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Summer Vacation

It's true that WNBA is on a meeting vacation for the summer.

It ISN'T true that there is nothing bookish to do in the coming months!

Take a look inside the newsletter for upcoming events and be sure to read the NewsBlasts and Flashes that will be sent your way.

WNBA-Nashville will resume regular monthly meetings in September!



Willodene Scott Summer Series

The WNBA summer reading series begins at Lipscomb University on **Monday, June 11th** with Steve Prewitt leading a discussion on *The tiger's wife* by Téa Obreht.

This year's theme is Reconciliation: friends or enemies? and examines what it means to be reconciled. Does it mean friendship or does enmity continue to exist when two parties have reached détente?

Meetings are held at **Lipscomb University Ezell Center, Room 136 from 7-8:30 p.m.** and are free and open to the public. Selections for all sessions are on the flyer inside. We look forward to seeing you there and hearing what you have to say!

Be sure to patronize our local independent booksellers which are staffed by WNBA members to purchase your copies.

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General Meeting

First Thursday of the month,
Networking starts at 5:00
Meeting starts at 6:00
(Free—open to the public)
Meetings adhere to the inclement weather policy of Metro Nashville Public Schools.
No summer meetings!

Board Meeting

Beaman Library
Lipscomb University
Monday following general meeting starting at 6:00

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President's Message

"If I rest, I rust," Martin Luther famously stated. Though much has been said about the absence of relaxing moments in our lifestyles, I'm reminded of how much is accomplished by continually seeking new opportunities and new exposures. The key is to also take some time to reflect and learn from those exciting new experiences.

And that is where an organization like Women's National Book Association comes into play. I encourage you to stretch a bit and stop reading and listening to only what you think you like! How many of us admit that poetry may not be our 'cup of tea' and studiously avoid poetry, but end up amazed and excited when we take a few minutes and listen to our poets? How many of us would never have picked up a certain book unless foisted upon us by our book club or persistent friend, and then we find ourselves thoroughly blessed by the experience?

Our summer reading series arrives in June. It is now renamed the Willodene Scott Summer Reading Series in honor of one of our founding chapter members. This year, the 22nd year (!), Carolyn Wilson has selected another great, far-reaching theme that will stretch us and grow our minds: "Reconciliation: Friends or Enemies?" I encourage you to join us during these sessions, covering six impressive books that are guaranteed to expand your horizons. Be sure to read about the series in this newsletter. It provides a perfect opportunity to think about and discuss these readings, which make the experience all the more powerful and engaging for each of us.

In the new and highly regarded book, *Imagine: How Creativity Works* by Jonah Lehrer, we discover that creativity is "inspired activity coupled with periods of reflection." With impressive research to back it up, he firmly states that creativity is "an emergent property of people coming together." I can't think of a better opportunity to increase your creativity than to join us in some mind-stretching events!

Rev up your creativity and keep reading!

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"Creativity comes from a

conflict of ideas" –

Donatella Versace

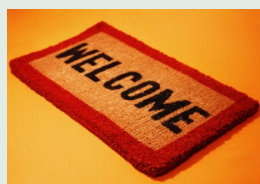


Member News

New Members

Welcome
Roy Burkhead!

Roy is the editor of
the Tennessee
literary magazine
[2nd and Church](#).



Gary Slaughter's *Cottonwood Spring* has been selected as a Finalist in the 2012 Eric Hoffer Book Award competition in the category of Young Adult Fiction.

You can hear Gary talk about the latest entry in the Cottonwood series Tuesday, June 5th at The Gift Shop of Belle Meade Plantation, 5025 Harding Pike at 4:30 p.m. Come hear what happens when Danny and Jase visit 1945 Nashville!



Mary Glenn Hearne, former WNBA member, past president of the Nashville Chapter and of national WNBA, is now living in Georgia with her daughter, Mary Lynn Campbell.

Her address is 1125 Creek Ridge Pointe, Alpharetta, GA 30005-6950 and correspondence should be address to Mary Glenn % Mary Lynn Campbell. She would love to hear from her Nashville friends.



Our sympathy extends to Myra Ishee and her family following the death of her husband John Ishee on Saturday, May 26. Funeral services were Wednesday, May 30 at the First Presbyterian Church on Franklin Road.

Dr. Ishee was a minister in the Presbyterian Church USA and served for 24 years as Director of Pastoral Care Services at Cumberland Heights Addiction Recovery Center. Upon his retirement in 2009, Cumberland Heights recognized his outstanding service by naming the newly-constructed chapel in his honor.

Member News

It's that time of year again—time to renew your WNBA membership! Here are just a few reasons why membership in the original WNBA is the best deal in town:

Education

- Learn about trends and issues in the book industry and literary world
- Listen online to streaming audio of New York publishing panels
- Receive *The Bookwoman*, WNBA's national newsletter, three times a year

Connection

- Network with WNBA professionals via the online National Directory
- Attend WNBA events anywhere in the country
- Access your chapter's and national's Members Only sections of the WNBA Web sites
- Vote in all WNBA national elections

Promotion

- Promote your book or service on the national website
- Member authors: One book cover image in rotation on the home page
- Member authors: Up to three book cover images on our Featured Books page
- Members with companies or professional services: Your logo, URL, and description featured

Use the next page to renew today!

Editor's Note: Thank you to those members who submitted articles and member news for this quarter's *The Nashville Edition*. If you are interested in writing articles for upcoming newsletters or if you have noteworthy news—job promotions or changes, new blogs, book releases, etc.—please contact me at lizzieheff@yahoo.com for submission guidelines and quarterly deadlines.

Member News



**Women's National Book Association
Nashville Chapter
MEMBERSHIP FORM JUNE 1, 2012 – MAY 31, 2013**

SELECT MEMBER BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Access to password-protected networking opportunities at www.wnba-books.org and www.wnbanashville.org.
- Ability to connect online with other chapters and members via Twitter and Facebook.
- Volunteer opportunities for book and literacy related causes in the community.

For complete list of member benefits, visit www.wnbanashville.org/benefits.html.

JOIN THE WNBA, NASHVILLE CHAPTER FOR AN ANNUAL FEE OF \$30:

Payment options: Please make check for \$30 payable to WNBA, Nashville Chapter and mail completed form and check to: Kathleen Dietz, PO Box 292731, Nashville, TN 37229.

-or-

Update membership status/make payment online at www.wnbanashville.org/join.html (note: additional \$2 online processing fee applies)

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Contact information for use by WNBA members only may be published. YES NO

Web site or blog will appear on WNBA National website. YES NO

Please provide a brief description about yourself to include in our newsletter.

MAY WE CALL ON YOUR EXPERTISE FOR HELP? Please circle all that apply.

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April Meeting Review

Drenching thunderstorms couldn't keep WNBA members away from the eagerly anticipated **April 5** meeting, Spring Picks. Panelists **Mary McCarthy** of Ingram Book Company and **Serenity Gerbman** of Humanities Tennessee came prepared, with lists of titles to discuss and plenty of books to share.

Mary, a 27 year veteran of the publishing world, opened with a few comments about the state of flux in the industry today. She touched on the more obvious changes wrought by the new electronic world – the disappearance of paper galleys in favor of e-galleys – and spent a few minutes discussing the ramifications of Penny Marshall's new book, *My Mother Was Nuts*. The book, due out in September, was purchased by Amazon; independent bookstores have vowed not to carry it and everyone's watching closely to see how this plays out.

Fourteen titles made Mary's list, and they were a diverse lot. Her choices ranged from *City of Scoundrels'* account of twelve catastrophic days in Chicago to the *Gilded Lives* of the Titanic's most famous passengers to the Mommy-porn of *Fifty Shades of Grey*. She included popular Anna Quindlen's new memoir, *Lots of Candles, Plenty of Cake*, Elin Hilderbrand's new novel, *Summerland*, and the debut novel that has excited the publishing world, *Tigers in Red Weather*. Mary's comprehensive look at what's new and what's coming left everyone with a long shopping list.

Serenity's list was equally diverse, covering the non fiction *The Mansion of Happiness: A History of Life and Death*, the memoir *Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail*, and a selection of historically based fiction (*The Coldest Night, Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk, The Cove, Waiting for Sunrise*). She threw in a can't-put-it-down mystery (*Gone Girl*) and some excellent fiction (*The Land of Decoration, A Million Heavens, The Red House*) to ensure Nashville WNBA members have months of happy reading ahead.

And, as if hearing about new books wasn't blissful enough, Mary and Serenity concluded by offering everyone freebies from their generous selection of books. Yet another reason Spring Picks is a favorite!

Additional books that made the lists:

Age of Miracles – Karen Thompson Walker

Beginner's Goodbye – Anne Tyler

Expats – Chris Pavone

Gold – Chris Cleave

In One Person – John Irving

The Lion is In – Delia Ephron

Wonder – RJ Palacio

Thanks to Susan Lentz for this enticing summation!

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Chapter News

A fantastic year of WNBA-Nashville meetings concluded with May 17. Barbie Chadwick shared her beautiful yard and hosted the annual WNBA Garden Party.

Enjoying perfect weather, tasty food and good conversation, we had an opportunity hear from three member authors who have new books to celebrate. Alana White filled us in on *The Sign of the Weeping Virgin*, Pat Ballard shared her new title *Dangerous Love*, and Gary Slaughter sent details of his latest book *Cottonwood Summer '45*.

Per Beth Frerking, it was a lovely way to wrap up the year!



Have you heard about the **1st annual WNBA national writing contest?**

Submission Period: May 1st – September 15th, 2012

Fiction 2,500 word limit – may be a short story, or a stand alone excerpt from a novel in progress.

Poetry: 35 line limit – or one page double spaced

Previously unpublished work only.

JUDGES:

Fiction: Valerie Martin. Valerie is an award-winning author (Kafka Prize, Orange Prize) with 9 novels, 3 short story collections, and one biography.

Poetry: Julie Kane, Poet Laureate, Louisiana, 2011-2013. Julie has authored six books, including three collections of poetry, one volume of non-fiction, and two edited anthologies.

PRIZE: \$250 cash prize and publication in the Bookwoman, the newsletter of the Women's National Book Association, with 10 chapters nationwide.

Go to <http://www.wnba-books.org/contest> for further details and to enter!

Pannell Award Winners

The WNBA Pannell Award is given annually since 1983 to two bookstores that excel in contributing to their communities to bring books and young people together. The winner in the General Bookstore category is Book Beat in Oak Park, MI; the winner in the Children's Specialty Store category is Monkey See, Monkey Do . . . Children's Bookstore, Clarence, NY.

Book Beat was lauded for its "passion and true understanding of children's books and young readers," for its "tremendous success as an independent haven within a tough urban environment," and for going "beyond expectation to support and expand children's and YA services, programs, and events." Also impressive is the store's initiation of the celebration of International Peace Day in local schools.

Monkey See, Monkey Do was commended for its enthusiastic and innovative approaches to getting kids engaged with reading. According to one juror: "I love the joyous tone this bookstore sets in all of its programs - and there are many! Eight weeks of summer camps, 300 children, 43 camps, is truly impressive." Other jurors lauded its active book clubs, reading/writing/craft programs, and its "spirit of entrepreneurship, looking for ways to make money not just from book sales."

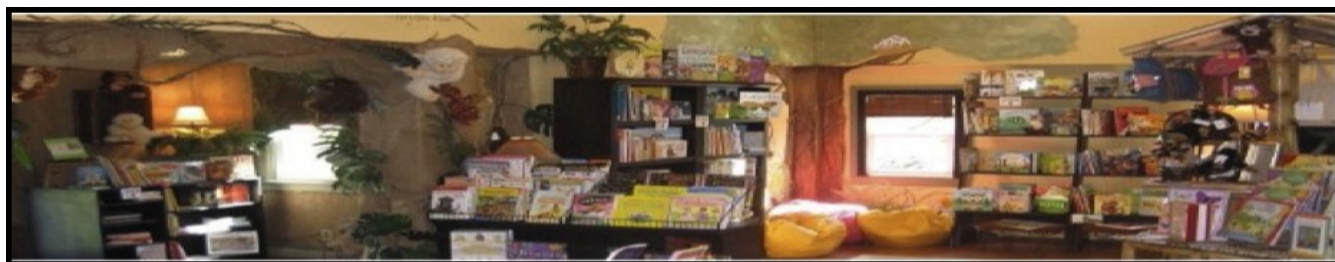
In addition to sponsorship by the WNBA, the Pannell Award is underwritten by a generous gift from Penguin Young Readers Group. Each winner

will receive a check for \$1000 and a framed piece of original art by a children's book illustrator.

Nominations this year spanned all regions of the country. Made by authors, editors, book distributors, sales reps, and just plain admirers, the nominations illustrate a healthy support of independent bookselling and its importance in promoting the development of future readers.

In addition to the winners, the nominees included, in the General Bookstore category: Anderson's Bookshop, Naperville, IL; Lake Forest Bookstore, Lake Forest, IL; Mrs. Figs' Bookworm, Camarillo, CA; Old Books on Front Street, Wilmington, NC; and Old Firehouse Books, Fort Collins, CO; and in the Children's Specialty category: Alamosa Books, Albuquerque, NM; Books of Wonder, New York, NY; Bookworm Central, Manassas, VA; Wild Rumpus, Minneapolis, MN; and Spellbound, Asheville, NC.

Congratulations to the winners!



Willodene Scott Summer Series

WILLODENE SCOTT READING/DISCUSSION SERIES Summer 2012

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RECONCILIATION: FRIENDS OR ENEMIES?

June 11, 2012

The Tiger's Wife by Tèa Obreht. Random House, 2011. \$15 978-0385343848 With Steve Prewitt, Lipscomb University

June 18, 2012

The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao by Juno Diaz. Riverhead, 2008 \$16 978-1594483295
With Linda Barnes, Austin Peay State University

June 25, 2012

Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity By Katherine Boo. Random House, 2012. \$27 978-1400067558 With Elizabeth Heffington, Lipscomb University

No session the week of July 2

July 9, 2012

Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust by Immaculee Ilibagiza. Hay House, 2007. \$14.95. 978-1401908973 With Richard Goode, Lipscomb University

July 16, 2012

Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford. Ballentine Books, 2009 978-0345505347 With Dana Carpenter, Lipscomb University

July 23, 2012

Brother, I am Dying by Edwidge Danticat. Vintage, 2008. \$15.00. 978-1400034307 With Matt Hearn, Lipscomb University

Lipscomb University Ezell Center, Room 136, 7-8:30 PM Free and open to the public. For information: Carolyn.wilson@lipscomb.edu, or 615-966-5837

WNBA—UN Corner

“ GENDER EQUALITY
MUST BECOME
A LIVED REALITY. ”
—MICHELLE BACHELET



Michelle Bachelet is the first Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UN Women, which was established on 2 July 2010 by the United Nations General Assembly. Under Ms. Bachelet's leadership, UN Women will lead, support and coordinate the work on gender equality and the empowerment of women at global, regional and country levels.

WNBA recently renewed its status as a **NGO in good standing** with the United Nations with designated **Areas of Interest: Women**.

The main roles of UN Women are:

To support inter-governmental bodies, such as the Commission on the Status of Women, in their formulation of policies, global standards and norms.

To help Member States to implement these standards, standing ready to provide suitable technical and financial support to those countries that request it, and to forge effective partnerships with civil society.

To hold the UN system accountable for its own commitments on gender equality, including regular monitoring of system-wide progress.

Shine on, O moon of summer.
Shine to the leaves of grass, catalpa and oak,
All silver under your rain to-night.

An Italian boy is sending songs to you to-night from an
accordion.

A Polish boy is out with his best girl; they marry next
month;
to-night they are throwing you kisses.

An old man next door is dreaming over a sheen that sits in
a
cherry tree in his back yard.

The clocks say I must go—I stay here sitting on the back
porch drinking
white thoughts you rain down.

Shine on, O moon,
Shake out more and more silver changes.

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