

2020 Statewide Anthology Guidelines
Sponsored by the High Desert Branch
April 17, 2020

1. You must be a member in good standing in any branch of the California Writers Club to submit work for possible publication in this 2020 anthology. (Title will be determined later.) If your work is selected for the anthology, you must also be a member in good standing at time of publication (November/ December 2020).
2. CWC members may submit up to 2 **fictional short stories** for consideration. **Deadline for all submissions is June 30, 2020.**
3. There is a non-refundable fee of \$15 for each submission; payment is due no later than June 30, 2020. Payment may be made using PayPal via the HDCWC website link or with a check payable to HDCWC. (Checks must be mailed to HDCWC, 17645 Fisher St., Victorville, CA 92395)
4. A submission does not guarantee inclusion in the anthology.
5. The editors of the anthology may reject any submission for any reason. The editors also have the right to edit accepted submissions for errors in grammar, spelling, punctuation, and other structural issues.
6. The 2020 Anthology Theme is a pandemic—past, present, or imagined—that affects characters in your story and their involvement in and reaction to those disasters. (A pandemic, as defined in the theme, is an outbreak of a deadly disease that affects a significant portion of the world's population.)
7. In the sole judgment of the editors, political or religious pieces meant to educate or persuade a reader to the author's viewpoint will not be included in the anthology. Stories are to be strictly fiction. As interesting as real-life tales of what you did during the Covid-19 pandemic would probably be, this project is limited to the creation of fiction. **No memoirs, biographies, essays, or poetry. No politics, no proselytizing.** The 2020 anthology will be geared toward the general reading audience; therefore, work containing excessive violence or overt sexual situations will not be included.
8. Work shall be as error free as possible and formatted as follows:
 - No longer than 5,000 words per submission
 - Use 12 point Calibri font
 - Microsoft Word or rich text format. (Electronic submissions only; hard copy submissions will not be accepted.)
 - Center your title, center the word "by" on the next line, then center your name *exactly* as you want it printed and your branch affiliation on the third line. **YOUR BRANCH MUST BE INCLUDED.**
 - Indicate the word count of the piece after your name and branch.
 - Double space the body of your work.
 - Indent 1/2" for each paragraph.
 - No spacing between paragraphs. **DO NOT USE BLOCK FORMAT WITH FORCED SPACING BETWEEN PARAGRAPHS.**

- Work will not be accepted if it is too long, formatted incorrectly, if there are excessive errors, or if your branch affiliation is missing.
 - Author is responsible for keeping a copy of the submission. HDCWC will not be responsible for keeping any copies of work submitted.
9. Submissions may include those previously published so long as author retains all rights to the story.
 10. By submitting an entry, author must sign a release form that acknowledges the submission: (a) is your original creation; (b) does not violate or infringe any copyright, trademark, privacy, or publicity right, or other proprietary or intellectual property right of any person or entity; (c) is not defamatory, libelous, obscene, or otherwise inappropriate or illegal; and, (d) is your sole and exclusive property. Author further represents and warrants that he/she has complete, worldwide distribution rights.
 11. First, second, and third place winners will be determined by an independent panel of judges who will judge the entries without names or branches. Winners will be notified on or before December 1, 2020. Prizes will be awarded in the amounts of \$150 for first place, \$100 for second place, and \$50 for third place. In addition, all net profits from the book made through December 31, 2020, will be divided equally among the winners. Checks will be made payable to a charity of the respective winner's choice or to the winner's branch. Prize and donation checks will be distributed in January of 2021.
NOTE: This is not a fundraiser for HDCWC. It is the intention of the HDCWC to donate any net profits. Recipients of net profits made after December 31, 2020, will be determined by HDCWC's board of directors. "We offer this opportunity in recognition of the cathartic effect of writing, that in times of disaster, writing is healing and satisfying as we use our minds and hearts to explore ideas and concepts." Dwight Norris, HDCWC President.
 12. Email your work as an attachment to Steve Marin at hdwcwspecialprojects@gmail.com.
 13. Include a short biography (no longer than 150 words.) **Biography must be in a separate document from the submission(s). No photos, please.** Again, branch affiliation must be included in the biography file. This biography may be edited by the anthology editor. It is the editor's intention to include the biographies at the end of the published anthology.
 14. Author's Release Form(s), with signature, must be provided for each submission. Email completed form(s) to Steve Marin at hdwcwspecialprojects@gmail.com or mail them via USPS to HDCWC, 17645 Fisher St., Victorville, CA 92395. Signed Release Form must be submitted no later than June 30, 2020. Form is available on the HDCWC website or upon request to Steve Marin at hdwcwspecialprojects@gmail.com.