

## Wonderful Wednesday for August 2022



Greetings!

We hope this newsletter finds you well! We strive to bring you all the information you'll need to engage in Southern Breeze events, stay informed, and benefit from SCBWI membership. As always, we'd love your input. Contact us at [southern-breeze@scbwi.org](mailto:southern-breeze@scbwi.org).

### August Monthly Meeting



#### Interested in Creating Graphic Novels?

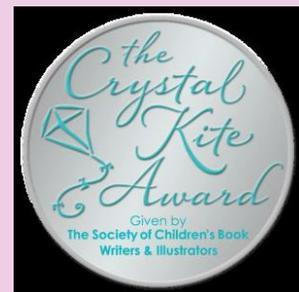
Join us on August 9th, 2022, 7:30 p.m. EDT / 6:30 CDT

Graphic novels allow creators to combine words and images to tell compelling and engaging stories that are tremendously popular with young readers. But how do you even begin the process of making a graphic novel?

Join graphic novelist [Victoria Jamieson](#) as she talks about her career as a picture book creator turned graphic novelist. We'll talk about writing scripts, panels, pacing, and the technical nitty-gritty of making a graphic novel. Come prepared with questions and some paper and pencils for this interactive and hands-on workshop. More on our [members only page](#). Remember, you've got to sign in to view it.

### Crystal Kite Nominees

Are you interested to learn more about the members of Southern Breeze whose books were nominated for a Crystal Kite Award? [Check out our blog post here](#) with links to learn more about each title. Not sure what the Crystal Kite Awards are? Check it out [here](#).



### AUGUST CALENDAR

Unless noted, these events below are free with your membership. For online events: Info, times and Zoom links [here](#) (sign in to access).

August 5-7: SCBWI Summer Conference

August 9, 7:30pm EDT/ 6:30pm CDT: Monthly meeting

August 10, 7:30pm EDT/ 6:30pm CDT: Picture Book Breakdown

August 13, 11:00am EDT/ 10:00am CDT: Online Critique

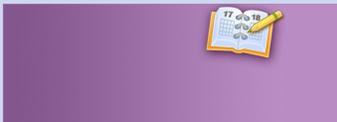
August 15, 2pm EDT/ 3pm CDT: PAL Chat

August 22, 7:00pm EDT/ 6:00pm CDT: Online Critique (with illustrator room)

August 24, 7:30pm EDT/ 6:30pm CDT: Picture Book Breakdown

August 25, 6:30pm EDT/ 5:30pm CDT: E&I Team meeting

## Pencil It In!



### Monthly Meeting: September 13th at 7:30 p.m. EDT/ 6:30 p.m. CDT

Speaker is **R. Gregory Christie**, an award-winning children's book illustrator and lecturer with a long track record of creating inspiring art. <https://www.rgregorychristie.com/>

The **SCBWI Midsouth** is hosting an intensive retreat outside of Nashville, September 16-18. Author **Linda Sue Park** and illustrator **Kelly Light** will be

diving deep into craft, and it should be a great time of work and fellowship! <https://midsouth.scbwi.org/events/scbwi-midsouth-fall-2022-retreat/>



### What: **SCBWI Southern Breeze North Alabama Fall Meeting!**



Where: South Huntsville Branch Library  
South Classroom, 7901-L, Bailey Cove Rd  
SE, Huntsville, AL 35802

When: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 from 5:30-7:00 pm Central

*We will be meeting and greeting each other, while also discussing our current/future projects. Depending on time, we may read query letters or first pages, so bring 2-3 copies of your current project, if you'd like. Light refreshments will be provided.*

*To attend, an RSVP to Heather Morris is required at [heathercmorris@gmail.com](mailto:heathercmorris@gmail.com)*

## PAL CHAT

**August 15, 2 PM Eastern/1 PM Central**

Topics:

- Research tips,
- Holes in the current market



## Call for Volunteers!



It doesn't quite take a village, but it does take a team to plan and hold everything from Zoom chats to local events to a full-blown regional conference. Whether you have a little time or a lot, there's a place where your skills are needed. We will be recruiting some new volunteers this fall, so please stay tuned!

Learn more [here](#).

## Equity & Inclusion

The E&I Team will resume August 25 at 6:30 p.m. Central, 7:30 Eastern. The meeting will feature updates, announcements, and celebrations. New members welcome.

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](mailto:southern-breeze@scbwi.org).



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

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In Case You Missed It  
SCBWI recently emailed [a link to its annual report](#) to all members.



There are ongoing virtual events offered by various regions around the

world and are discounted for SCBWI members. Most are low cost, but some are free. Don't miss out on these opportunities!

[View Events](#)

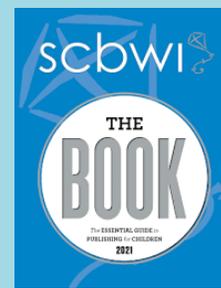


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member of SCBWI, you are automatically also a member of the region where you live. The regional level runs on volunteers, including the editors of this newsletter. If you have questions, ideas, or would like to help, please email [southern-breeze@scbwi.org](mailto:southern-breeze@scbwi.org).

ONLINE RESOURCES:

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](#).



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[Southern Breeze Blog](#)  
[Southern Breeze Facebook](#)  
[Southern Breeze Illustrators Page Facebook](#)  
[Southern Breeze Illustrators Group Facebook](#)  
[Southern Breeze Bookshop.org Page](#)  
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***All the best in your creative endeavors!***

***Your regional team,***

***Sharon Pegram and Lisa Lowe Stauffer, Co-Regional Advisors***

***Kathleen Bradshaw, Illustrator Coordinator***

***Allen Wells and Melissa Miles, Co-Assistant Regional Advisors***