

Siloam Springs Writers Guild's

6th Summer

Writers Conference

What Do We Remember?

Writing Memoirs and Autobiographies



Agenda

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
8:30-9:00 AM	Check-in/Late Registration	
9:00-9:15	Opening Remarks/Introductions	
9:15-10:15	Empowering Young Writers	Cheryl Ellicott
	-----15-minute break-----	
10:30-11:30	Spotlight or stadium light?	M. Carolyn Steele
11:30-1:15	Visit with speakers/book signing/small contest/restaurant/bag lunch	
1:30-2:30	Unlocking the Mystery of Memoir	Michael Ross
	-----15-minute break-----	
2:45-3:45	Past Memories for the Future	M. Carolyn Steele
3:45	Closing Remarks	
4:00-5:00	Meet Authors/ Book Fair + Signing	
5:00	Conference ends...	

* Some drinks and snacks will be available. You can bring a bag lunch or visit a local restaurant. No lunch is provided.

* For those needing book tables, you can set up as early as 8AM.

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M. Carolyn Steele: Raised and educated in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Carolyn enjoyed a career in journalism and commercial art before retiring to pursue a love of writing and genealogy. She has short stories published in eighteen anthologies, was recently the featured author in Writer's Monthly e-magazine, and has won numerous awards, including several crème de la cremes, as well as being nominated for a Pushcart Prize. Her writings reflect a childhood steeped in Civil War history and Indian lore. Carolyn's two historical novels, *Spirit of the Crow* and *Outrun the bullets*, are available in paperback and e-book.

Combining her knowledge of storytelling and genealogy, Carolyn presents a variety of programs designed to inspire others to commit family stories to paper. She authored the book, *Preserving Family Legends for Future Generations*, a First Place winner for Heartland New Day Bookfest.

Carolyn delights in two beautiful daughters and two lively grandsons.

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Michael Ross is a lover of history and great stories. He's a retired software engineer turned author, with three children, and five grandchildren, living in Newton, Kansas with his wife of 42 years. Michael graduated from Rice University and Portland State University with German and software engineering degrees. He was part of an MBA program at Boston University. He was born in Lubbock, Texas, and still loves Texas. He's written short stories, technical articles in the past, and articles for the Texas Historical Society. Across the Great Divide now has three novels in the series, "The Clouds of War", "The Search", and "The Founding". The series has won many awards and positive

reviews, including Silver Medal Book of the Year from the Coffee Pot Book Club (The Search), Honorable Mention Book of the Year (Clouds of War), Five Star Firebird award, Five Star Chanticleer International Book award, shortlisted for the Chanticleer Laramie award 2021, 2023 and Publisher's Weekly positive review. Clouds of War was an Amazon #1 best seller in three categories in 2019. Most recently, The Founding has won a silver category award for YA from The Historical Fiction Company and Finalist for the Laramie Award in the Chanticleer International Book Awards.



Cheryl Sasai Ellicott is an author, songwriter & recording artist, inspirational speaker, and fine artist.

Cheryl was raised in rural Alaska and now resides in NE Oklahoma, USA. She and her husband are veteran home-schoolers, foster and adoptive parents, worship leaders, and are involved in missions globally.

Cheryl is the founder of Sweetwater Still Publishing (traditional small press since 2007) and co-founder of Calvary Outpost International.