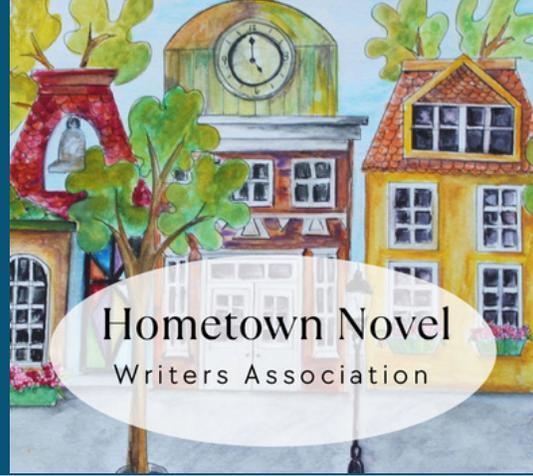


Hometown Novel Writers Association Newsletter

November 2022



Have you 'heard' the latest?



In case you haven't *heard*, you're now able to *hear* our Hometown Novel Writers Association news in a whole new way! The Hometown Novel News Podcast launched in October, hosted by Clay Neely and *The Newnan Times-Herald*. For our first show, we spoke with Susan Crutchfield of the Newnan Carnegie Library about the enduring legacy and value of local libraries.

In November, we'll be talking about the importance of independent, locally owned book retailers, and our special guests will be Jenny Jones of Corner Arts Gallery, Studio & Gift Shop along with Laura Meredith of Newnan Book Company. That show records November 14, so watch our website and social media channels for the broadcast date.

Every month, the Hometown Novel News Podcast will share literary-focused news about the comings and goings of the literary community in Newnan and Coweta County. Be sure to subscribe at:
<https://www.buzzsprout.com/250582/11524372>

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Holiday-themed or not, books make great Christmas gifts! Get signed copies on November 17.

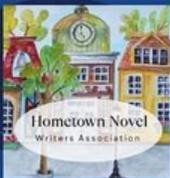
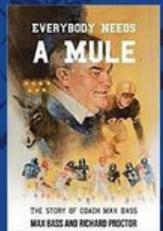
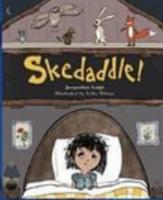
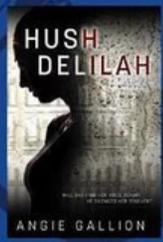
Hometown Novel Nights: Southern Holiday Stories

Join the Newnan Carnegie Library and Hometown Novel Writers Association as we discuss "Southern Holiday Stories", whether a book has a holiday theme or not, books make FANTastic holiday gifts. So read local! Our guests will be authors: Anne Armistead, Angie Gallion, Jacqueline Leigh, and Richard Proctor. Hear how they created their works, find out what inspires them, discover who they are, and how their experiences have been culminated in their books. Hosted by local author Scott Ludwig and Co-hosted by T.M. Brown Author.

Books by our presenters may be for sale thanks in part to the Corner Arts Gallery.

Thursday, November 17, 2022 @ 6:30pm

**Registration with Eventbrite



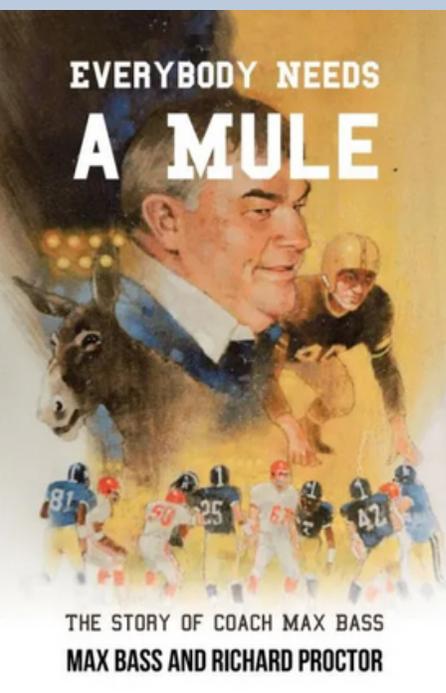
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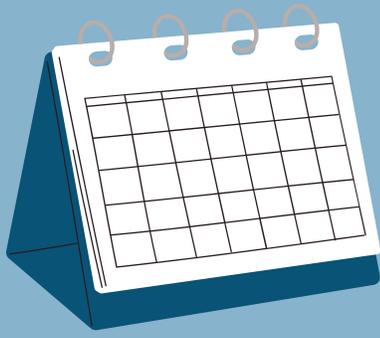
News & Notes

On November 5, HNWA's Richard Proctor will be at Corner Arts Gallery, Studio & Gift Shop to launch the book he wrote with Max Bass, *Everybody Needs A Mule: The Story of Coach Max Bass*. The event runs from noon to 2 p.m., and Richard will be there along with Nancy Bass, the late coach's wife.

Coach Max Bass was a head football coach for thirty-two years; two years at the Boles School in Jacksonville, Florida, and twenty-nine years at Newnan High School in Newnan, Georgia. For eleven years, he also coached baseball, track, and golf. During his time in Newnan, he also served as the athletic director for all sports at the school. In football, Coach Bass's record was 216-109-8. His team won eight regional championships and, in 1981, was the state runner-up. He was a charter member and president of the Georgia Athletic Directors Association, a member of the American Football Coaches Association, and served on the GACA Hall of Fame selection committee. Coach Bass was named Coach of the Year in 1991 by the GACA and the Atlanta Football Officials Association.

He was Athletic Director of the Year from 1989 to 1990 and was inducted into the Georgia Athletic Directors Hall of Fame in 2010. In 1995, the Newnan High Athletic Complex was given his name, and in 2003, he was inducted into the Coweta County Hall of Fame. His pastimes were fishing, gardening, and just being outdoors. He loved his family, watching and talking football and bringing up politics for "lively discussion." But above all, Coach Max Bass found his greatest mission in the development and love for all the students and young people he either coached or encouraged. He passionately wanted everyone to be the best person they could be and rise above their situation and life challenges. He was an "influencer" of his time.





November 2022 Calendar

November 5, 12-2 p.m. , Corner Arts Gallery, Studio & Gift Shop, Newnan. Book launch for *Everybody Needs A Mule: The Story of Coach Max Bass* by Max Bass and Richard Proctor.

November 17, 6:30-8 p.m. , Southern Holiday Stories, Newnan Carnegie Library. Featured authors will include Anne Armistead, Angie Gallion, Jacqueline Leigh, and Richard Proctor. Hosted by local author Scott Ludwig and co-hosted by local author T.M. Brown.

HNWA Writer Virtual and In-Person Groups

Monthly Virtual Critique Group (Zoom) hosted by Donna Black and Sharon Marchisello. Second Monday each month, 6:30-8 p.m. Manuscript submissions are due the first of each month. Sign up on Facebook @HNWA Writers Group or email hometownnovel@hotmail.com.

HNWA In-Person Writers Group, Monday evenings, 6:30-8 p.m at Corner Arts Gallery, Studio & Gift Shop, Newnan (home of the Local Georgia Authors Book Nook). Weekly meetings feature discussions and updates of ongoing writing projects, weekly relevant writing topics, and guest author presentations to encourage, engage, and inform writers of all stages on their journey to publishing and promoting their books.

HNWA Christmas Party, December 8, 6:30-9 p.m., Rogers BBQ, Hogansville. Dinner and another fun white elephant/dirty Santa gift swap of books. Watch for event details by subscribing to HNWA mail list at hometownnovel@hotmail.com or visit @Hometown Novel Writers Association on Facebook to sign up.

Additional Main Street Newnan Author Event Opportunities:

For authors with books on consignment at Corner Arts Gallery, Studio & Gift Shop's Local Georgia Authors Book Nook. Contact Jenny Jones or Mike Brown to schedule book signings.

Market Day Saturdays (First Saturday of each month, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.).

Upcoming Downtown Newnan fall events:

Holiday Sip & See, November 18, 5-9 p.m.

Plaid Friday, November 25, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Santa on the Square, November 25, 6-8 p.m.

Small Business Saturday, November 26, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Q&A with Author Angela McRae

In each issue of our newsletter, we're introducing one of our Hometown Novel Writers Association authors. In this issue, meet one of our founding members, Angela McRae. In addition to her day job as an editor, she writes cozy mysteries and cookbooks.

What inspired you to become a writer? I can't ever remember *not* writing. I kept a diary from the time I was eight, and during high school and college, I worked on the newspaper staff. Then I majored in print journalism at West Georgia College and went on to become a newspaper reporter, magazine editor, and now a line editor of both fiction and nonfiction.

How did you become involved with the Hometown Novel Writers Association? A few years ago, I was blessed to meet the energetic Mike Brown, who absolutely leaves the rest of us in the dust when it comes to writing and marketing books. Writers in this area are extraordinarily fortunate to have him and the Hometown Novel Writers Association to assist in the author journey.

Who's your favorite author? For fiction, Jan Karon because of her soul-soothing Mitford books. For nonfiction, Elisabeth Elliot. One of the only authors I regularly reread, she was one of the wisest women ever, and I value wisdom.

Best advice you've ever heard for aspiring authors? Get yourself a bottle of butt glue. Sorry if that sounds a little naughty, but it's so true! Writing for publication will mean saying no to a lot of fun events and opportunities unless you park yourself in front of the computer and stay there far longer than it seems any normal person should.

You're a writer married to a writer, the columnist and novelist Alex McRae. What's that like? People seem to have this idea that it must be odd to have two writers in the household, but actually, in addition to the fact that Alex is my very best friend, he's also a husband who absolutely understands why I'm in my office with the door closed as I'm finishing a book. I'm the same way when he's finishing a book or other big project. And because we write such different things, we can easily bounce ideas off each other.

As an editor, you get to see a lot of books before they're in print. What mistakes do authors make most often, and do you make these mistakes yourself? Dangling participles, point-of-view slips (also known as "head hopping"), and plain old spelling and punctuation errors. Do I make these mistakes myself? Yes, and that's why this



editor knows how important it is for *everyone* to have an editor. We simply don't see our own mistakes.

What three books are you taking to that infamous desert island? The Bible, *The Chicago Manual of Style* (so I'll be ready to get back to work when I get off the island), and *A Lamp for My Feet* by Elisabeth Elliot.

If you could have any superpower, what would it be? I would dearly love to be able to speed-read. With so many great books in the world, I'll never get around to reading them all, and fast reading skills would help immensely.

Tell us about your next book. *The Roots of All Evil* is the first entry in a new cozy mystery series. It's about two middle-aged shop-owner sisters in Alabama who decide to stop coloring their hair and go gray together, and while they obsess over their roots, they also solve crimes and meet some fun characters. I can't wait to hear what my readers think of it!