

Wonderful Wednesday for June 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.

Equity and Inclusion News



[We invite you to visit our region's Equity and Inclusion Team page.](#) If you attended the monthly meeting in May, you were able to meet the team and learn about why equity and inclusion matters to each of them.

Please be sure to email us with suggestions for resources or events you'd like to see in your region.

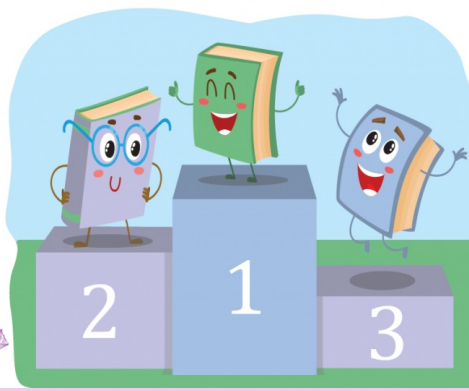
Writing Contest: Submission Window is Open!

Professional judges for this year's contest are:
Jennie Dunham (PB),
Chelsea Hensley
(MG/CB) and
Jemiscoe Chambers-
Black (YA). Read their

Annual Writing Contest

Submit Entries
June 1 - 30, 2021

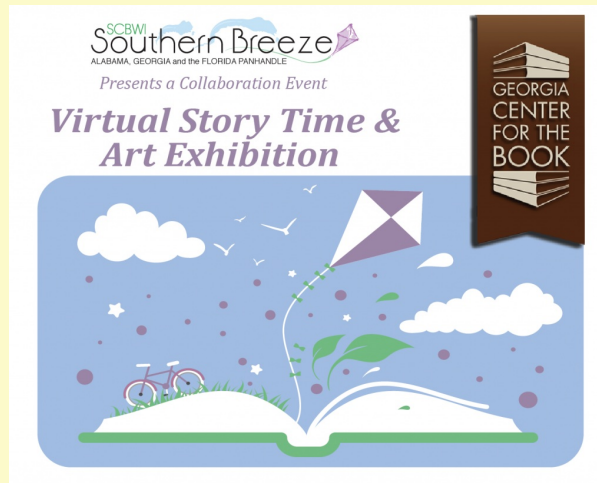
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and discover all the
information you'll need:

[2021 Southern Breeze
Writing Contest](#)

Join us for Story Time!



We asked and you answered! Thanks to the wonderful PAL author and illustrators who responded to our invitation to create a video, there will be a wonderful lineup of stories!

Be sure to tune in for this exciting event featuring your fellow Southern Breeze authors and illustrators. 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 1st: Submission window opens for our annual writing contest! Submissions will be accepted through June 30th. See above for more details.

June 8th at 7:30 pm EDT/6:30 CDT: June Monthly Meeting.

June 12th at 11am EDT/ 10am CDT: Online critique group.

June 19 at 10:30am EDT/ 9:30am CDT: Show Mo online with first 30 minutes to socialize.

June 21 at 11 AM EDT/10 AM CDT: PAL Chat.

June 21st - 25th: 2021 Georgia Center of the Book "Southern Breezers Present" Program

June 28th at 7:30pm EDT/ 6:30pm CDT: Online Critique group. Will include an Illustrators Portfolio Critique Breakout room.

Pencil it In!



July 13th at 7:30 pm EDT/6:30 CDT: July Monthly Meeting.

July 25th: Videos due for August book launchers.

July 30th: THE BIG FIVE-OH!! SCBWI 50th Annual Summer Conference officially begins.

Online Critique Groups for SCBWI members in the Southern Breeze region are held several times each month. See upcoming dates and access the Zoom links [here](#). (*sign in to your SCBWI account for access*)

The Southern Breeze region is active on social media. Click the icons to join us!



PAL NEWS

Published and Listed Members (PALs), join us for our meeting June 21, 11am EDT/ 10am CDT. Discussion topics:

Which type of books are best with agents; and which can you self represent?

What are some areas/topics that are not being met in the kidlit industry?

If you have a recently published or upcoming release, celebrate with a

Southern Breeze Book Launch. **Videos will be due July 25th for August launchers.**

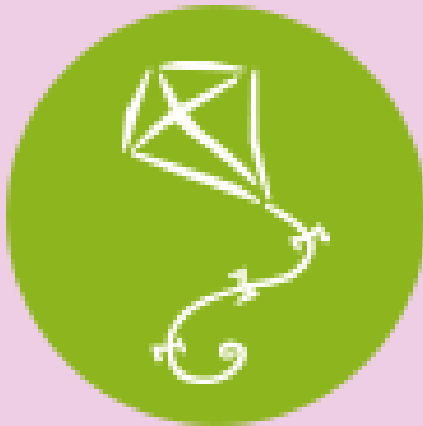
Complete this form to join the launches:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScgfo9EtPzptsfv8P3XBELhY3SPUHnSjs5KErXTcwqGuRhFxA/viewform>

Southern Breeze Illustrators

Be sure to check out our "[Illustrator's Lounge](#)" and join the Southern Breeze Illustrator [Facebook Group](#).

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



SCBWI international events:

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.



SCBWI DIGITAL 4.0

June is packed with great online content, and registration is free. Speakers include Newberry winner, Meg Medina. [Check it the full schedule here.](#)



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.



Volunteers Run the Region

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

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

