

# Upstate New York Christian Writers Third Annual CHRISTIAN WRITERS' GATHERING

Delta Lake Bible Conference Center, Rome, New York, July 5-6, 2012



Whether you are an experienced author or just starting out, don't miss this opportunity to join us for two high-energy afternoons with writers and editors sharing their calling from God to write for His glory.

## Topics covered include:

- fiction and nonfiction
- adults and children
- poetry and songs

## Learn how to:

- infuse Scripture into your written words
- market your writing
- revise your own material

Bring some of your own material to share at *Open Mic Night*, Thursday at 9 p.m. Enjoy the added atmosphere of Family Bible Conference with programs for all ages

## SPEAKERS AND SEMINARS

### THURSDAY, JULY 5

1:30-2:30 p.m. • KEYNOTE ADDRESS • JOHN STUMBO



John liked life. John liked to run. John liked to preach. Then came October, 2008. It wasn't the flu. Who knew? Seventy-seven days is a long time to spend in the hospital. 18 months is a long time to not eat. But God wasn't done yet. John's back. Food tastes really good. Preaching does too. And running? Well, he's still working on that.

John's journey through sickness and healing is chronicled in his book, **An Honest Look at a Mysterious Journey**. Come hear John share about how he put his life-and-death struggle into words.

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2:45-3:30 p.m. • THE SNOWFLAKE METHOD (RECORDED) • RANDY INGERMANSON



Learn Randy's unique method of novel development, based on the structure of the snowflake—no two alike!

Randy earned a Ph.D. in physics at U.C. Berkeley and is the award-winning author of six novels and one non-fiction book. He writes about "The Intersection of Faith Avenue and Science Boulevard." Randy publishes the world's largest electronic magazine on the craft of writing fiction, the FREE monthly [Advanced Fiction Writing E-zine](#).

3:30-4:00 P.M. • SELF-PUBLISHING (CREATESPACE) • AMY QUONCE



Whether you are a long-time blogger or thinking about dipping your toe into the blogosphere for the first time, Diane will provide advice for ways to get started along with how to grow the site you already have.

Diane is a wife, home-schooling mom, aspiring children's writer, part-time blogger (full-time social media recreationalist) and semi-professional encourager. That's What I'm Here For . . . is the blog site where she has posted her thoughts, reviews and randomness since May 2009. You can find her at [www.dianeestrella.com](http://www.dianeestrella.com).

5:00-5:30 p.m. • PANEL DISCUSSION AND WRAP-UP

### FRIDAY, JULY 6

1:30-2:15 p.m. • CATCH ATTENTION WITH A WELL-WRITTEN PROPOSAL • DIANA FLEGAL



Ready to show your book to editors and agents? Diana will teach you the nuts and bolts of writing an attention-grabbing proposal: the parts you need and in what order they should be presented.

An agent for Hartline Literary Agency for five years, Diana represents fiction and non-fiction books to leading mainline and inspirational publishers – writing of any genre that does not conflict with a Christian worldview. She is currently looking for inspirational non-fiction by authors with well established platforms.

2:15-3:00 p.m. • THAT REMINDS ME OF A STORY • DAVE FESSENDEN



One of the nonfiction writer's greatest tools is the use of anecdotes and illustrations. This workshop shows you where to find good stories, and gives practical examples of how they can enhance your writing. Based on principles from Dave's book, *Writing the Christian Nonfiction Book: Concept to Contract*.

After 20 years in editorial leadership with Christian publishers, Dave has launched into a new role as a publishing and editorial consultant. He has degrees in journalism and theology, and 30 years' experience in editing. Dave has authored five books and hundreds of newspaper and magazine articles.

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3:15-4:00 P.M. • ARTICLES THAT SELL • CHERYL POTTS

4:00-4:45 P.M. • WRITING NONFICTION FOR CHILDREN • HOPE MARSTON



Author of twenty-eight books in a variety of genres, for children and adults, Hope is the founder of the Black River Valley Writers Club and the founder and director of the North Country Children's Writers and Illustrators Workshop. She has taught creative writing workshops at Jefferson Community College and the Jefferson-Lewis Teacher Center for many years. She has also been on staff at various Christian writers conferences in Massachusetts and Pennsylvania.

5:00-5:30 p.m. • WRAP-UP AND QUESTIONS

TO REGISTER for the Christian Writers' Gathering, mail a check for \$40 with your name, address, phone number and email, by June 28 to:

**Debbie Tuthill, 4585 County Hwy. 14, Treadwell, NY 13846**

**Questions? Email Debbie at [dtuthill@stny.rr.com](mailto:dtuthill@stny.rr.com), or call her at 607-829-8531**

(The \$40 fee covers only the cost of the seminars. To register for lodging and meals, contact the Delta Lake Bible Conference Center at [www.deltalake.org](http://www.deltalake.org).)