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The Still Horribly Irregular Newsletter for February 2024

Time slips past us and things happen before we are ready. For example: the paperbacks for **Psychic Mission**, a.k.a. Book 5, arrived on Monday February 19th.

The E-book for **Open for Business**, a.k.a. Book 6, was released Wednesday, February 21st. Anticipate the paperbacks in about a month.

If you're wondering why you're behind on your reading, it's because we released 6 books in 9 months. We won't keep up that pace in the near future. But there are stories coming...



Huge News:
Open for Business in E-book form
will be \$.99
for all of Saturday, February 24th.
Get it while it's hot. And a bargain.

The holidays came and went and we made it into 2024, and no one complained that I hadn't interrupted with a holiday edition of a newsletter. We did send out our first ever Christmas picture card, and had to search to find pictures that were from this decade. Still, it's February and that suggests talking anything "garden" is premature. Except it isn't. We have tulips rising from the ground, and yes, on Valentine's Day, they were snowed upon.

Instead of gardens, let's talk Garden Gnomes.

My wife likes them, thinks they're cute, and we have some scattered around the yard. Her sister thinks they're horrible and hates them.

Our daughters found a piece of garden art they thought was funny. I agreed and they bought it for their mom. It was a T-Rex eating garden gnomes.

My wife did not find it funny but did put it in the garden. It was a present after all. She didn't want to put it in the garden the following year and wondered what to do with it. I suggested sending it to her sister. I thought she might enjoy seeing things she hated being eaten by a dinosaur. My wife sent her a picture instead. My sister-in-law proclaimed the statue hideous, so we did not deliver it to her.

The gnome eating T-Rex hung around the garage for the summer, not quite homeless but not welcome either. I didn't want to part with it, it was a present after all, so I stood it in the mums and took his picture. Then I moved him around and took more pictures, gave them captions and posted them on Facebook. People seem to enjoy the appearances of our beloved T-Rex.

As we contemplated his future, I decided he needed to be a fixture in our writing life. Which brings us to this point.

He needs a name.

We're going to have a contest.

Please email back your suggestions for names of our garden gnome eating T-Rex. A winner will be chosen by our panel of distinguished judges and awarded a fabulous prize will be awarded.

We're new to this contest stuff, so our panel of distinguished judges and the fabulous prize are still to be determined.

We could probably have another contest, where we guess the number of bottles of whatever the distinguished judges will consume before they can reach a decision, but that's another day.

Here are some of the pictures that capture his wonder. Enjoy.





Yes, those are this year's tulips, freed from the Valentine snow.

Determine his name and email it to:

info@wmjanderson.com

The winning name will be revealed in an upcoming newsletter.

Since our last edition we have had great events at

Hearthside Books

The Friends of the Princeton Library 40th Anniversary event

Buffalo Books and Coffee

Once Upon a Crime

A Sisters In Crime panel discussion at the library in Mahtomedi

The Books and Beer Pop-up Bookstore

The RAVE Event as part of the 20 Books Vegas Conference

The Full Circle Book Cooperative in Sioux Falls, SD

Author fairs at the libraries in River Falls, WI, and Worthington, MN.

We had a huge, fun-filled day at the 23rd Rain Taxi Twin Cities Book Festival, one of my favorite activities every October. Look it up, add it to your calendar.

Let's not forget the wonderful readings that made the 2023 Cracked Walnut Literary Festival a season to remember.

Thank you to all who hosted us and made us feel welcome!

Thank you to all who stopped by and traded stories with me, discussed writing and the Psychic Guardian Angel Series.

A giant thank you to all who have purchased books, either on line or at one of our events. We love our readers!

It's wonderful how many people we met that believe and have stories of the paranormal they love to share. We love to hear them.

Upcoming Events for wmjAnderson

February 28, 6:00 p.m.: Facilitator for the Cracked Walnut Writing Collective at the Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Avenue, St. Paul MN 55104

February 29: It's **Leap Day**. Shouldn't it be a holiday?

March 13, 6:00 p.m.: Facilitator for the Cracked Walnut Writing Collective at the Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Avenue, St. Paul MN 55104

March 27, 6:00 p.m.: Facilitator for the Cracked Walnut Writing Collective at the Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Avenue, St. Paul MN 55104

April 10, 6:00 p.m.: Facilitator for the Cracked Walnut Writing Collective at the Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Avenue, St. Paul MN 55104

April 18, 6:30 p.m.: Host for the Blank Verse Reading Series at the Northtown Branch of the Anoka County Library, 711 County Highway 10, Blaine, MN 55434

April 24, 6:00 p.m.: Facilitator for the Cracked Walnut Writing Collective at the Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Avenue, St. Paul MN 55104

May 8, 6:00 p.m.: Facilitator for the Cracked Walnut Writing Collective at the Merriam Park Library, St. Paul

May 22, 6:00 p.m.: Facilitator for the Cracked Walnut Writing Collective at the Merriam Park Library, St. Paul

May 29, 6:00 p.m.: Host for the 5th Wednesday Reading Series at the Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Avenue, St. Paul MN 55104

Upcoming Events for A.W. Powers

March 16, 3:00 to 5:00: Meet and Greet at the Avant Garden Coffee and Books, 215 East Main Street, Anoka, MN 55303

April 13: Books and Beer (Cider) Pop-up Bookstore, North Twelve Cider, 614 North 5th Street, Minneapolis MN 55401

April 20, 10:00 to 4:00: St. Michael Author Fair with the Twin Cities Sisters in Crime, St. Michael Council Chambers 11800 Town Center Drive, St. Michael, MN 55376

June 28, 10:00 to 12:00: Meet and Greet at the Lake Country Booksellers, 4766 Washington Avenue, White Bear Lake, MN 55110

August 22 to 25: Killer Nashville Conference, Nashville TN

A reminder of who we are:

Bill Anderson lives in Champlin, believes in ghosts but does not distinguish between them and spirits. He writes and publishes non-fiction and poetry as William J. Anderson or wmjAnderson. William is the vice-president of the Cracked Walnut Chapter of the League of Minnesota Poets.

His alter ego, A.W. Powers, writes and publishes paranormal thrillers, thrillers and horror. A.W. Powers is the creator of the Psychic Guardian Angel series published on the Marlowe and Vane imprint of LMBPN Publishing.

One or both of them is a member of the Sisters in Crime.

**You're receiving this newsletter because you are in the life of Bill.
Thank you for being part of it.**

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