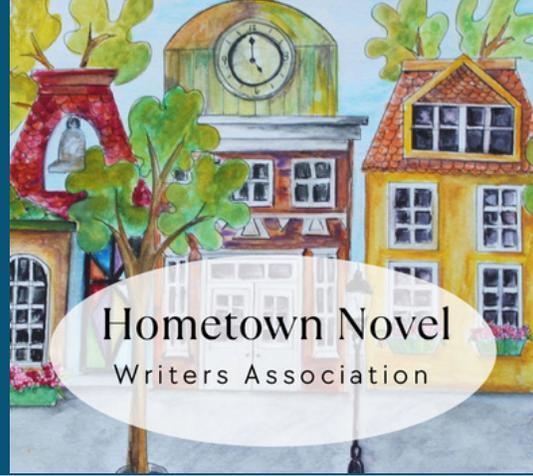


# Hometown Novel Writers Association Newsletter

December 2022



## 'Tis the Season ... to celebrate!

The Hometown Novel Writers Association has much to celebrate this year, and on Thursday, December 8, we'll be gathering at Roger's Bar-B-Que in Hogansville, where our Hometown Novel Nights programs began four years ago, for our Hometown Novel Writers Christmas Party. The dinner will be held from 6:30-9 p.m. at the restaurant, located at 1863 E. Main Street in Hogansville.

*Book Exchange.* Everyone is invited to bring a wrapped book to share—old, new, funny, best-selling, quirky, or your own. Just wrap it without a name on it. Dinner includes ham, turkey, Italian green beans, rice pilaf, dressing and gravy, rolls, drinks, and dessert. (Alcoholic beverages extra.)

Reservations are required by Monday, December 5. The cost for HNWA Patrons and guests is \$30 each, and other guests may attend for \$50 each. For reservations, please email [mike@hometownnovel.com](mailto:mike@hometownnovel.com) ASAP. Advance payments for the party can be sent via PayPal to our [hometownnovel@hotmail.com](mailto:hometownnovel@hotmail.com) account, or you can advise us that you wish to pay by check or cash at the door that night.

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# Books make fabulous Christmas gifts, and the Book Nook at Corner Arts Gallery is a great place to get them!

We are pleased to have so many of our authors with new releases, and just in time for Christmas shopping! Here are some of the new titles to look for.

Founding member Angie Gallion has just released her new novel, *Hush, Delilah* (Red Adept Publishing, 2022):

On the surface, Delilah Reddick's life looks perfect. Her husband is a pillar of the community, and with her as his quietly supportive wife, they appear to be the picture of success and happiness. But there are deep cracks in the foundation, dark secrets Delilah has never shared with anyone.

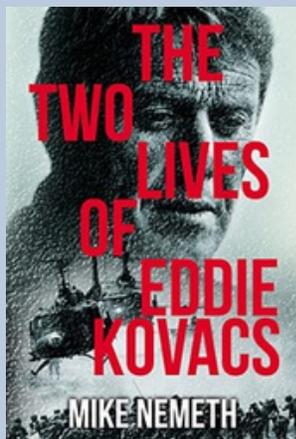
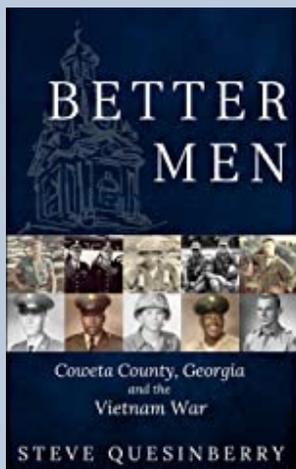
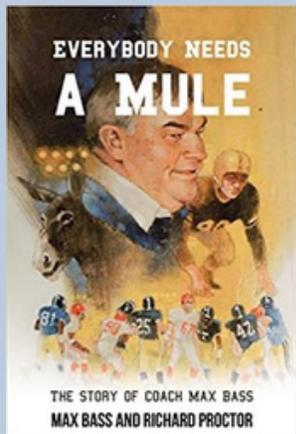
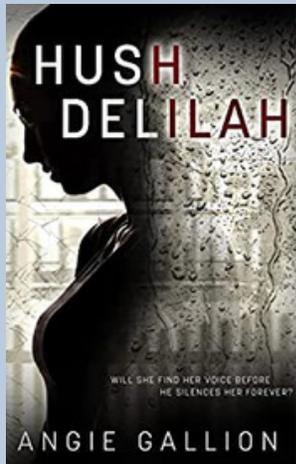
Delilah knows what her husband is capable of when the evil inside him finds its way to the surface, but running would only delay the inevitable. Chase would hunt her to the ends of the earth before allowing her to take his only son from him. Delilah would rather die than leave her fourteen-year-old behind, but when her son begins displaying his father's violent tendencies, she knows she must act.

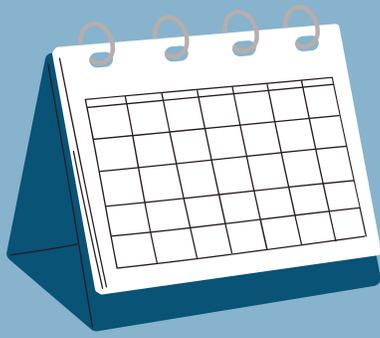
In her quest to save her son, Delilah sets off a chain of events that could rock the community and reveal the darkest secret of them all. After years of staying quiet, Delilah must find her voice before her husband silences her forever.

*Everybody Needs a Mule: The Story of Coach Max Bass* (October) by Richard Proctor. 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...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.

New HNWA member Steve Quesinberry has just released the highly acclaimed *Better Men: Coweta County, Georgia and the Vietnam War* (November). *Better Men* presents, for the first time, the story of this rural Georgia county and its relationship with the Vietnam War. From the twenty-three men who lost their lives to the more recent recognition and honoring of the men who served in Vietnam, Coweta County's connection with that unpopular war has been profound and wide-ranging. This is the Vietnam War seen through the eyes of one rural county in Georgia. It is a uniquely American story.

Longtime HNWA member Michael Nemeth of Villa Rica has released his latest thriller, *The Two Lives of Eddie Kovacs* (October). When is the right thing the wrong thing to do? Eddie Kovacs is haunted by the unsolved murder of his investigative partner in Vietnam and tormented by his unceremonious dismissal from his position as a DA's investigator. The sheriff of Chatham County, Georgia (Savannah and Tybee Island) offers him one last shot at redemption: Find a drug dealer before the DEA exposes the scandal that would dash the sheriff's political ambitions.





# December 2022/ January 2023 Calendar

**HNWA Virtual and In-Person Writers Groups** will continue to meet through December 19 and will then break for the holidays.

**Monthly Virtual Critique Group (on 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](mailto: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 Georgia Author 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. Participants pay a one-time \$20 fee, and the group helps determine the direction of the meetings, which cover topics ranging from character development and point of view to editing, beta readers, and the various publication models. For info, email [mike@hometownnovel.com](mailto:mike@hometownnovel.com).

**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](mailto:hometownnovel@hotmail.com) or visit @Hometown Novel Writers Association on Facebook to sign up.

## **COMING IN 2023:**

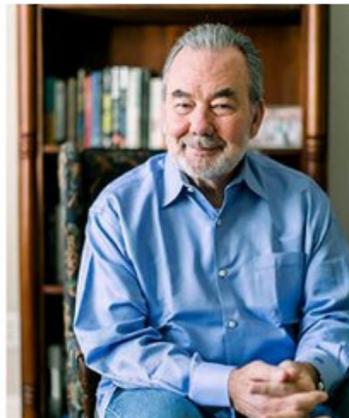
The first Hometown Novel Nights program of 2023 is set for Thursday, January 19, from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Carnegie Library in Newnan. Featured writers will include George Weinstein, Kim Conrey, Mike Nemeth, and Roseann Ranier. You will not want to miss this program!



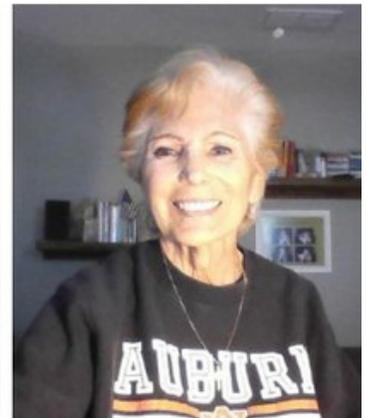
George Weinstein



Kim Conrey



Mike Nemeth



Roseann Ranieri

# HNWA Year-End Review

## What a year! Here are just a few of our 2022 accomplishments

- Officially incorporated as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation
- Launched new virtual and in-person writers groups
- Hosted events with local authors at the Carnegie Library, Pretty Good Books in LaGrange, & Coweta FORCE
- Expanded the Georgia Author Book Nook at Corner Arts Gallery, Studio, and Gift Shop in downtown Newnan
- Supported the Carnegie Library's Southern Lit Fest literary festival
- Hosted a successful First Annual Sharpsburg Book Fair
- Provided scholarships for students to attend the Atlanta Writers Conference
- Helped local authors schedule book signings and promote their work
- Promoted local authors at Moreland's July Fourth celebration
- Established the HNWA Patrons program allowing supporters to become Annual Patrons (\$25) or Lifetime Patrons (\$100)

