

Call for Submissions:

The Community Writers Guild Anthology of Holiday Stories

Deadline: Will depend upon submission flow. Publication is planned for June 2021. Please begin submissions immediately and complete by May 15, 2021.

Our writing voices appear to be silenced by the pandemic that has ravaged our world. This year we have missed out on two favored events, The “Writers Read for Family and Friends” and our Anonymous Christmas stories. Each program provided an incentive to exercise our creativity resulting in some delightful stories and much fun. Other victims include our writing output and potentially waning skills.

Ann Davis has suggested that we can make up for some of our loss by creating our next anthology with holidays stories. In it, each story, poem, essay or other witticism will relate to a holiday. Any holiday. For example, I used to give my wife a small gift on Washington’s Birthday (couldn’t give one to him, he wasn’t around). She thought that was cute and began to do the same for me. I could write a piece around that. Many of us remember a Thanksgiving dinner that was attended by colorful relative who was the cause of a memorable experience. Another easy topic.

Holidays, major and minor, along with the activities surrounding them are the writing prompts that when we apply imagination, what-ifs, could’ve’s and our literary prowess will produce stories that evoke emotions ranging from joy and excitement to nostalgia and melancholy.

500-750 words (or multiple thereof) would be an ideal size piece, but don’t consider that a constraint. We have never had too many entries submitted.

A list of holidays is attached, please add them, if you notice any missing. Guidelines are also attached.

I’m looking forward to seeing your entries, don’t delay.

–Charles

Holidays

January–April	May–August	September–December
New Year's Day	Cinco de Mayo	Labor Day
Inauguration Day	Nurses Day	Grandparent's Day
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	National Day of Prayer	Citizenship Day
Groundhog Day	Mother's Day	National Children's Day
Super Bowl Sunday	Armed Forces Day	Columbus Day
Valentine's Day	Juneteenth	Boss's Day
President's Day	Father's Day	Sweetest Day
National Go Forward Day (March 4 th)	Memorial Day	Mother-in-Law's Day
St. Patrick's Day	Independence Day	Navy Day
April Fool's Day	Parent's Day	Halloween
Easter	Friendship Day	Veterans Day
Earth Day	—	Thanksgiving
Administrative Professionals' Day	—	Hanukkah
—	—	Christmas
—	—	Kwanzaa

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSIONS

To accommodate those who do not have computer and/or internet access, we accept both electronic and mail-in submissions. Additionally, we accept both typed and handwritten work. There is no submission fee. PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR ONLY COPY we will NOT be able to return it to you.

Please provide a cover letter including a short biography. Feel free to include some background in your cover letter on what we might use in introducing you.

Previously published work will NOT be considered unless otherwise indicated.

Visual art and photography: Submit JPEG files 300 dpi, no larger than 3MBs — up to three images; electronic submissions only. Email to Charles@KIAPublications.com

Written work: Please provide your contact information on first page. .doc, .docx, .rtf, .odt, or .pdf files acceptable.

Poetry: Poems up to 60 lines and spaces. Submit 1-3 poems.

Essay/Non-fiction/Fiction: Submit up to 5 pieces totaling up to 7500 words, double spaced. Times New Roman 12pt font preferred. Email to: Charles@KIAPublications.com

Please include: Holiday Stories Anthology _____ in the Subject Line.

Or

Submit snail mail to:

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Compensation: An eBook copy of the Anthology. Contributors copies of the published anthology will be available at printing cost.

Certifications and Rights:

Contributor certifies that the work submitted is their original work. Contributor retain all rights to the work submitted and by submission grants The Community Writers Guild non-exclusive right to use the work for publication in an Anthology titled: "Holiday Stories _____"

Distribution

The print anthology will be distributed and available for purchase through The Guild Website, Know-It-All Publications, Amazon.com and other sites.