

Wisconsin Writers Association Annual Conference
October 6-7, 2017 Riverwalk Hotel, 123 E. Wisconsin Ave. Neenah, WI

	Room	Activity / Topic	Speaker/Facilitator
Friday, Oct. 6			
1:30-4:00	Butte des Morts	Board Meeting	Karin Schmidt
4:00-5:15	Ballroom A Foyer	Registration Open	Jackie Granger
5:30-7:00	Ballroom B	Dinner with Speaker: "How to be a Wisconsin Writer" (2017 Creative Wisconsin Literary Journal distributed)	Jim Higgins
7:15-9:00	Fox River	Roundtable Readings – Your Fiction	Kim Suhr
	Winnebago	Roundtable Readings – Your Poetry	Charles Haislet
	Wolf River	Roundtable Readings – Your Nonfiction	Nancy Jesse
Saturday, Oct. 7 <i>Breakfast on Your Own (Free hotel breakfast to all registered conference guests)</i>			
7:30-8:45	Ballroom A Foyer	Registration Open	Jackie Granger
9:00-9:45	Fox River	"Being an Author in the Digital Age"	Kira Henschel
	Winnebago	"Creative Thinking Techniques for Writers"	Lisa Rivero
	Wolf River	"Amp Up Your Prose"	Barry Wightman
10-11:30	NEW! 3 Extended Workshops, 1-1/2 hr. each: <i>Bring your writing, learn techniques, write, and share ideas in one of these longer interactive session:</i>		
	Fox River	"Your First Page: Analysis & [Optional] Feedback"	Kim Suhr
	Winnebago	"Crafting Memoir: The Art of Close Attention"	Joanne Nelson
	Wolf River	Poetry: "Measure, Mystery, Image, Leap"	Tom Montag
BREAK: Visit the Marketplace Expo in Ballroom A for books, writing services, Literary Journal, & raffle baskets! <i>Creative Wisconsin Literary Journal contributors: Pick up your free copy of the Journal!</i>			
Noon-1:30	Ballroom B	Luncheon with Speaker: "Poetry and Social Change"	Karin Schmidt Lisa Vihos
1:45-2:30	Fox River	"Flash Nonfiction: The Art of the Short Essay"	Christi Craig
	Winnebago	"Writing for the Christian Market"	Barbara M. Britton/Emily Conrad
	Wolf River	"The Poetics of Place"	Max Garland
2:45-4:00	Read your Jade Ring winning entry or come listen to Jade Ring winners as follows:		
	Butte des Morts	Jade Ring Nonfiction & Humor Readings	Joel Habush
	Shattuck Room	Jade Ring Poetry & Fiction Readings	Charles Haislet
4:15-5:00	Fox River	"The Audacity of Writing Children's Books"	Lora Hyler
	Winnebago	"Writing Personal Stories"	Nancy Martin
	Wolf River	"Where Art & Story Meet: Historical Nonfiction"	Rex Owens
6:00	Ballroom B	Jade Ring Contest Banquet: Award Presentations Book Raffle Baskets Distributed	
7:00		Keynote Speaker & Book Signing	Kathleen Ernst
Saturday 8 a.m—5 p.m.	Ballroom A	Raffle Basket Displays & Tickets EXPO: Author / Writer Services Displays WWA's Memory & Info Table Coffee, Tea, Water	Billie Diersen Karin Schmidt