

# 2023 HNWA Author Program Calendar

July 31, 2023 Rev.

## Hometown Novel Writers Author Programs

*“Introducing Local Authors to Local Audiences South of Atlanta”*

January 19, 6:30-8:30 PM (Newnan Carnegie Library) *New Year, New Stories*—George Weinstein, Kim Conrey, Michael Nemeth, and Roseann Ranieri with Scott Ludwig (moderator)

February 16, 6:30-8:00 PM (Coweta FORCE Newnan) Cheryl Davis, Kevin Raines, and Paul Salvatore with Scott Ludwig (moderator)

March 16, 6:30-8:30 PM (Newnan Carnegie Library) *Fresh Voices, New Books*—Steve Quesinberry, Julia Sanders, Paul Sinor, and Stephanie Baldi with Scott Ludwig (moderator)

April 20, 6:30-8:00 PM (Coweta FORCE Newnan) Angie Gallion, Donna Black, and Stacey Jackson with Scott Ludwig (moderator)

May 18, 6:30-8:30 PM (Newnan Carnegie Library) *Georgia Authors Rock*—Angela McRae, John Pruitt, Chellie Phillips, and Helen Stine with Scott Ludwig (moderator)

June 10, 1:00-3:00 PM (Pretty Good Books) Children’s Books Program—Ann Rhodes, Holly Reese (moderator/facilitator)

July 20, 6:30-8:30 PM (Newnan Carnegie Library) *Great Summer Reads*—Danielle Thorne, David Allman, and Bob Moseley, Clay Bryant, Sr. with Scott Ludwig (moderator)

August 26, 9:00-5:00 PM (Town of Sharpsburg Complex) *Sharpsburg Book Fair* (Mike Brown and Scott Ludwig, organizers)

September 21, 6:30-8:30 PM (Newnan Carnegie Library) *Fall Into New Books*—Kathy Nichols, Birdy Rivers, D. K. Marley, Gaby Anderson with Scott Ludwig (moderator)

October 19, 6:30-8:00 PM (Coweta FORCE Newnan) *Inspirational Stories*—  
Richard Gallegos, Pat Ellsberry, Ken Koons with Scott Ludwig (moderator)

November 16, 6:30-8:30 PM (Newnan Carnegie Library) *Stories for Your Gift List*  
— Laura Elizabeth, Kimberley Brock, Martha Boone, T. M. Brown with Scott  
Ludwig (moderator)

## **Hometown Novel Writers Workshops & Critique Groups**

*Writers Helping Writers on the Journey to Publishing and Promoting Books*

**HNWA Writer Workshops** (dates & details still to come)

**June 3, Saturday, 9:00-11:30 AM** (Newnan Carnegie Library) *Character Development*—with Susan Crawford and Sharon Marchisello (organizer)

**SEPTEMBER 16, Saturday, 10:30 AM-12:30 PM** – Newnan Carnegie Library,  
Join us for two special workshops we will present to the Hometown Novel Writers  
Association, presented by BookLogix's own Meghan Leith:

- *Don't Get Ripped Off When Publishing:* There are so many horror stories these days about writers falling victim to scams, shams, and poor providers of publishing services. How can a writer hire editors, designers, or publishing support companies that they can trust? This session includes: questions a writer should ask; samples they should ask for; and red flags to look out for.
- *Publishing a Book? Avoid These Top 10 Mistakes!:* Learn how to avoid the top 10 mistakes most authors make when setting out to publish a book—ranging from preparing the manuscript through to marketing and selling. Whether pursuing an agent and traditional publishing or some form of non-traditional publishing, navigating the landscape of the publishing world can be difficult for a first-time author. Marchisello (organizer)

## **HNWA Writer Virtual and In-Person Groups**

**Monthly Virtual Critique Group** (Zoom) hosted by Donna Black, 2nd Monday each month, 6:30-8:00 PM Manuscript submissions due the first of each month.

**HNWA Writers In-Person Weekly Group**, Monday evenings, 6:30 - 8:00 PM. (Corner Arts Gallery, Studios, Newnan). Weekly meetings, except from Memorial Day to Labor Day, to discuss ongoing writing projects, writing topics, and guest presentations to encourage, engage, and inform writers in all stages on their journey to publishing and promoting their books. The new semester of meetings begin September 11, 2023. \$20.00 One-time charge each semester.

## **Monthly HNWA Planning and Organizational Meetings**

Hosted at Town of Sharpsburg Library, 11:00-12:30 PM, unless notified otherwise. Board members will conduct organizational business as needed on these dates. All interested HNWA participants on program and event committees are welcome to attend. Time will be set aside accordingly. \*-Includes Sharpsburg Book Fair planning sessions

**January 28\***

**February 25\***

**April 29\* (Board Meeting - Election of Board Members & Officers)**

**May 27\***

**June 24\***

**July 29\***

**September 30**

**October 28**

**HNWA Christmas Party December 8**— *dinner, music, and another fun white elephant/dirty Santa gift swap of books with Mark & Jami Maguire (organizers)*