



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

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Agent and Editor Pitches	
10 AM – TBD	Anjanette Barr – Associate Literary Agent, Dunham Literary Room 1
	Mike Bray – CEO of Wolfpack Publishing Room 2
	Annette Chaudet – Publisher, Pronghorn Press Room 3
	Casey Cowan – President & CEO, Oghma Communications, Roan & Weatherford Publishing, Hat Creek Imprint Room 4
	Nicole Cunningham – Agent, The Book Group Room 5
	Dara Kaye – Agent, WME Books Room 6
	Sophia M. Ramos – Literary Associate, New Leaf Literary & Media Room 7
	Katie Reed – Literary Agent, Andrea Hurst & Associates Room 8
	Sinclair Sawhney – Senior Editor, Tule Publishing Room 9
	Julie VanLaanen – Publisher, Filter Press Room 10



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13
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8:50 AM – 8:55 AM	President’s Welcome, Announcements, Kickoff Speaker Intros MOJAVE ROOM
Kickoff Speakers	
8:55 AM – 9:15 AM	Manuela Schneider
9:15 AM – 9:35 AM	Johnny Boggs
9:35 AM – 9:55 AM	Bill Markley
9:55 AM – 10:15 AM	Page Lambert
10:15 AM – 10:45 AM	Questions
10:45 AM – 11 AM	Break – Come on into the break room and chat with your fellow members. LASSEN ROOM
11 AM – 12 PM	Johnnie Bernhard: Creating Fictional Characters with Personality and Presence (PRE-RECORDED) PACIFIC ROOM

11 AM – 12 PM	Laurie Bower: Audiobooks: A Rising Star in the Literary Market SHASTA ROOM
	Shirley Jump: Conflict – It’s Not an Argument MALIBU ROOM
12 PM – 12:15 PM	Break – Come on into the break room and chat with your fellow members. LASSEN ROOM
12:15 PM – 1:45 PM	Bring Your Lunch – Women Writing the West Awards and Readings MOJAVE ROOM The DOWNING Journalism Award – Linda Wommack, Chair The LAURA Short Fiction Award – Gayle Gresham, Chair
1:45 PM – 2 PM	Break – Come on into the break room and chat with your fellow members. LASSEN ROOM
Agents and Editors Panel MOJAVE ROOM	
2 PM – 3 PM	Anjanette Barr – Associate Literary Agent, Dunham Literary
	Jake Bray – President, Wolfpack Publishing
	Annette Chaudet – Publisher, Pronghorn Press
	Casey Cowan – President & CEO, Oghma Communications, Roan & Weatherford Publishing, Hat Creek Imprint
	Nicole Cunningham – Agent, The Book Group
	Dara Kaye – Agent, WME Books
	Jane Porter – Founder and CEO, Tule Publishing
	Katie Reed – Literary Agent, Andrea Hurst & Associates
	Julie VanLaanen – Publisher, Filter Press
3 PM – 3:15 PM	Break – Come on into the break room and chat with your fellow members. LASSEN ROOM

<p>3:15 PM – 4:15 PM</p>	<p>Kim Taylor Blakemore: Editing Bootcamp PACIFIC ROOM</p>
	<p>Jake Bray: AI and How it Relates to the Publishing Industry SHASTA ROOM</p>
	<p>Julie Weston: From Memoir to Mystery – Grounding Prose in Reality MALIBU ROOM</p>
<p>4:15 PM – 5:15 PM</p>	<p>Film Night – Bring Your Popcorn! Showing of <i>Miner’s Candle</i>, a film by Manuela Schneider MOJAVE ROOM</p>



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

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<p>8 AM – 10 AM</p>	<p>WWW ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Open to All Members MOJAVE ROOM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates on WWW activities, awards, financials, and voting • Farewell to departing board members, and hello to VP/President-Elect and new directors • A sneak peek at the 2024 in-person conference in Denver • Introducing the new and improved Book Corral • Introducing the 2023-2024 President, Gayle Gresham
<p>10 AM – 10:15 AM</p>	<p>Break – Come on into the break room and chat with your fellow members. LASSEN ROOM</p>
<p>10:15 AM – 11:15 AM</p>	<p>Sarah Elisabeth Sawyer and Carmen Peone: Creating Believable Native American Characters PACIFIC ROOM</p> <hr/> <p>Tammy Lough: I Marketed My (Western) Romantic Comedy to a #1 International Best-Seller on Amazon and So Can You! SHASTA ROOM</p>

11:15 AM – 11:30 AM	Break – Come on into the break room and chat with your fellow members. LASSEN ROOM
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Laura Drake: Query Workshop PACIFIC ROOM
	Debra Thomas: Story, not Soapbox: How to Write Compelling Fiction about Injustice SHASTA ROOM
	Candace Simar: Dialogue, the Writer’s Friend MALIBU ROOM
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch Break – Come on into the break room and chat with your fellow members. LASSEN ROOM
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Corinne Joy Brown: Pre-teen and Tween: Writing Great Stories for Middle-Grade Readers PACIFIC ROOM
	Vicki Felmlee: An Amateur’s Guide to Ebook Publishing SHASTA ROOM
	Janet Fox: The Importance of Backstory: Crafting Deeper Characters by Understanding Backstory Wounds MALIBU ROOM
2:30 PM – 3 PM	Break – Come on into the break room and chat with your fellow members. LASSEN ROOM
3 PM – 4 PM	Keynote Speaker, Susan Straight MOJAVE ROOM

<p>4 PM – 4:30 PM</p>	<p>Break – Take a break to grab your favorite beverage and get ready for our exciting WILLA award ceremony. LASSEN ROOM</p>
<p>4:30 PM – 6 PM</p>	<p>Women Writing the West Awards and Readings MOJAVE ROOM</p> <p>The WILLA Literary Award – Betsy Randolph, Chair</p>
<p>Conference Closing – Lynn’s final remarks and Gayle’s closing remarks</p>	
<p>6:15 PM – 7:15 PM</p>	<p>Water Cooler Sessions MOJAVE ROOM</p> <p>Wish List for Board Wish List for the 2024 Conference</p>

Questions about the schedule?
 Email Conference Chair, Rachel Santino, at conference@womenwritingthewest.org