

MINUTES	Hawaii Writers Guild	January 16, 2021 Rev. 1
	Annual Meeting	

Hawaii Writers Guild (HWG) Annual Membership Meeting
Held via Zoom 1:00pm – 2:00pm (Hawaii time)

Officers and Directors of the Guild present:

Diann Wilson – *President*, Bruce Stern – *Vice President*, Bob Lupo – *Treasurer*, Diane Revell – *Secretary*, Duncan Dempster *Webmaster*, Joy Fisher – *Public Relations Director*, Louise Riofrio – *Events Director*, Eila Algood – *North Kohala Regional Director*

Others Present:

A total of 32 members including the eight Board members listed had RSVP replies to attend, but a few were unable to join due to computer crash, illness, or missing the Zoom information. So, attendance count of members was in the mid to upper 20's.

This was the fourth annual membership meeting of the Hawaii Writers Guild (HWG or the Guild) since its inception in early 2017. Due to the corona virus pandemic restrictions, the meeting was held online via Zoom. We missed the in person contact and our more standard dinner event, but this did allow for attendance by others not in the vicinity of the Big Island and included our one international member, Meliha from Bosnia. The agenda for the meeting is provided as Attachment 1.

President Diann Wilson called the meeting to order. She welcomed the members. She indicated the **“Chat” option would be enabled to let those at the meeting provide feedback as we progressed through the agenda.** Eila Algood would monitor Chat and then later in the meeting would have a special section to talk about the feedback provided. For the overview of the Guild's many accomplishments in this past year Diann had designated other Board members to present the topics to be covered. **These meeting minutes constitute the Hawaii Writers Guild annual report for 2020.**

Our Vice President, Bruce Stern, provided an **overview of the growth of membership in 2020.** We had 17 new members join in 2020 including one student member. We ended the year with a total of 72 members up from 60 active members in 2019. The details with the list of new members by name and their stated writing genre(s) are provided in Attachment 2.

Our Treasurer, Bob Lupo, presented the **finances of the Guild for 2020.** We started the year with \$2,392.63 in the bank and ended up with \$3,479.18 in the bank, an increase of \$1,086.55. Expenses were down in part due to the elimination of meeting room rental expenses beginning in March with the start of the pandemic restrictions. The other major cost reduction was the policy change to eliminate sponsorship of pop-up bookstores and other event fees to avoid issues with our 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit status. Our main source of income is annual membership dues and there have also been some significant member donations. The details of the finance report are provided in Attachment 3 and as usual is fun to read with Bob's given sense of humor mixed with the facts.

Over the course of the last couple years the Guild decided to pursue becoming a **501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit**. Our Secretary, Diane Revell, provided a summary of the effort that led to our being granted that status as of January 30, 2020. The effort to work this issue was done by the ad hoc Non-Profit Committee consisting of the following: Joy Fisher, Cece Johansen, Bob Lupo, Diane Revell, and Bruce Stern. Diane's presentation is provided in Attachment 4.

Opportunity Drawings – To add a reward opportunity for those who RSVP'd to attend the meeting, we held four opportunity drawing events during the meeting. For each of these, Diane Revell had a spinner application that started with the names of each of those who indicated their plans to attend minus her name as the spinner. For each of these events, the spinner was spun and the person whose name it landed on was awarded a book (or sometimes two) donated by our own authors, the winner and the prize was announced and that winner's name removed for follow-on spins. At each of four events the spinner was spun twice to select two winners, so a total of eight prizes were assigned and would be handed off or mailed to the winners. In one case the winner was someone who was unable to attend (Pat Dunlap Evans) and she said to give her prize to someone who had attended. In that case, the two books she would have received were given to two other attendees based on a post-meeting spin, so we had a total of nine winners. A list of the opportunity drawing winners and the books they won are listed in Attachment 5.

Our North Kohala Regional Director, Eila Algood, presented our 2020 activities with the **Hawaii Writers Guild YouTube channel** that was created this past year. Eila produced the series called "Inside the Writers Studio" which consisted of interviews with writers primarily Guild members who would read a sample of their work then have a talk-story with Eila about their writing habits and inspirations. There are 21 episodes of "Inside the Writers Studio" to date. She also helped Diann Wilson start a second series called "WRITE ON!" which is more instructional with interviews of authors on tips for the processes of writing, publication, and promotion for one's literary works. There are 11 episodes to date of "WRITE ON!". Eila said the channel has 53 subscribers, and over 2000 views to date. Future plans include a series of pop-up poetry readings by the author or an actor reading Guild members' poems. The intent is to continue production of the "Inside the Writers Studio" once a month, and "WRITE ON!" quarterly. This depends on having members interested in participating and it was suggested those in this meeting could use Chat to let Eila and Diann know of their interest to be interviewed or in topics they want to know about. The **HWG Channel is found here:** https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmn-e3CM6RGNf_8QJMJzzjQ.

Diann provided a quick **overview of the writer buddies established in mid-2020** where pairs of our members team up and work to encourage each other in their writing. There are four pairs of buddies and they have each set their own schedules to meet regularly. [In the Chat comments suggestions for more mentoring options was made.]

Diann reported on the initial edition of the Guild's online literary review, *Latitudes*, being released in April under the managing editorship of Laura Burkhart. Laura had six other members working as the editorial staff including our Webmaster, Duncan Dempster, who also engineered the *Latitudes* publication on our Guild website: <https://www.hawaiiwritersguild.com/litreview-first-edition.html>. With that success a second edition was initiated in fall of 2020 and is expected to be released around February 10th. [Chat question was raised as to when those who made submittals would be informed of whether

their writing was accepted for publication or not. The managing editor on the 2nd edition, Bob Lupo, said that would happen by the end of January.]

Events Director Louise Riofrio provided a **quick overview of the pop-up book sales** held for three-quarters of 2020 and what is coming up. Initial pop-up book sales had been held at Pukalani Stables Farmers Market in Waimea (Big Island) twice a month on Saturdays. When the pandemic hit, they continued but following the county health restrictions until later in 2020. Starting in October when there had been a surge in cases, a hiatus was taken through year end. Then as case counts went down, they were planned to restart January 9th, 2021 but the previous location was no longer available and we'll need to wait for another location opening or do the Wednesday market there. Plans are to also do pop-up book sales at Waikoloa's farmers market held on Tuesdays. These events are a good way for authors to interact with potential buyers and sell their books. They are no longer sponsored by the Guild, but we keep members informed of these opportunities.

At this point in the meeting, **Eila took the time to highlight what she had seen so far in the Chat responses and solicit more comments.** Here is a summary of the major items discussed or on the Chat transcript. More detail can be found in Attachment 6 for the items hear along with a few more items not included in this summary:

1. Provide members with a **list of all members with their e-mails so they can communicate with each other outside of the meetings. Board to discuss with a decision** including a means to opt-in or out.
2. **When are one's dues are owed? Treasurer sends gentle reminders via e-mail.** A person's annual dues are **due on the same month they joined and paid their initial dues to become a member.** [Option to request a hardship waiver]
3. Members expressed interest in becoming a **writing buddy** or wishing for a **mentorship option** for experienced members to mentor inexperienced writers. The **Board should discuss ways to promote these options.**
4. A **resource directory** was suggested. This has been suggested before. Duncan pointed out that **our website has a Writing Resources page:** <https://www.hawaiiwritersguild.com/writing-resources.html>. This is an item that the **Board may need to layout the rules for the types of resources appropriate to include (for profit or free services only?).**
5. Eila is offering a **Zoom class called New Writers Group Facilitation on January 30th at 3:00pm** (Hawaii time) and sent an e-mail with the details on December 30th to the members. One member asked her to add him to the list.

Joy Fisher introduced the PowerPoint presentation she had created of **our members who had published works in 2020.** The presentation was set to music and Joy only spoke up as it played to introduce each of the major sections of writers with their listed works by genre and type of publication. She also had a section on those who had won writing awards during this past year. The slides from the presentation are in Attachment 7.

Voting had been completed prior to the meeting and was done via an online form sent via e-mail. Information of the four officer positions, and a short biography and statement from each of the candidates had been sent to the full membership on January 5th and the ballot that also allowed for write-

in candidates had been sent out to “members in good standing” eligible to vote on January 6th. Twenty-four of the ballots were submitted by the deadline of January 15th with the four candidates (one for each officer position) voted upon and no write-in candidates proposed. Our Webmaster, Duncan Dempster, announced the result with flourish: **Carol McMillan as our new *President*, Bruce Stern as our returning *Vice President*, Bob Lupo as our returning *Treasurer*, and Diane Revell as our returning *Secretary*.**

Last on our agenda was **a toast to the Hawaii Writers Guild in 2021 by our new President, Carol McMillan**. Her toast was a poem she wanted us to know she had written by January 4th as some public events had not yet taken place that might have made her change a couple lines if written today. All were invited to toast at home and with that and many greetings of “Aloha” the meeting ended at just after 2:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Revell, Secretary

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Agenda

Hawaii Writers Guild Annual meeting January 16, 2021

Zoom

1 – 2pm

(Note time allotment in 1st column)

2 Welcome (Diann)

Review of Year:

5 Membership – include listing new members (Bruce)

5 Finances (Bob)

5 501c3 (Diane)

2 *Opportunity drawing* *Diane*

5 YouTube (Eila)

5 Writing Buddies (Diann)

5 Pop Up Book sales (Louise)

2 *Opportunity drawing* *Diane*

7 Input from members on Guild activities – chat Eila

Opportunity drawing *Diane*

10 PowerPoint acknowledging members who have published (Joy)

Opportunity drawing *Diane*

5 Results of election (Duncan)

2 Toast to 2021 (Carol M)

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Attachment 2: Membership Final 2020 Report

Hawaii Writers Guild Membership

#	First Name	Last Name	Join Date	Active	Pen Name	Writing Genres
92	Carol	Hannum	1/18/2020	✓	Cannum, C.M.Hannum	No for Children/YA, Poems, short stories, prose poems
93	Mark	Brown	1/16/2020 Accepted	✓	Mark Michaux Brown	No for Children/YA, Non-Fiction, Fiction
94	Linda	Ulleseit	2/11/2020	✓		No for Children/YA, Historical fiction, women's fiction, fantasy
95	Kendra	Bruno	2/10/2020	✓		
97	Donald	Kennedy	3/25/20 Accepted	✓	Don Kennedy	Humor, Bio, Non-Fiction
98	Mina	Apostadiro	5/25/20 Accepted	S		Poetry
99	Richard	Bodien	6/1/20 Accepted	✓		Poetry, Literature
100	Johnson	Kahili	6/10/20 Accepted	✓		Fiction, Fantasy
101	Tamara	Williams	6/12/20 Accepted	✓		Poetry
102	Lehua Marjorie	Wells	6/12/20 Accepted	✓		Adventure, Nonfiction
103	Karen	Sellers	8/4/20 Accepted	✓	K. Ka'imilani Leota Sellers	Poetry, CNF Essays, Lyrical Essays
104	David	Emerson	8/18/20 Accepted	✓		Scripts, Screenplays, Surrealism, dark comedy, historical fiction
105	Pat Dunlap	Evans	9/3/20 Accepted	✓		Fiction: Literary, Women's, Mystery
106	Youfeng	Shen	9/22/20 Accepted	✓		Non-Fiction, Fiction
107	Frank	Reilly	9/28/20 Accepted	✓		Literary Fiction, Romance, Mystery, (Action/Adventure)
108	Meliha	Bajramovic	11/2/20 Accepted	✓	Meliha Avdic	Literary Fiction, children's books
109	Jamie	Brooks	11/2/20 Accepted	✓		Non-Fiction Essay

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New Members 2020

70 Regular Active

2 Student Members

72 Total Members

60 Active Members at end of 2019

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***Hawaii Writers Guild Treasurer's Annual Finance Report
2021***

January 16,

Well, unlike the country or the planet, we (Hawaii Writers Guild) had a good 2020 and ended the year in sound financial shape.

We began the year with \$2,392.63 tucked safe in the Guild's checking account at American Savings Bank (ASB), ended it and began 2021, with \$3,479.18 in the bank, an increase of \$1,086.55---or a 45% hike year-over-year in Gross Receipts.

The increase in cash Gross Receipts was driven primarily by \$2,239.37 in dues payments by 56 members, including 16 new members, as well as generous donations totaling \$300 from two Guild members. Other revenues totaled \$254.92.

Total 2020 cash gross receipts of \$2,794.29 were offset by \$1,707.74 in aggregate operating expenses—driven by \$801.26 in annual dinner expenses last year (*oh for the days of parties*), and \$272.25 for expert advice on the Guild's Tax-Exempt Issues related to what comprised appropriate benefits to members in compliance with IRS Regulations for 501-c-3 Organizations. Expense levels last year were lower than any Fiscal Period since the Guild was founded in 2017. COVID-19 was the primary inhibitor on operating expenses as was the Guild's newly implemented policies regarding member-benefit activities at Guild-sponsored events.

While the Guild captures revenue in various ways (donations, refunds, rebates), members paying dues is by far the dominant source of cash Gross Receipts, accounting for 80% of 2020 inflows.

But generous donations have always been an integral piece of the revenue pot as well.

In fact, the Guild's pursuit of its ultimately successful 501-c-3 campaign was funded by \$2,500 in donation between 2018 -19 which more than covered the ultimate \$1,765 and change cost to achieve that prize.

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Two small but interesting sidenotes to 2020 Inflows was, first, a June 2020 \$135 dollar refund from *Rush Moore*, the Law Firm that shepherded our Tax-Exempt journey and, second, the Guild's satisfying receipt of \$9.97 cents last November from *Amazon's Smile Program*, rebates granted to Tax-Exempt Organizations.

All in, the Guild ended 2020 in sound financial shape, and has begun 2021 with a steady flow of renewals from 6 members totaling \$240, as well as a \$50 donation to cover renewals of our 2 student members, including a reserve for future student members.

Hence, the Guild's ASB Operating Balance as of today, January 16th, is \$3,769.18 cents.

And that's all folks.

Bob Lupo, Treasurer



Transition to 501(c)(3)

Federal Tax-Exempt Charity

Diane Revell for 1/16/21

Short History of Hawaii Writers Guild

- Kamuela writersgroup meetings created Hawaii Writers Guild (HWG)
 - HWG Constitution and Bylaws baseline March 2017
 - Rev. 1, Dec. 2017 & Rev. 2, Sept. 2018
- Organized as State of Hawaii business March 2017- May 2017
 - IRS Employer ID Number (EIN)
 - Registered as Hawaii Basic Business & Received General Excise Tax #
- Worked with attorney for 501(c)(3) application, Sept. 2018- Jan. 2020
 - Attorney provided drafts we had to rework: Article of Incorporation (AOI) & Bylaws
 - AOI filed with state Nov. 13, 2018
 - HWG developed for compliance & Board approved : Mission Statement, Conflict of Interest Policy, and Nondiscrimination Policy
 - **IRS letter of Jan. 30, 2020 grants HWG 501(c)(3) federal tax exempt status**
- [Can be read at our website \(Guild Business\): AOI, Bylaws, Mission Statement, listed Policies](#)

Ad-Hoc Committee for Tax-Exempt Status

- Members
 - Joy Fisher, Cece Johansen, Diane Revell, Bruce Stern, Bob Lupo
- Joy was our liaison with attorney – law degree and experience
- Diane and Joy edited AOI and Bylaws with committee feedback
- Bob as treasurer kept track of related budget & expenses
 - Expenses more than covered by committee member donations of \$2500
 - Retainer fees: \$1900 + HWG Legal Fund Reserve: \$600
 - EZ form saved on costs for filing fee and attorney hours. Spent \$1765 total
 - Balance of \$735 returned to HWG budget

Downsides as a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit?

- Some restrictions on activities – Decided okay
 - Avoid benefiting individual members versus doing public service; Popp bookstores & other event book sales no longer HWG sponsored
 - Conflict of Interest policy needed
 - No political activities

Why Become 501(c)(3) Non-Profit?

- Improves recognition for HWG in the community
 - Contributions to literacy and culture
- Often necessary to apply for grants
 - Considering a cultural project in 2021 via US Embassy in Bosnia & Herzegovina
- Tax benefit to those who donate and encourage donations
 - Amazon Smile program eligibility- We are enrolled!
- Hawaii Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations (HANO) resources

Opportunity Drawings – Books and Winners

1. A Jog Down Memory Lane, by Jim Gibbons, personal essays about the running life. [Won by Diann Wilson](#).
2. White Water, Red Walls: Rafting the Grand Canyon, by Carol McMillan, poems, paintings, and photos. Won by Don Kennedy.
3. One Good Ear: Poems and Prose, by Michael Foley. Won by Donna Beumler.
4. Banana Girl: An Asian American Woman's Life in China, by Jada Rufo, a memoir, and On the Carving of Dragons: Translations from Ancient Chinese, by Richard Bodien. [Won by Duncan Dempster](#).
5. A Mountain on My Back: Memoir of a Chinese Woman and Embracing My New World, by Youfeng Shen. The first book describes Youfeng's life growing up in a working class family in Mao's China; the second describes her life after immigrating to the United States. [Won by Frank Reilly](#).
6. Out of Our Minds: Voices from the Mist, by the Volcano Writers Group. All but two of the authors are members of the Guild, so the book would offer a nice representation of work by several of our members. [Won by Donna Maltz](#).
7. Revelation: Ascendancy, Book One, science fiction by Don Mules, writing as D. Ward Cornell. Won by Louis Riofrio.
8. Chapel on the Moor and Where are You?, a sequel to Chapel on the Moor, by Duncan Dempster. [Won by Cece Johansen](#).
9. Living Like the Future Matters: The Evolution of a Soil-to-Soul Entrepreneur, A Memoir of Sorts and I AM Living Like the Future Matters: A Guided Journal for Cultivating Abundance, by Donna Maltz. [Won by Corinne Allain](#).

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Attachment 6: Chat Summary

Here is a roundup of the major items discussed via Chat and Eila Algood's segment in the meeting agenda as well as less major items on the Chat transcript after the initial exchange of greetings via Chat.


1. A request for a **list of members with their e-mails so they can communicate with each other outside of the meetings** but allow for members who do not want this information disclosed to opt out (or opt in?). This will be **taken to the Board for discussion and a decision** on how this would be done. A few members exchanged e-mails via Chat at the meeting.
2. A question asked on **how to know when one's dues are owed**. Bob Lupo mentioned when they are due for a member as **treasurer, he sends gentle reminders via e-mail** at least a few times. Diane mentioned that a person's annual dues are **due on the same month they joined and paid their initial dues to become a member**. [If a member is having a financial hardship, for example job loss during the pandemic, they should let the treasurer know. There are options for the Board to approve a 1-year waiver due to hardship or some cases of sponsorship.]
3. During the **writing buddies** discussion, some other members who had not heard of that opportunity indicated they would be interested. Also, a **mentorship option** was suggested by one of our more experienced members to have those with experience paired with a relatively new or inexperienced writer to mentor them. The **Board should discuss ways to promote these options** and make them available on a regular basis.
 - a. Interesting in having a writing buddy Wendy Wilson, Meliha Bajramovic (Avdic), Johnson Kahili
 - b. Interested in mentoring or being mentored: Laura Burkhart, Margaret Zacharias, Johnson Kahili, Corinne Allain
4. A **resource directory** was suggested. This has been suggested before. Duncan pointed out that **our website has a Writing Resources page:** <https://www.hawaiiwritersguild.com/writing-resources.html>. Currently it includes a page of "*Connections*" that provide links to other writing groups or sites of likely interest to writers suggested in the past by other members. It also includes a page for "*How to ...*" articles and currently only lists "How to Begin Your Own Writers Group" but more can be added. The last page in this category is "*Local Hawaii Help for Writers*" with two listings, one on e-publishing help and one member who does proof-reading. Duncan can add more information if members provide it to post. It was suggested in one Chat post that these should be links for non-paid support versus listings to make money for the helper. This is an item that the **Board may need to layout the rules for the types of resources appropriate to include (for profit or free service only?)** especially consideration as to what could affect our 501(c)(3) standing.
5. Eila is offering a **Zoom class in New Writers Group Facilitation on January 30th at 3:00pm** (Hawaii time) and sent an e-mail with the information on December 30th to the members. She solicited feedback from those who want to attend. Frank Reilly told her to

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add him to the list and provided his e-mail. After the meeting one can e-mail Eila if you decide to attend, she'd like a heads-up plan for the group size: ealgood@gmail.com

6. Corinne Allain lives on the Big Island in Hakulau and offered to host in her home a monthly writer support meeting with tea and writing exercises with published writers. She provided her contact information for others who might be interested: corinneallain12@gmail.com. Carol McMillan expresses interest in attending once the virus counts go down more. Johnson Kahili also expressed interested in attending as he lives near Hakalau.
7. Eila asked if the **Our Authors page could have a way to find authors quickly** by allowing a search for a specific name or list them alphabetically. Duncan explained the particular application we use to host our HWG website does not make the search option functional in that case, but they **are listed alphabetically with the exception of Board members being at the top of the list of authors before others are listed alphabetically**. [Maybe that could be made clear at the top of the Our Authors page.]
8. Many congratulations to Joy on the PowerPoint presentation of the authors published in 2020 who are in the Hawaii Writers Guild.
9. Donna Maltz let folks know she has been published in a magazine this winter that even included her on the cover: <https://www.flipsnack.com/amazingwomen/jan-2021-thriving-women-magazine/full-view.html?fbclid=IwAR0KduEdwjcANrUZyYt82CJ71VCyfmV5cpzudP8M-4kmpY9icbCqmegLhE4>


The end



HAWAII WRITERS
GUILD
PUBLISHED AUTHORS
2020



PUBLISHED IN THE INAUGURAL
ISSUE OF *LATITUDES*:



Fiction

“His-N-Hers Story”

by Cheryl Ann
Farrell



Fiction

“Solomon”

an excerpt from

*Kimsey Rise —
A Family
of Farmers*

by Cecilia
Johansen



Fiction

“The
Assassination”

An excerpt from

Crazy Fates

by Bob Lupo



Fiction

“The Pond”

by Janet
Carpenter



Fiction

“Crossover”

By Mark Kelly



Nonfiction

“My Escape from
Alcatraz”

by Jim Gibbons



Nonfiction

“Anchors Aweigh”

by Diann
Wilson



Nonfiction (A Craft Essay)

“Annie Dillard, Say It Isn't So: Ringing True in Creative Nonfiction”

By Joy Fisher



Nonfiction

“The Dinocondā”

by JadaRufo



Nonfiction

“Hallowed
Ground”

By Wendy
Noritake



Nonfiction

‘Aloha, E Komo
Mai’

by Carol
McMillan



Poetry

“My Next Poem”

by Donna
Beumler



Poetry

“46XX”

by Nancy
Baenziger



Poetry

“Gulches”

by
Virginia Fortner



Drama—10 Minute Play

Harmony of the World

by Joy Fisher



AUTHORS WHO PUBLISHED BOOKS IN
2020

Inspirational

*Have You Ever
Wondered:
A Deeper Look into
the Soul*

By Dale Belvin



Spy Thriller

New in 2020

The Audible edition of
*Wet Work:
A Dick Thornby Thriller*

By Donald J. Bingle



Translations, Poetry

Richard Bodien published
four books in 2020:
Old Friend
A Series of Poems
**On the Carving of
Dragons**
Translations from Ancient
Chinese
Ruins
Poems
**Subduing the Poison
Dragon**
The Lost Last Poems of Bao Ding



Literary Suspense Novel

*Backstory: Behind the
Scenes of a Famous
Film-Thriller*

By
Pat Dunlap Evans



Poetry and Prose

One Good Ear: Poems and Prose

By Michael Foley



Memoir

A Jog Down Memory Lane

By Jim Gibbons



Historical Novel

*Kimsey Rise:
A Family of
Farmers*

By Cecilia
Johansen



Sci Fi Novel

*Elle: The Naked
Singularity*

By Mark Kelly



Memoir

*Kids Say the
Darndest Things
to Santa Claus*

vol. 2

By Don
Kennedy



Inspirational

- Living Like the Future Matters
(Now out in paperback)
- I AM Living Like the Future Matters: A Journal to Cultivate Abundance
- Conscious Cures for the 21st Century Pandemics

By DonnaMaltz



Science Fiction Novels

Books 3, 4, and 5 of his Ascendancy Series, all published in 2020:

Emergence, published in April 2020

Alliance, published in September 2020

Return of the Ancients, published in November 2020

By Don Mules
under the pen name D. Ward Cornell

Also published in 2020:
Substantially revised editions of
Revelation and *The Institute*



Memoir

Banana Girl,
2nd edition

By Jada Tan
Rufo



Memoir

*Embracing My
New World*

By Youfeng
Shen



Novel

The Aloha Spirit

By
Linda Ulleseit



AUTHORS WHO PUBLISHED SHORT
FICTION, ARTICLES, ESSAYS, POETRY
OR WHO HAD STAGED PRESENTATIONS
IN 2020

Short Story/Novella

The Last Pass

By

Margaret
Zacharias

Published at

www.animaviva.com.



Short Stories and Poetry

Jerk by the Side of the Road

in *Scary Stuff* (Oddity-Prodigy Productions 2020)

Star Chamber

in *On Time* Edited by Anthony S. Buoni and Alisha Costanzo (Transmundane Press 2020)

Protest Seen

in *Strange Days* (Midnight Street Press 2020)

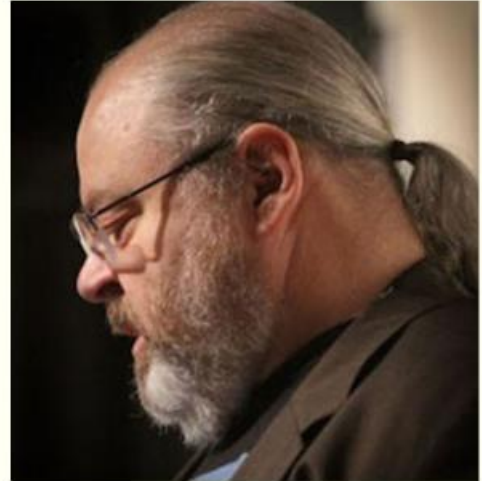
"Green Flash" in *Out of Our Minds: Voices from the Mists* (Volcano Writers Group 2020)

"Starbright" in *Out of Our Minds: Voices from the Mists* (Volcano Writers Group 2020)

Day of the Shadows,

Reprinted, *inter alia*, in *Out of Our Minds: Voices from the Mists* (Volcano Writers Group 2020)

By Donald J. Bingle



Short Stories and Poetry

"The Kaupe"

"Rattled"

"The Pond"

"The Petroglyphs"

"Obnoxious Invaders"

"Ode to Ira"

By Janet Carpenter

Anthologized in

Out of Our Minds: Voices from the Mist
Published by the Volcano Writers Group



Short Stories

“Tiki’s Eye,” a short story
and
“Don’t Worry, Jesus will be Alright,”
a passion play

By Bryan Furer

Anthologized in
Out of Our Minds: Voices from the Mist
Published by the Volcano Writers Group



Short Story

“Farragut’s
Gambit”

By Mark Kelly

Anthologized in
*20,000 Leagues
Remembered*



Short Stories

“Night-Night Adventures with Ola”

By Lehua Wells

Anthologized in
Out of Our Minds: Voices from the Mist
Published by the Volcano Writers Group



Essays

“The Name Puzzle”

A ‘hermit crab’ essay, using the crossword puzzle as a
literary form

“Ballsy”

Sky Island Journal
A personal essay on recovering from back surgery

“Blink”

Macqueen’s Quinterly
A personal essay on ocular injections

“Every Wind a God”

CNF essay about the Kohala Wind

By Linda Petrucelli



Essay

“A Decent Human Being”

By Jada Tan Rufo

In: *Blood and Skin*,
vol. 1, issue 2



Magazine Articles

“Why Climate/Public Health Warning Labels on Gas Pumps Will Better Ensure a Successful Transition to a Low-Carbon Transportation Future”

By Jamie Brooks, co-author

In *Grist*, December 2020

“The Snubbing of Greta Thunberg. A Queer Perspective of How a ‘Politics of the Normal’ Perpetuates Environmental Injustice”

By Jamie Brooks

In *The Advocate*, December 2020



Poetry

"The Breath of God"

Kohala Mountain News
December 17, 2020

By Eila Algood



Newspaper Articles

" 'Flora, Fauna, and Fish' at Kohala Artists' Co-Op"

Kohala Mountain News
October 23, 2020

"Future Tense"

Kohala Mountain News
November 20, 2020

By Virginia Fortner



Poetry

“Holy Bear Ritual”

The Tiger Moth Review
(April 2020)

“Atrophy”

Emerge Literary Journal
(May 2020)

“Goddess Rituals”

American Writer’s Review
(June 2020)

By Sabrina Ito



Poetry

“Getting By,”
“The Least of the Least,”
“Prevention Lapse,”
“The Slime of Slugs,”
“The Essence”

By Carol McMillan

Anthologized in:

*In This Uncommon Solitude:
Pandemic Poetry from the Pacific Northwest*



Poetry

“Genus:Fabella”

By Linda Petrucelli

In the Anthology
Earth Hymn

The poem was a semi-finalist
in an Ekphrasis contest, KYSO
Flash



Poetry

“Gecko Won, Cat Zero”

Kohala Mountain News
August 28, 2020

“Surfing the Winds”

Kohala Mountain News
May 22, 2020

“Fashion on Parade”

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December 17, 2020

By Diane Revell



Inspirational/Poetry Podcast

Anchor Light Podcast

By Tamara Williams

First aired Sept. 18,
2020



Staged Musical

Christmas Makes Me Crazy

(Streamed during
2020 Christmas season
on KahiluTV)

By Patty Bigelow



AUTHORS WHO WON AWARDS IN 2020

Awards

“Hoku Halulu”

By Mark Kelly

First Prize in
Hawaii Con
Short Story
Contest



Awards

“Ballsy”

By Linda Petrucelli

WOW Women on Writing
Second Place Winner
<https://www.womenonwriting.com/96-FE1-Q32020EssayContest.html>

And see:
WOW Women on Writing Interview
<https://muffin.womenonwriting.com/2020/07/interview-with-second-place-winner.html>



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2020
PUBLISHED WRITERS!

AND BEST WISHES TO ALL OF US FOR A
PRODUCTIVE AND SUCCESSFUL 2021 !

Annual Meeting Toast by Carol McMillan January 4, 2021

T'was the month after Christmas
and all through the guild
Island writers were smiling,
their wishes fulfilled.
Twenty-twenty was over, that dastardly year;
after braving the virus
what more could we fear?
Across all Hawaii
each author took heart
with new expectations, a new year to start
on a novel, a memoir,
an essay or poem.
A blank sheet of paper
now beckoned; we'd show 'em
our sparkling wit,
our profound thoughts and musings,
our arcs would be clear
and our plots sans confusion.
So lift up your pens
and turn on your lap tops.
A toast to your writing
extolled from the rooftops.
Just let me exclaim
ere we Zoom out tonight,
"Happy New Year to all",
now just write, write, write, write!