



March 19th, 2017: Welcome to Waterline Writers! We host curated readings on 3rd Sundays at 7 PM. Our 5-minute-limit **Open Mic** starts at 8:30. This is our 51st event & we've featured 180 writers *so far!* See submissions info below. Tonight's readers include:

Laura Knapp lives in Warrenville with her husband, Jim, and two teenage kids. While she earns a living as a marketing copywriter and was also a freelance reporter in the Chicago suburbs, her real joy comes from writing short fiction. Some of her short stories have been published recently in *Rivulets 28*, *Rum Punch Press*, *Rose Red Review*, and *The Bitchin' Kitsch*, and she is an active member of the Naperville Writers Group. The story she is reading tonight was nominated by the editors of *Rum Punch Press* for a Pushcart Prize last November.

Donna Wise Coombs is a recent transplant from the high desert of Central Oregon. Prior to Oregon, she lived in Colorado for 20 years where she studied poetry at Lighthouse Writers in Denver. She is also a founding editor of Turkey Buzzard Press in Colorado. Her first poetry book, "River Beneath the River", was published in 2007. She lives with her husband Mac in a house built in 1860 in Batavia. They might be sharing their home with a red-headed dowager ghost who needs a poem written just for her.

Gint Aras has been trapped on planet earth since 1973. To support his writing, he's worked as a cook, hotel houseman, actor, teacher, transcriber, editor, interpreter, translator and hearse driver. He's currently a community college instructor living with his family in Oak Park. He's reading from [The Fugue](#), which The Chicago Tribune calls "a magisterial novel that plays for all the marbles". It's available tonight for **\$15!** Find out about his upcoming 8-week **Prose Writing Workshop** and more at gint-aras.com

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Julie Brandon is a poet, storyteller, composer and playwright. Her poems have been published in *Awakenings Review*, *Shemom*, *The Sheltered Poet*, *Poetica Magazine* and *Love's Choice*. She is looking forward to the production of her one-act "Cup of Joe" at the [8x10 Short Play Festival](#) in Westchester this April. This is her first foray into science fiction.

R.G. (Ray) Ziemer regularly contributes to local journals, reads at open mics and works with several writing groups, especially enjoying the friends and contacts he's made through Waterline Writers. He teaches composition at C.O.D. and is seeking representation for his YA novel, *The Ghost of Jamie McVay*. Born and bred on Chicago's South Side, he's made his home for the last 30 years on the West Branch of the DuPage River with his wife Dawn, Mickey the Cat, Abby the Australian shepherd and Sparky the famous Canoe Dog. He has two grown sons who are also involved in the family construction business. Besides writing and reading, Ray enjoys travel, hiking, canoeing and kayaking. rgziemer.com

If **YOU** want to be featured at a Waterline event, read our Submission FAQs at waterlinewriters.org, and then send your best fiction, poetry, non-fiction, memoirs or essays to [waterlinewriters@gmail.com!](mailto:waterlinewriters@gmail.com) Unpublished, self-published and traditionally-published writers welcome!

Thanks to [Water Street Studios](#); to [Solemn Oath](#) and [Bright Angel](#) for **wine & beer (\$5)**, and to [The Market at Gaetano's](#) for artisanal cheeses, meats and breads!

**Upcoming events are 3rd Sundays (Sept-May) at 7 pm: March 19, May 21
No event April 16 (Easter), June, July or August. Fall events: Sept 17, Oct 15, Nov 19 ...**

At 8:30 PM: **Frank Rutledge** hosts our **5-minute-limit Open Mic!** Sign-up at the counter. No racist, sexist, homophobic or otherwise hateful content. Note that Open Mic material has not been screened.

Wooden Writers is here today with hand-tooled pens in various colors and types of wood. \$15-\$75, cash or check only. Can be ordered to your specifications! [Facebook/Wooden Writers](#)

Barbara Barrows is teaching Wordplay-type poetry workshops this April for \$15/session, time & date TBD by participants. Contact her at barrowsresearch@gmail.com.

Interviews with authors are posted in the gallery. Subscribe to waterlinewriters.org & [Like](#) us on Facebook to find event info, **Erin Bell's** videos, **Chuck Bennorth's** portraits and more!

Are YOU writing? CHECK OUT WaterlineWriters.org

1. Learn about **20** area [writers' groups](#) and find the perfect format, day and time for you.
2. **Paul LaTour's [Lit By The Bridge](#)** Open Mic for writers is 3rd Thursdays, with sign-up at **6:30**; start time is 7 PM. There is also a featured reader each month. Culture Stock, 43 E. Galena Blvd. in Aurora.
3. **Frank Rutledge** hosts [Modest Mic](#) for writers and musicians at The Sugar Grove Library, 125 S. Municipal Dr. on 3rd Wednesdays from 6:30-8 PM.
4. **New! [Limestone Coffee & Tea's](#)** Open Mic, Saturdays beginning April 1st: Grades 8 & younger 6-7 PM, H.S. teens from 7-8 PM, everyone else 8-9 PM at 8 W. Wilson, Batavia.
5. **Teens**, attend [Wordplay](#) workshops in the western suburbs. To support Teen Writers & Artists Project (T-WAAP), donate at twaap.org or allow them to receive a % of your purchases at Smile.Amazon.

Don't forget to attend opening receptions at [Water Street Studios](#) on **2nd Fridays** from 6-9 PM. Meet Resident Artists, expand your art collection or sign up for [School of Art classes](#) for adults, teens and children. **If you ♥ Waterline, please [become a member](#) of WSS today. Memberships start at only \$25!**
All work in the main gallery, the upstairs gallery and around the 26 resident artists' studios is for sale!

Our neighbors at [Kiss The Sky](#) host lots of live music and offer new and vintage vinyl, audio equipment, eclectic gifts and resale items! Check out this one-of-a-kind local gem and [Like them](#) on Facebook!

This event is being filmed for future broadcast on **BATV**, however...
YOU can catch up on missed Waterline readings or re-experience your favorites at any time.
Visit our [Video Library](#), a treasury of over **250 10-minute readings!**

Thanks to volunteers Frank Rutledge, Erin Bell, Chuck Bennorth, Ginny Klespitz, Barbara Barrows, Rick Veague, Ray Ziemer, Paula Garrett and to our wonderful audience.

Your hosts are Anne Veague & Kevin Moriarity at waterlinewriters@gmail.com
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