

Wonderful Wednesday for December 2021

Greetings!

We hope you find this newsletter easy to view and navigate. We strive to bring each of our members all of the information needed to engage in Southern Breeze events, stay informed, and best benefit from SCBWI membership. As always, we'd love your input. Contact us at southern-breeze@scbwi.org.

December Monthly Meeting

Writing Stories With Heart, with Award-Winning Author Rosie. J. Pova

Tuesday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m. EST / 6:30 CST

Do you want to infuse your stories with more heart? How can you make your writing sweet and heartfelt, but avoid the saccharine zone? What makes a story heartfelt anyway?

This 1-hour webinar will explore the elements that give stories that edge, the power to tug at the reader's heartstrings, and stay with you long after you've closed the book. The workshop will also offer tips and practical advice on how to write stories with heart as we use mentor texts and pinpoint the right ingredients of a heartfelt story. A handout with mentor texts will be included.

BONUS: You won't want to miss out on the chance to **win prizes!** Click the button below for more information.

[Find out More!](#)

Moving Toward Mastery: Take Your Craft to the Next Level

Join your fellow writers and illustrators in Homewood, Alabama, the weekend of March 18-19, 2022. We'll kick the fun off with a free afternoon "Sketch and Scribble Walk-About," exploring Homewood with sketch pads and notebooks in hand.

In the evening, we'll partner with the Homewood Library to host an event open to the public.

Then on Saturday, get ready to dive into your craft! We'll have three intensives, running concurrently.

Illustrator Intensive Art Director Adela Pons, Peachtree Press, and Elizabeth Dulemba, award-winning author and illustrator. There will be a limited number of slots (10) for an illustration mentorship with Adela Pons available as an optional add on for those participating in the intensive. Mentorship begins on December 18th, and culminates with a final art review at the intensive. ***Registration for the illustrator intensive (only for those selecting the mentorship add-on) will open on Friday, December 3rd until the 10 mentorship slots are filled. General registration for all events will begin on December 15th.**

Limited number of optional career consultations will be available to those participating in the intensive.

Picture Book Writer Intensive: Leaving Room for Imagination (Editor Sarah Rockett, Sleeping Bear Press, and Monique Fields, award-winning author of HONEYSMOKE).

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Novel Writer Intensive: Characterization: The Essence of Good Story Building (Editor Foyinsi Adegbonmire, Feiwel & Friends, Macmillan Children's Publishing Group, and Randi Pink, award-winning author of ANGEL OF GREENWOOD, GIRLS LIKE US, and INTO WHITE).

Limited number of optional career consultations will be available to those participating in the intensive.

The optional one-on-one career consultations with agents will take place via Zoom the week following the event.

Look for more information on the Southern Breeze website when registration opens on December 15th!



From the E.I. Team, a gift to Southern Breeze:

We present books that bring us together, celebrating family, food, and festivals. We'll add more during the holidays. Keep watching!

Thursdays at 7pm EST

Illustrators, grab your sketchbooks and join us on Thursday Nights at 7pm EST 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.



Click for Recommended Books!

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The Southern Breeze
region is active on
social media.

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us!



Congratulations to the winners of
our Annual Writing Contest!!
See a complete list of all the
winners and read their interviews by
clicking the button below:

Click here to read the Blog Post!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, December 2nd--Winter Conference Registration Opens. [Click here for more details.](#)

Regional events listed below are included with your membership.

More information and Zoom links on the [Members Only](#) page on the Southern Breeze website, sign in to access.

Tuesday, December 7th at 7:30 p.m. EST/ 6:30 p.m. CST -- Monthly Meeting ([link on the Members Only page](#))

PB Breakdown, Wednesday Dec. 8th, 7:30 pm EST/ 6:30 pm CST–Picture Book Breakdown.To join this free meeting click the link on the [Members Only](#) page on the Southern Breeze website (sign in to access).

Saturday, December 11th at 11 a.m. EDT/ 10 a.m. CDT -- Online Critique Groups (all genres). *Our Illustrator Coordinator will be there to host a room for anyone who brings artwork.* Link on the [Members Only](#) page

Monday, December 13th at 7 p.m. EST/ 6 p.m. CST -- Online Critique Groups (all genres). Link on the [Members Only](#) page.

Thursday, December 16th, 2 p.m. EST/1 CST -- PAL Chat

Topics: What is the best thing an editor/agent/publishing house has done for you or your work?

If you're a PAL and not already on PAL Coordinator Heather Montgomery's email list, drop her a note at sipsey21@hotmail.com to receive the link to this and future PAL

Pencil it In!



January 11th, 2022, 7:30 p.m. EST / 6:30 CST--Monthly Meeting

Author Donna Gephart will speak on How to Survive and Thrive in a Long-Storied Career. You'll come away motivated with new ideas to spark your writing/illustration/translation career in the new year.

January 17th, 2022, 11 a.m. EST/10 a.m. CST-- PAL Chat

March 18th-19th, 2022--Southern Breeze Annual Conference in Homewood, AL. Moving Toward Mastery: Take Your Craft to the Next Level. Registration Begins Soon!

Southern Breeze Illustrators

Liz Conrad Award is Open for Applications through January 15th, 2022

[Click to Learn More](#)

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ILLUSTRATION MENTORSHIP OPPORTUNITY! ADELA PONS, PEACHTREE PUBLISHING

Limited Registration: Open to the first 10 Illustrators who select the optional add-on to the illustrator intensive to be held in March 2022.

Join us for our annual Illustration Mentorship with Adela Pons, Art Director for Peachtree Publishing. You will learn the steps of moving your visual storytelling from



Southern Breeze Runs on Volunteers

Host for online chats for self-published members needed. We'd like to begin offering monthly chats for people who have already self-published a book. Topics can include things like online marketing, keywords, pricing, or anything else important to selling your books without a publishing imprint at your side. This volunteer position would collect and maintain a list of self-published members who want to participate in these chats, and would be responsible for identifying topics, emailing the link, and hosting the chats. Interested? Questions? Email southern-breeze@scbwi.org

Southern Breeze's regional Equity and Inclusion Team meets monthly via zoom. 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.



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 [blog site](#).

New Format:

One of the few positive outcomes of the Covid-19 pandemic has been the wide offering of regional events. Most of them are low cost, some are even free to SCBWI members. Now, they're easily accessible with one click!

[Visit the Regional Webinar Page!](#)



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. SCBWI and Southern Breeze are active on social media. Links are at the bottom of this newsletter.

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.

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 Facebook](#)
[Southern Breeze Illustrators Page Facebook](#)
[Southern Breeze Illustrators Group Facebook](#)
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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

