

Wonderful Wednesday for March 2022

Greetings!

We hope this newsletter finds you well! 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.

March Monthly Meeting



On March 8th, Editor [Trisha de Guzman](#) (Farrar, Strauss, & Giroux) will share the in-house process that happens when a manuscript or postcard lands on her desk. We'll plan plenty of Q&A time about the kidlit business, with [questions submitted in advance here](#)

For all those who attend live and stay the whole meeting time, there will be a surprise only for you (it won't be on the recording).

[Learn more!](#)

Congratulations, Shamar Knight-Justice!



At the recent SCBWI Winter Conference, the annual Portfolio Award Grand Prize was given to two illustrators, including one of Southern Breeze's own: Shamar Knight-Justice! This top award includes meetings with art directors and cash for art supplies.

Shamar, whose day job is as an elementary school principal, has this to say about what motivates him:

"Kids are naturally creative, imaginative, quirky and brilliant. The words, images, and ideas we expose them to either build or destroy their desire to want to share their gifts with the world. Imagination is fragile, and needs to be nurtured, practiced, and seen as a treasure."

New for March! Spring Fling Write-Ins

Join other writers for online "write-ins" with an eye towards participating in the [Spring Fling online kidlit competition](#).



Key Takeaway from the February PAL Chat

YouTube and Target Audiences

When using YouTube for promotional purposes, carefully consider who your target audience is. . . ([read more](#))

Writing Mentorship Program: Apply by March 20

Applications for our mentorship program are being accepted until March 20. If you've been honing your skills and feel you're on the cusp of publication, this program may be for you. [All the details here.](#)

Moving Toward Mastery: Take Your Craft to the Next Level

If you are signed up for [one of these online intensives](#), keep an eye on your inbox for important emails about what to bring, the day's schedule, and Zoom links!

Equity & Inclusion



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What is Equity & Inclusion and what does it mean in kidlit? Visit [Southern Breeze's E&I Pages](#) for resources, book lists, and more. New pages coming soon!

Breezers, Breezers, quite creative.

How does your garden grow?

The Equity and Inclusion Team is planting seeds.

Watch our pages grow!

FREE REGIONAL MARCH EVENTS

Regional events below are free with your membership. Info, times and Zoom links [here](#) (sign in to access).

3/5: Spring Fling Write-In

3/7: All-Genre Critique Groups

3/8: Monthly Meeting with Editor Trisha de Guzman

3/9: Picture Book Breakdown

3/14: PAL Chat

3/12: All-Genre Critique Groups PLUS Illustrator Group

3/14: All-Genre Critique Groups

3/23: Picture Book Breakdown

3/29: Spring Fling Write-In



The Southern Breeze region



Thursdays at 7pm
EST

Illustrators, grab your sketchbooks and join us on

is active on social media.
Click the icons to join us!

For a creativity boost anytime, check out the SCBWI Digital Workshops Video Archive. [Here's the link!](#)



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 to Join](#)

Pencil it In!

Monthly Meeting April 12, 7:30 p.m. EST / 6:30 CST



Illustrator and graphic designer Taylor Ackerman will talk about using your graphic design skills in the kidlit world, including advice on how to work a day job and pursue your art.

Suitable for illustrators, writers, and translators, as we all juggle multiple hats.

Self-Publishing Learning Opportunities

If you're interested in self-publishing, here are three stellar opportunities to find out more:

- (1) The Indie Author, a magazine by the Alliance of Independent Authors (ALLi) is now available as part of your SCBWI membership. [Here's the link to access the current issue and archives.](#)
- (2) [Is Self-Publishing Right for Me?](#) A webinar from the Eastern NY region on April 14, featuring Darcy Pattison.
- (3) So you're ready to publish your book yourself...what next? The weekend of June 10-12, Southern Breeze is offering an online series on self-publishing. If you have a manuscript ready to publish, this weekend will help you understand next steps and options. More information to come in April!



Southern Breeze Runs on Volunteers

Local Liaisons

Want to be the local go-to person? We have several locations that need a Local Liaison. [Check the list here.](#)

We have several other ongoing volunteer opportunities. [Explore them here.](#)



[SCBWI.org](#) has a wealth of resources online including: THE BOOK (articles and lists for all things kid lit), podcasts, and webinars. 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](#).

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](#)
[SCBWI Facebook](#)
[SCBWI Instagram](#)
[SCBWI YouTube](#)
[SCBWI Twitter](#)

All the best in your creative endeavors!

Your regional team,

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