

# Valley Byliners

"Writers Who Care"



## Congratulations Writing Challenge Winners

**September** Writing Challenge Winner is Jose Alvarez with his memoir, *My Year in the Holy Land*.

**October** Writing Challenge Winners with a tie: Jose Alvarez with *Hebrew Mass* and Frank Cortazo: *Flash Fictional Frankenstein*

## Valley Byliners Meeting: November 9, 2019 at 1:30 p.m

**Presenter :** Mario J. Munoz will present "Writing to the Ear" This presentation is aimed at helping authors engage with their audiences emotionally. Please bring a newspaper or magazine article, or favorite prose passage for an activity.

Mario is the Audio News Podcast Producer at [Rio Grande Guardian](#). Follow him on Facebook: Mario J. Munoz

**Presenter:** Jose Alvarez, TSTC Instructor Jose will speak about a conference he attended called, "Myths, Truths and History at the US - Mexico Border." It was sponsored by the North California Chapter of Columbia University Alumni Association.

**Poetry Night: November 19, 2019  
6:00-7:30 p.m.**

## Every third Tuesday of the Month

Family friendly poetry night cohosted by the Valley Byliners and Harlingen Public Library at the Library's Auditorium. As always, light refreshments will be served.



## Upcoming Events

### Valley Byliners Monthly Meetings

- \* November 9, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.
- \* December 14, 2019 at Fun n' Sun **Christmas Party**. No Meeting.

- **Poetry Night**

November 19, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

### Valley Byliners Annual Workshop:

- \* February 8, 2020.

### Writing Challenge:

The writing Challenge for November is to write Poetry only and a maximum of 60 lines.

**Deadline** for submission is: November 5, 2019 by 8:00 p.m.

### Voting and Critiques:

Friday, November 8, 2019 by 10:00 p.m., 2019

### Submit entries to:

[joybarnold1@msn.com](mailto:joybarnold1@msn.com) by 8:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before the month's regular meeting.

For more **guidelines and information**, visit the link at: <http://www.rgvbyliners.org/calendar/challenge/index.html>

## National Write Out 2019

Palo Alto Battlefield Historic Park and Valley Byliners participated in the National Write out 2019. See article at:

<https://www.nps.gov/paal/learn/news/writeout.htm>

### Valley Byliners Member Highlights:

#### Joan Soggie, Author

Canadian [Joan Soggie's](#) historical novel, [Prairie Grass](#), will be launched in Canada and the US (on Amazon) in February 2020. Congratulations from the Valley Byliners. See blurb on last page.



#### Verne Wheelwright, Author

November 1 at 10:24 AM ·

The Kindle eBook version of "Small Business Foresight" went live on November 1, 2019 Congratulations!

#### Frank Cortazo, Author

Congratulations to Frank Cortazo. His A Non-Winning Writing Challenge entry, titled "The Tall Little Tree", was accepted by Inklings Publishing in May of 2018 and will appear in their publication in December.



### Positions Still Vacant:

Please let us know if you or anyone you know would like to help the Valley Byliners in the position of Treasurer and Assistant to the Treasurer. We have a volunteer for Treasurer, and we will announce the new officer after the voting in takes place.'

- Treasurer
- \* Assistant to Treasurer

### Book Swap

- Please set some books aside for a Book Talk and Swap during our **December meeting**. We will also have a table available where we can drop off books we may want to swap out. All genres welcome.

## In the Community

### Publishing Workshop



### South Texas Book Festival



### Valley Byliner T-Shirts for Sale:

Our Valley Byliner t-shirts are ready. Please order your t-shirts at:

[joybarnold1@msn.com](mailto:joybarnold1@msn.com)



## Upcoming Valley Byliners Presenters

**Presenter in November:** Mario J. Munoz

Mario is the Rio Grande Guardian News, News Podcast Producer. He will speak to our group on Writing to the Ear.



### *A Word from Our President*

Please continue to keep James Arnold and his wife, Joy Arnold in your prayers as James continues to heal.

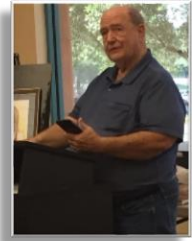
Valley Byliners Anthologies can be found on Amazon.



### **Writer's Quote:**

“You Fail Only if you Stop.” Ray Bradbury  
(The Write Practice)

## Valley Byliners Officers:



James Arnold,  
President



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VP of Programs



Joy Arnold,  
Secretary



Ana A. Cavazos  
VP of Publicity



Former President of Valley  
Byliners

