



February 2026 Upcoming Events Calendar

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Contact</i>	<i>Featured Authors</i>
Thursday 2/5	6:30 – 8:30 am	Wine and Words	Riverbend Rec	Frank Lancione is the chair	Dick Domann and “The South of 44” Critique Group
Tuesday 2/10	10:00 – 2:00 pm	Book signing	All Booked Up Colony Plaza	Paula Howard	Joe Buckovic Thomas Dale Smith Shirley Manthome
Wednesday 2/11	9:00 – 11:00 am	WLOV Monthly Meeting	Laurel Manor Rec	Bob Peterson	Bob Peterson “Self-Publish Like a Pro”
Tuesday 2/17	12:00 - 4:00 pm	Book signing	Patchington Spanish Springs	Judith Glynn	Judith Glynn
Tuesday 2/24	1:00 – 3:00 pm	Book signing	Peachwave Frozen Yogurt Colony Plaza	Jeanne Rogers	Susan Dwyer Dottie Klein Ken Van Camp

Come one, come all,

I would like to highlight this month’s Wine and Words live presentation. In many ways the writer critique groups are the heart and soul of what we love as writers. Frank Lancione will pay tribute to one of those groups by giving a voice to Dick Domann and the writing of “The South of 44 Critique Group.”

Message from Bob Peterson, WLOV's New President



Congratulations to Bob and all the other talented new leadership people who have stepped up this year. A big thank you as well to all the returning board members and committee chairs. Let's all strive to make 2026 a successful year for WLOV.

Hi Writers,

I'm the new President of WLOV, Robert "Bob" Peterson. I'm excited to take on this new role. Our previous President, Jeanne Rogers, did a stellar job leading the organization and I thank her for all her hard work and two years of service. I also want to thank all the wonderful behind-the-scenes volunteers that "get things done" to make WLOV such a great success. I've got big shoes to fill, but I rely heavily on the rest of the staff.

A lot of people asked me what my plans are for the organization. My main goal is to make WLOV as useful as I can to writers. We have lots of very talented writers, but many still want help with the logistics. In other words, the tools and process of the trade. I intend to develop pathways for our authors to be involved in things like:

- Writing tools like [grammarly](#)
- Self-publishing sites like [KDP](#) and [Bookbaby](#).
- Creating effective book covers.
- Marketing, promoting, blogs, podcasts, and multimedia.
- Social media, like [Booktok](#), [TikTok](#), [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), [X](#).
- Help finding resources: literary agents, publishers, editors.

The list goes on and on. I want to start holding both in-person and Zoom classes on these topics, and I've already had several people step up to teach. I also want to keep you all informed on upcoming classes, book events, contests, and other opportunities to promote your writing. And of course, I'm open to your suggestions and ideas to improve the organization. Keep writing!

Bob Peterson

From the desk of Tom Bruce, the new editor of Quill de Ville



My thanks to the new WLOV board for entrusting me with this important aspect of what defines our league. To the outgoing board members, thank you for your efforts to get us all here.

Dear members,

Some time ago, I approached the WLOV board members to volunteer my time working on new initiatives that would be beneficial to our league of writers. When the dust settled from the different initiatives I worked on, I landed here, as editor of our beloved newsletter, *Quill de Ville*. The newsletter is not a new initiative, but I felt the recent hiatus had gone on long enough. The revived newsletter will still have all the information required of any good newsletter. Things like a calendar of important dates, announcements, planned gatherings, future events, member news, and other required important information we need tell you. My work will begin where those who came before me left off. I've no intention of reinventing the wheel, but I do plan on changing the tries.

In addition to supplying the relevant news, I'm very excited about all the new things that are happening. This is an opportunity for us to discover what the newsletter can be beyond the monthly news. That's where you all come in. Together we will determine what works and what doesn't. My goal will always be to use the newsletter as a platform to inform our members of the latest news, but also as a way of promoting our authors and their writing.

Tom Bruce

BOOKEXPO 2026 – A THANK YOU NOTE,
From Rita Boehm,

I hope you all enjoyed BookExpo2026 – either as an exhibitor, a volunteer, or a customer. We had beautiful weather and a steady stream of visitors throughout the day. Although I haven't yet had an opportunity to compile all the survey details, initial comments have been complimentary—and for that, I have a number of people to thank.

While it may not take a village to pull off a successful Expo, it does take the support of a dedicated team. I'd like to acknowledge the Expo Team leads, without whom the event would not have been possible.

Registrar: Manijeh Badiozamani

Expo Co-Chair: Dave McKeon *"I couldn't ask for a better partner. Thank you, Dave!!"*

Training Sessions: Mark Newhouse, Paula Howard

Raffle Baskets: Diana Hollingsworth

Program: Penny Thomas

Event Day Coordinator – Sandy Swanberg

At the risk of missing someone, I won't name everyone on the Marketing Business Outreach Team who visited local businesses to hand out bookmarks and signs. Your efforts are appreciated. Thank you!

Without the Event Day volunteers who assisted exhibitors, handed out programs, and answered attendees' questions throughout the day, the event would have been chaotic. We couldn't have done it without you. Thank you!

Sandy Swanberg, the Event Day Coordinator, also managed the basket raffle – and personally delivered the baskets to the winners' homes. Now, that's dedication. Thank you!

We get to do it all again next year. I've already had someone email me saying they definitely want to be part of the 2027 team. Although it's almost never too early to think about next year – it may be just a little. Some of us are still recuperating from this year. But the thought is appreciated.

Rita Boehm – BookExpo2026 Chair

2026 LOCAL AUTHOR TUESDAYS– HOSTED BY 3 LOCAL BUSINESSES

By Rita Boehm

Three local businesses, All Booked Up, Patchington in Spanish Springs, and Peachwave Frozen Yogurt are now teaming with WLOV to present monthly “Local Author Tuesday” events on the second, third, and fourth Tuesday of every month.

2nd Tuesday: All-Booked Up, Colony Plaza. Our successful 5-year-plus relationship continues. In addition to featuring books by 6 WLOV authors in the store for 2-month periods, on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 11 – 2, three of those authors have the opportunity to do a book signing outside the store.

3rd Tuesday: A new book signing venue: Patchington, Spanish Spring. One author will be featured in this wonderful women’s clothing store each month from 12:00 – 4:00.

4th Tuesday: Peachwave Frozen Yogurt in Colony Plaza provides a fun venue for 3 WLOV authors from 1:00 – 3:00. Additionally, the store is featuring a rack of WLOV authors’ books, which will be rotated monthly.

If you haven’t yet signed up for one of these events, please contact us at WLOVwriters@gmail.com OR sign up at the next General Meeting.