

ACFW VA Royal Writers “Abide” Conference

Friday, November 3, 2023

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9:30am-10:50am	<p style="text-align: center;">Welcome & Opening Prayer by Debb Hackett Worship led by Taylor Hart Keynote by Cynthia Ruchti: When Your Career Feels Like the Reason David Wrote the Psalms</p>	
11:00am-11:50am	<p>Linda Glaz (Beg/Int/Adv) <i>You Need a First Page that Pops and Pops Again!</i></p>	<p>Janyre Tromp (Beg/Int) <i>Effective Platform Building for Novelists</i></p>
12:00pm-12:50pm	<p>Steven James (Int/Adv) <i>Pulling the Rug Out: How to Create Twists Your Reader Will Never See Coming</i></p>	<p>Betsy St. Amant Haddox (Beg/Int) <i>Will You Marry Me? Creating an Irresistible Proposal</i></p>
1:00pm-1:50pm	<p>Lunch/Social Hour with Faculty Breakouts (Optional)</p>	
2:00pm-2:50pm	<p>Toni Shiloh (Beg/Int) <i>Organic Faith</i></p>	<p>Sara Turnquist (Int/Adv) <i>Formatting Uncertainty: Some Pros and Cons of Formatting Software</i></p>
3:00pm-3:50pm	<p>Lisa Carter (Beg/Int/Adv) <i>Writing a Series Bible</i></p>	<p>Barbara Britton (Beg/Int) <i>How to Prove to the IRS You Are a Writer</i></p>
4:00pm-4:50pm	<p>Eddie Melson (Beg/Int) <i>Love the World You Build: Settings with Emotional Impact</i></p>	<p>Erica Vetsch, Julie Klassen, Michelle Griep (Beg/Int/Adv) <i>How to Build an Audience for Your Book: Community vs. Self-Promotion</i></p>
5:00pm-5:50pm	<p>Dinner/Social Hour with Speed Networking Breakouts (Optional)</p>	
6:00pm-6:50pm	<p>Candice Pedraza Yamnitz (Beg) <i>Writing YA Fiction</i></p>	<p>Rhonda Dragomir (Beg/Int/Adv) <i>Creating Effective Memes</i></p>
7:00pm-7:50pm	<p>Paula Peckham (Int) <i>Understanding Michael Hague’s “The Hero’s Two Journeys”</i></p>	<p>Crystal Caudill (Beg) <i>Publishing Paths</i></p>

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Saturday, November 4, 2023

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9:30am-10:50am	<p style="text-align: center;">Devotion & Prayer by Deena Adams Crown Awards by Debb Hackett Keynote by Cynthia Ruchti: Hitting Delete Before Your Editor Does: The Joy of (Seriously) Self-Editing</p>	
11:00am-11:50am	<p>DiAnn Mills (Int) <i>The Lies Your Characters Believe</i></p>	<p>Edie Melson (Beg/Int/Adv) <i>Organization for Writers</i></p>
12:00pm-12:50pm	<p>Dani Pettrey (Int/Adv) <i>Dialogue: Subtext, Syntax & Style</i></p>	<p>Joy K. Massenburg (Beg/Int/Adv) <i>Motivated to Write</i></p>
1:00pm-1:50pm	<p>Lunch/Social Hour with Genre Breakouts (Optional)</p>	
2:00pm-2:50pm	<p>Sarah Sundin (Beg) <i>Fiction Boot Camp</i></p>	<p>Becky Beresford (Beg/Int/Adv) <i>How Running a Killer Giveaway Can Grow Your Platform and Build Fruitful Connections</i></p>
3:00pm-3:50pm	<p>Erica Vetsch (Beg/Int/Adv) <i>The Art of the Novella: Packing a Big Story into a Small Space</i></p>	<p>Hope Wellborn (Beg/Int) <i>Who Are You? Developing Your Author Brand</i></p>
4:00pm-4:50pm	<p>Roseanna White (Beg/Int) <i>More Than an Idea</i></p>	<p>KyLee Woodley (Beg/Int/Adv) <i>An Introduction to Podcasting</i></p>
5:00pm-6:30pm	<p>Ask the Experts Panel <i>Emcee: Debb Hackett</i></p> <p><i>Agents (5 pm): Lynnette Eason, Linda Glaz, Cynthia Ruchti</i></p> <p><i>Authors (5:30 pm): Edie Melson, Dani Pettrey, Erica Vetsch</i></p> <p><i>Editors (6 pm): Misty Beller, Linda Fulkerson, Roseanna White</i></p>	

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