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Fall Picnic Planned

In a year where good news has been hard to come by, we are pleased to announce the UPPAA Fall Picnic will be held:

**September 11th, 2021
Noon to 2PM
at the Senior Pavilion
Marquette's Presque Isle Park**

We anticipate that safe outdoor gatherings will be relatively unrestricted by then.

Please be aware that UPPAA will not be catering the event. We will have a sign-up to bring a dish for a potluck lunch, unless September Covid protocols suggest changing that plan.

In August, we'll send out eVite invitations. Spouses and children of our group members are encouraged to attend as well.

The Board is also resolved that in subsequent years the Fall Picnic will move around the U.P. to different locations with the Soo, Copper Country, Crystal Falls, Escanaba, Iron Mountain, etc. as possible candidates.

Join a Board Meeting

Members are always welcome to join our board meetings via Zoom. You can make your voice heard and help plan UPPAA events. Meetings begin at 7pm Eastern / 6pm Central.

Contact info@uppaa.org for Zoom password.

To join in, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/call-uppaa>.

Generally, board meetings are held the first Thursday of every other month, although there are a few exceptions to this. Below are our upcoming meeting dates:

**July 15, 2021
September 2, 2021
November 4, 2021**

**January 6, 2022
March 4, 2022
May 5, 2022**

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UPPAA Virtual Conference

Just a reminder that there will not be virtual conference presentations for the summer months. However, if you are interested in presenting in the fall of 2021 or have suggestions for speakers/topics for those months, please contact Victor Volkman: president@uppaa.org.

2021 Election Results

The election slate for the 2021 board elections carried with 41% of the membership voting. Board members will serve a two-year term.

The Certification of Election was held at the May board meeting. Approval by raised hands was called by Victor and passed with six raised hands.

Your board members for the June 2021 – June 2023 term are as follows:

- **President:** Victor R. Volkman
- **Vice President:** Gretchen Preston
- **Treasurer:** Larry Buege
- **Recording Secretary:** Bethany Leonard
- **Membership Secretary:** Brandy Thomas
- **Newsletter Editor:** Jenifer Brady
- **Webmaster:** Jansina Grossman
- **Publications Chair:** Debbie K. Frontiera
- **Notable Books Chair:** Mikel B. Classen

U.P. Book Review Schedule

Be sure to catch each U.P. Book Review as they are released by going to www.UPBookReview.com and clicking on the “Subscribe” button on the right-hand pane. New reviews of U.P. books are released every 10 days.

- *Firekeeper's Daughter* by Angeline Boulley - 6/20/2021
- *Waterfall* by Mary Casanova - 7/1/2021
- *Freshwater Mermaids* by Troy Graham - 7/10/2021
- *Niiji, A Collection of Poetry* By Sally Brunk and Ron Riecki - 7/20/2021
- *The Home Wind* By Terri Martin - 8/1/2021
- *Seasons of the Birch* by Susan M. Puska - 8/10/2021

U.P. Book Review is a service of UPPAA. Books published in 2018, 2019, 2020, or 2021 can be sent directly to Victor at

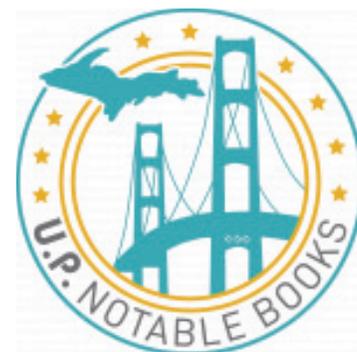
U.P. Book Review
5145 Pontiac Trail
Ann Arbor, MI 48105

In general, books are reviewed in the order in which they are received.

Join the U.P. Notable Book Club

Readers can join authors whose books appear on the 1st and 2nd Annual U.P. Notable Books Lists. Many of them will be doing Zoom talks with readers. Buy these books, or check them out from your local library, then meet with the author and other readers monthly to discuss the books. Several of the authors participating are UPPAA members.

To join, contact Evelyn Gathu in advance by email: egathu@uproc.lib.mi.us, or by phone (906) 875-3344. You can watch past events on their website.

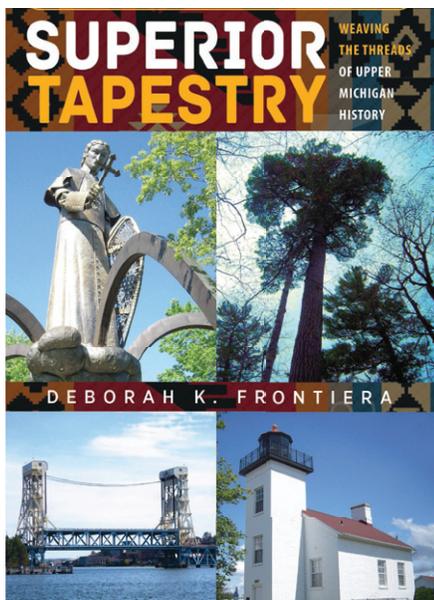


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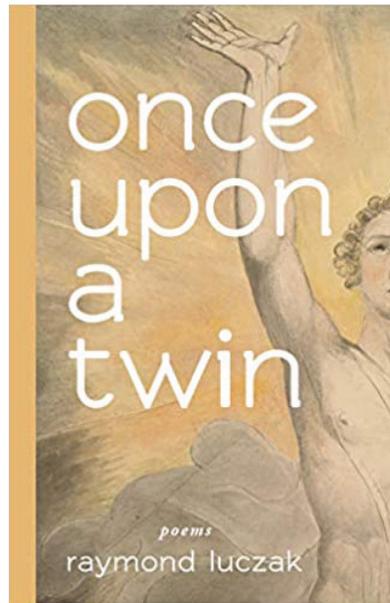
Presentation or Book Featured	Author/Presenter	Date
Lake Superior Tales: Stories of Humor and Adventure in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, 2nd Edition	Mikel B. Classen	July 8, 2021
Go Find! My Journey to Find the Lost—and Myself	Susan Purvis	Aug. 12, 2021
Kawbawgam: The Chief, The Legend, The Man	Tyler Tichelaar	Oct. 14, 2021
Dead of November: A Novel of Lake Superior	Craig Brockman	Nov. 11, 2021
Houghton the Birthplace of Professional Hockey	William J. Sproule	Dec 9, 2021
In the Night of Memory	Linda LeGarde Grover	Jan 13, 2022
World War II Conscientious Objectors: Germfask, Michigan the Alcatraz Camp	Jane Kopecky	Feb. 10, 2022
Eden Waits: A Novel Based on the True Story of Michigan's Utopian Community, Hiawatha Colony	Maryka Biaggio	Mar. 10, 2022
Points North: Discover Hidden Campgrounds, Natural Wonders, & Waterways of the Upper Peninsula	Mikel B. Classen	Apr. 14, 2022
The Women of the Copper Country: A Novel	Mary Doria Russel	May 12, 2022

MEMBER NEWS

Debbie Frontiera will be releasing her newest book, *Superior Tapestry*, with a launch at Copper World in Calumet on June 26 from 12-3 p.m. She figures this will be a great way to celebrate her 70th birthday. She also enjoyed doing two author visits to schools this spring. One to Stanton Twp. schools and the second to Crystal Falls fifth and sixth graders. Her summer is shaping up to be a busy one.



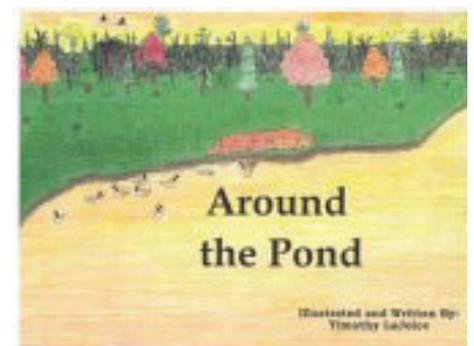
Becky Ross Michael is pleased to say that four of her short children's stories have recently been published at Empowered Parents! They are titled "Puppy Dreams," "Friends in the Forest," "Sulky and Stubby," and "Family Fireworks." All are illustrated by Dragana Stankovic.



Raymond Luczak's ninth poetry collection, *Once Upon a Twin* (Gallaudet University Press) was published in February 2021. Sierra Nevada Review gave the title a lovely review recently. "The 29," his poem about the SS Edmund Fitzgerald disaster, should be appearing in the Summer 2021 issue of *Prairie Schooner*. The third issue of "Mollyhouse," the literary journal he edits for Squares & Rebels, will appear later this month. And of course, he's finishing up another new book while awaiting word on a few of his manuscript submissions!

Tim LaJoyce has completed his fourth self-published book in the Woodaline the Beaver series, *Around the Pond*. This book is centered around the activities of Woodaline's family and the pond they live on. His other books, *Woodaline the Beaver*,

Kit Trouble, and *Little Whittle*, are ten pages long with ten illustrations for elementary children. *Around the Pond* is his first chapter book written for a middle school audience. It has 14 chapters and is 48 pages long with five illustrations. This book is written and illustrated by the author. His target audience are youth who may never spend a night in the wilderness camping, especially by a beaver pond. He tries to describe the sights and sounds one may experience on a pond with the different animals that come and go. This book took five years to complete. The *Saint Ignace News* printshop helped with the editing, designing, layout and printing. Houchen Bindery (HF Group) Utica, NE did the hard cover bindery.



Jenifer Brady recently started writing sweet romance under the super-secret pen name Jen Brady (LOL). Her first series in this new-to-her genre is a four-volume modern retelling of Louisa May Alcott's classic *Little*

Women. The first three books in the March Sisters Sweet Romance series (*Subscribing to the Enemy*, *Falling for the Tutor*, and *Making Music with the Country Star*) were published in late 2020/early 2021, and she is currently working on the fourth (and final) book, *Crushing on the Boy Next Door*, which will hopefully be released at the end of summer or beginning of fall.

Donna Searight Simons will be doing a virtual historical presentation for the Harrison Township Public Library on September 15th and Traverse City Public Library on September 21st. She will discuss her book *Copper Empire* and why miners chose to go out on strike in 1913, leading up to the tragedy at the Italian Hall.

Elizabeth Fust will be re-releasing her first picture book, *The Hungry Kitten's Tale*, as a coloring book sometime this summer (release TBD, so be on the lookout for it!).



U.P. Reader Available in NEW Formats

Do you love the U.P. Reader? Now you can read it in new formats!

UPPAA's own membership secretary, Brandy Thomas, has been hard at work recording the audio book versions of U.P. Reader. Volumes 1, 4, and 5 are already available in audio, with volumes 2 and 3 coming soon.

All five volumes have been available in individual hardback, paperback and ebook formats. Recently, these volumes were combined into a box set (ebook version only), so you can download them all together as one. If you want to check out a sampling of other UPPAA authors' writing, this box set version is convenient, easy, and quite a deal.

ON TRACK TO SUCCESS

- **Inspiration.** Let your reading inspire your writing.
- **NNWT.** Set Non-Negotiable writing time.
- **Stay Accountable.** Talk to friends and family about the project you're working on. Doing so means that those close to you are likely to check in about the status of your piece.
- **Fear of being good enough.** The more you write, the better you get. Self-criticism and comparison to other writers is often cause for lack of motivation to write. It's a mind game which you MUST talk yourself out of.

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CALL FOR ENTRIES: U.P. Reader Volume #6

The U.P. Reader is an annual publication that represents the cross-section of writers that are the membership of the Upper Peninsula Publishers and Authors Association. Each issue is released in paperback, hardcover, and eBook editions at the Spring membership meeting. Copies of the U.P. Reader will be made available to booksellers, UPPAA members, libraries, and news services. We hope the U.P. Reader will be a great place for you to showcase original short works.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

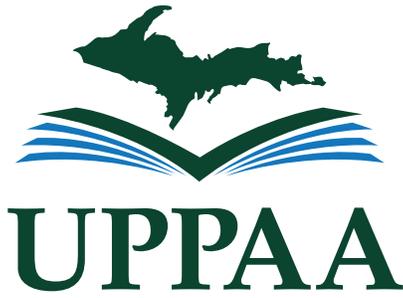
- Must be a current member of the UPPAA to submit.
- Submissions must be original with no prior appearance in web or print. Submissions will be accepted for up to 5,000 words. Writers who submit work that has previously appeared in blog posts, web pages, eBooks, or in print will be disqualified.
- Submissions can be any type of genre, Fiction, Nonfiction (memoirs, history, essays, feature articles, interviews, opinions), and Poetry. These also can include photography or artwork, but the author must show permission for use.
- All submissions will be reviewed through a jury and the submissions will be chosen through this process.
- We prefer Microsoft Word Document (.DOC) files only or plain text files (.TXT). Do not submit PDF files. If you have some other type of text file, please inquire.
- Authors may only submit photos as part of a written submission with the understanding that they will be converted to black-and-white. We reserve the right to limit the number of photos per story that will be used. Photos should be at least 300 DPI and no smaller than 2 inches on a side (i.e. 600px minimum). If the Author is not the photographer, we may ask for a simple one-page “Photo Release” form to be sent in. Contact us in advance if you think you need more than 3 photos for your story. Author headshots are neither required nor used.
- No more than 3 items will be accepted from a submitter. This includes all types of written works (e.g. stories, poems, memoirs, etc). If more than 3 are received, the jury may choose to disregard all of them.

The U.P. Reader will require first-time rights in print and digital. After one year ALL rights will return to the author. The UPPAA retains the right to use it in perpetuity. For Example, we anticipate a “Best of U.P. Reader” to be issued for the 10th anniversary.

Send submissions to submissions@upreader.org. Be sure to put “U.P. Reader Submission” in the subject line.

PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

- Submission deadline: Nov. 15th, 2021
- Dec 21, 2021 Jury / peer-review process begins
- Jan 15th, 2022 announcement of selected submissions
- April 1st, 2022 official on-sale date
- Spring Conference 2022: Launch party, location to be determined.



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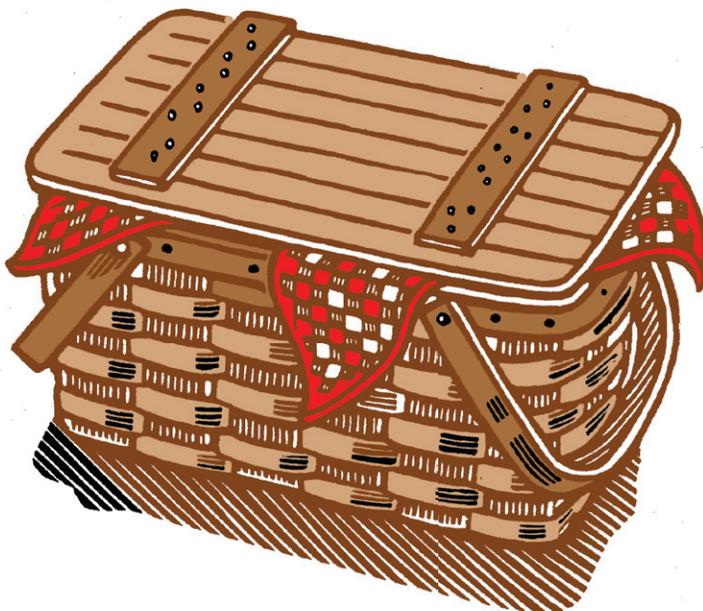
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