

ACFW VA Royal Writers “Abide” Conference

Friday, November 3, 2023

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

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Saturday, November 4, 2023

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

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