

Hi All!

I can't believe it, deadlines are fast approaching. We are all pretending to be busy bees.

Membership Rates Go Up Soon

Don't forget, WWC rates go up at the end of March. If you haven't got your membership yet, why not?

Have You a Place to Rest?

Don't forget to book your hotel room. The deadline to enter for one free room night is April 1st to book soon (<http://www.whenwordscollide.org/venue.php>)

Programming Flair

On April 15th we plan to close for topic idea submissions. However, we are always looking for good people to present on those topics. Let us know if you wish to participate (<http://www.whenwordscollide.org/program.php>)

Workshop Worship

Two of our pre-festival workshops are full:

Patricia Briggs -- Character & Voice

D. B. Jackson / David B. Coe -- Fantasy

The remaining four workshops still have space, but are filling up quickly:

Michael Cassutt -- TV Script Writing

Barbara Fradkin -- Mystery & Suspense

Shirlee Matheson -- Memoirs/Biographies

Jack Whyte -- Manuscript Strengths and Weaknesses (1/2 day workshop)

Please see our website for information and how to sign up.

(<http://www.whenwordscollide.org/workshops.php>).

For those who have registered, you will be contacted starting in April regarding payment.

Note: We do maintain waiting lists for workshops in the event someone drops out.

Are You Ready to Volunteer?

As always, we need volunteers to help run the show. Please contact us if you want to help out. Our volunteer wrangler will be glad to slot you in.

Announcements and Special Events

- *Nicole Luiken has her book *Soul of Kandrith* coming out on March 18th. Nicole is often at WWC so we encourage you to purchase her book and then come see her in August. You can go here for more information (http://www.amazon.com/Soul-Kandrith-The-Series-ebook/dp/BOOAPEYAN4/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1363016077&sr=8-1&keywords=Kandrith)*
- *Robert J. Sawyer will be in Calgary to promote his new book, *Red Planet Blues*. He will be at The Sentry Box at 7:00pm. Please come out and support our former WWC guest of honour. For more information on this and other places you can see Rob, visit his website here (<http://sfwriter.com/Inappear.htm>)*
- *Masked Mosaics and What Kings Ate are having two book launches. In Edmonton on Wednesday March 20th at Happy Harbour Comics. Visit here for more information (<https://www.facebook.com/events/515630068487915/?ref=2>), and in Calgary on Friday April 12th at The Sentry Box (<https://www.facebook.com/events/498710330186761/?ref=2>) Many of these authors have done panels in the past for WWC. We encourage you to attend these events and support our friends.*
- *Calgary Imaginative Fiction Writers Association (IFWA) invites you to submit original works of speculative fiction for their 2013 short story*

contest. Deadline to enter is April 4, 2013 and the theme is 'In Places Between'. Winners will be announced at WWC in August. For more information visit their website here (<http://www.inplacesbetween.com/>)

- Aurora Award Nominations are still being accepted. (When Words Collide was a winner last year.) You must be a member of the CSFFA to nominate. Visit their website for more information. (<http://www.prixaurorawards.ca/Membership>)
- CARWA is hosting a workshop with literary agent and writer Donald Maas on Saturday May 4th. Visit their website for details (http://www.calgaryrwa.com/spring_workshop.html)

We know you have exciting things happening so, if you have an announcement or special event you'd like us to share with our group let us know, we'll be glad to add it to our monthly News and Notes. The next issue will go out approximately April 10th.

Speak To Us:

As always, there is a myriad of ways to see what we are up to and generally keep in touch:

- Website: <http://www.whenwordscollide.org/>
- e-mails: info@whenwordscollide.org
- twitter: http://twitter.com/WWC_Calgary
- Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/events/436547823054430>
- Listen to some of 2012 programming: <http://whenwordscollide.libsyn.com/>

Talk to you soon!