

Wonderful Wednesday for July 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.

Monday, July 12th Monthly Meeting--open to the public!



Do you feel like there's never enough time for the creative work you want to do?

Featuring our own amazing author/illustrator [Shanda McCloskey](#) and New York Times Bestselling illustrator,

[Mike Lowery](#), this meeting will help up your creative productivity this summer!

Shanda will share her strategies for balancing time between projects, writing, and illustrating. Mike will share how keeping a daily sketch book can benefit illustrators (and writers, too!). Then we'll form breakout groups to get to know each other and share our best time management tips.

Please Note This event is **MONDAY** July 12 at 7:30 p.m. EDT/ 6:30 CDT via zoom.

Registration is not required for SCBWI members. To join the meeting click the link on the [Members Only page](#) on the Southern Breeze website (sign in to access).

For July's meeting, the public is also invited to attend. These folks will require registration [via this link](#). A zoom link to join the meeting will be emailed to them

ahead of time. So share the news with your friends and family! All are welcome!

Celebrate!



Southern Breeze members range from brand new writers, illustrators, and translators to members who have dozens of publication credits.

Here are some members who reached new milestones in their publishing careers in recent months:

Shanda McCloskey, Candice Marley Conner, Heather L. Montgomery, Reem Faruqi, Nancy Raines Day, Kristine F. Anderson, Jodi Wheeler-Toppen, Robyn Hood Black, Phyllis Limbacher Tildes, Danny Schnitzlein, Kelly Jordan, Shelli R. Johannes, Muriel Ellis Pritchett, Kim Zachman, Dori Kleber, D.A. D'Aurelio, Randi Sonenshine, TeMika Grooms, and Ani.

Congratulations to everyone!

[Click here to read more.](#)

Figure Drawing Sessions on Behance

Grab your sketchbooks and join us on Thursday Nights at 7pm EDT on Behance for a Figure Drawing Session and live chat! Sessions are 1 hour. We'll go through a series of poses to practice drawing the human form.

Join the Behance Livestream on Thursdays at 7pm EDT:

<https://www.behance.net/temikagrooms>

Contest Update

The annual Southern Breeze Writing Contest is underway! All the entries are in the hands of the PAL author judges, and the top 15 in each category will be sent on to an agent for pro feedback.



Everyone will receive feedback, and the top three winners in each category will be announced no later than November 2021.

Thanks to all who are participating, especially our anonymous PAL

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 12th at 7:30 p.m. EDT/ 6:30 p.m. CDT: Monthly Meeting

July 13th at 2 p.m. EDT/ 1 p.m. CDT: PAL Chat. Topics: What habits do you depend on to help you produce quality work? Turning magazine stories into books.

July 13th at 7 p.m. EDT/ 6 p.m. CDT: Online critique group, all genres. [Link on Members Only Page.](#)

July 17th at 11 a.m. EDT/ 10 a.m. CDT: Online critique group, all genres. [Link on Members Only Page.](#)

July 25th: Videos due for August book launchers.

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

Save the Date!

While SCBWI is not yet allowing in-person events, we're hopeful that we can be together by next spring. So we're moving forward with planning our annual Writing and Illustrating for Kids (WIK) conference, to be held the weekend of March 18-20, 2022, in Homewood, Alabama. More information will follow as planning gets underway.



Pencil it In!

August 23rd at 11 a.m. EDT/ 10 CDT: PAL Chat



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

PAL Chat: July 13th at 2 p.m. EDT/ 1 p.m. CDT

In this month's PAL (Published and Listed) Chat we'll discuss:

What habits do you depend on to help you produce quality work?
Turning magazine stories into books.

If you're not already on PAL Coordinator Heather Montgomery's email list, drop her a note at sipse21@hotmail.com to receive the link to this and future PAL Chat meetings.

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/1FAIpQLScgfo9EtPzptsfV8P3XBEIhY3SPUhnSjs5KErXTcwqGuRhFxA/viewform>

Southern Breeze Illustrators

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



SCBWI international events:

The Big Five-Oh! kicks off July 30. Fifty years ago two friends wanted to learn how to write books for children, so they started a little organization that's grown into thousands of members worldwide.

To celebrate this milestone, the annual summer conference will feature 50 speakers as well as intensives for writers and illustrators at all stages of their careers . It's sure to be informative as well as motivational.

Plus, we Breezers will kick off each day with a social via Zoom (links to be sent closer to time).

So what are you waiting for? Sign up now at SCBWI.org



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



Volunteers Run the Region

If you live in the Birmingham, Alabama area and would like to help with some aspect of planning next spring's annual conference, please email southern-breeze@scbwi.org.

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 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.

Put "Yes, I can help!" in the subject line.

Southern Breeze's Regional Equity and Inclusion Team would love to hear your voice. If you would like to join this group 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

