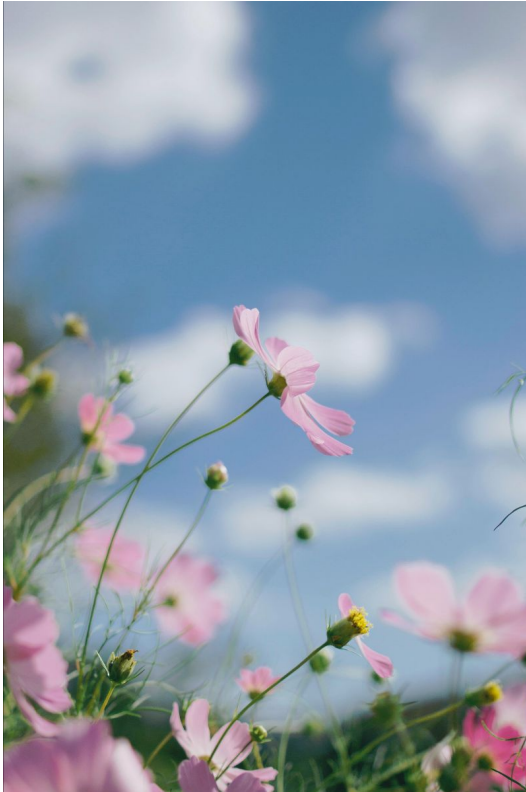


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I seem most instinctively to believe in the human value of creative writing, whether in the form of verse or fiction, as a mode of truth-telling, self-expression, and homage to the twin miracles of creation and consciousness.

John Updike

March 18, 1932 - Jan. 27, 2009

Our first general meeting of 2021 is Tuesday, March 30, 3-5 pm at Story and Song Bookstore. We are beginning anew after a long shutdown in 2020. Our program is **First Impressions.**

Mollie Bork (Mollie Pilling), Eileen Meyer, Steve Gibbs, and Tommy Nocerino will be present to take us through their writing journey to arrive at the perfect book title. Let's Get it

Started, 15 Title Types will provide a helpful resource. Authors, writers, and aspiring writers are welcome. Precautions are in effect, and number of participants is limited. RSVP is necessary. If you reserve a spot and cannot attend, kindly let us know so someone else can participate. RSVP by March 26 to Lee Ann: jimlee.shobe@gmail.com



**SAVE THE DATE - Thursday, April 22, 12-2 pm at Story and Song
Building Your Writer's Platform**

You requested programs to help with marketing ideas. We have responded with an overview of manageable ways to build your platform - for published authors and aspiring writers.

- **Resources and tips**
- **Tools and strategies**
- **Efficient ways to build or strengthen your platform...at your pace**
- **Precautions remain in effect (limited availability, space planning)**

Lynnette Najimy, founder and director of Beansprout Productions, provides consultation and support services to authors, artists, organizations, entrepreneurs, and small businesses. Lynnette has experience working to establish, develop, and maintain platforms for several published authors.

Registration information will be in the April newsletter. For more information, contact Katherine Hoehn, kat@katwritesandsnaps.com

Local Author Events

- Wednesdays and Fridays - Voice actor and author Ron Kurtz presents "A Banquet of Words" Story and Song Facebook Live. Poetry, Wednesdays at 3 pm. Short Stories, Essays and Literary Meditations, Fridays at 3 pm.
- Saturday, March 13, 12-3 pm, book signing at The Book Loft. Stop by to chat with Donna Lee Overly, author of the *The Shackle* series.
- Saturday, March 27, 1-4 pm. Rachel Bridwell at The Book Loft signing *Monkey Wearing Tennis Shoes*.



June and September quarterly meetings will complement this month's First Impressions.

Nancy Blanton will lead us through the all important book cover design.

Nancy and J.R. Sharp, both award winning historical novelists, will discuss conducting accurate research in the writing of their novels (applicable to any genre).

Program dates for these two meetings will be announced.

Especially in the month of March, we think of Nancy's books, set in 17th Century Ireland. Be inspired for St. Patrick's Day by taking an armchair visit to Ireland:

<http://www.nancyblanton.com>

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