the group.



Online resources

SCBWI.org has a wealth of resources online including: THE BOOK (articles and lists for all things kid lit), podcasts, webinars, and international conference information. There are also archives of the Bulletin and INSIGHT, the SCBWI newsletters.

[Southern Breeze](#) also has a website, with local information, links to [online critique groups](#) (sign in to access), [information about upcoming events](#), and a



Volunteers Run the Region

Thanks for stepping up! Southern Breeze runs on volunteers, and a hearty thanks to these new ones!

Kara Bietz: Monthly Meeting Coordinator

CB Collins: graphic design for monthly meetings

E&I Team members: Joan Broerman, Charlene Fletcher, TeMika Grooms, Claudia Pearson, Raegan Tuff, Ashlee Wagner, and Gail Handler.

New Local Liason: Tunisia Williams (Augusta, GA area).

HELP WANTED: Conference Coordinator for our annual in-person spring conference, set for the weekend of March 18 in

terrific [new blog site](#).

Other SCBWI regions worldwide, also offer online programming, available to any SCBWI member. Find out more by browsing [individual regions' websites](#) and [here](#).

Homewood, Alabama. [Click here for more details](#).

If you would like to join our E&I Team in developing inclusion initiatives to help Southern Breeze reach more of the children's creators in our diverse region, please let us know at southern-breeze@scbwi.org.

Southern Breeze Successes



Beginning in June, Southern Breeze will publish a bi-annual blog post with a list of members' professional milestones. But the only way we can include YOUR successes, is if you tell us! Don't think of it as bragging, but as letting the world -- and newer members -- be inspired that they, too, can do great things.

The June post will include all of 2020 and 2021 through May 31. In that time frame, have you signed with an agent? Published a book as author, illustrator, or translator? Published a magazine article? Won an award?

[Help us celebrate with you by entering your information here.](#)



Did You Know?

SCBWI membership includes a personal profile of you and your work?

Keeping this up to date will help ensure you receive SCBWI mailings AND when you're querying agents and editors, they're able to check your public profile.

So keep this up to date by signing in at scbwi.org, navigating to My Home (in the top green menu), and then choosing Edit Profile from the menu on the left.



We'd love to see you on social media. In addition to our main accounts (click icons above), here are some other places you can find us:

[Southern Breeze Blog](#)

[Southern Breeze Illustrators Page Facebook](#)

[Southern Breeze Illustrators Group Facebook](#)

[Southern Breeze Bookshop.org Page](#)

[SCBWI Blog](#)

All the best in your creative endeavors!

Your regional team,

Sharon Pegram and Lisa Lowe Stauffer, Co-Regional Advisors

TeMika Grooms, Illustrator Coordinator

Allen Wells and Melissa Miles, Co-Assistant Regional Advisors

