

WOMEN'S FICTION WRITERS ASSOCIATION
SELECTS BARBARA O'NEAL AS 2019 GUIDING SCRIBE

Washington, DC, February 1, 2019 — The Women's Fiction Writers Association (WFWA) is pleased to announce Barbara O'Neal, award-winning American novelist who has published more than 40 novels under different pen names, has been named the organization's 2019 Guiding Scribe.

"The Guiding Scribe is an important mentor for our organization, akin to a poet laureate," says Tasha Seegmiller, WFWA President. "Barbara is a seasoned writer, creative dynamo, and an important touch point for both emerging and experienced writers who are seeking advice and guidance in their own writing journeys."

O'Neal follows WFWA's 2018 Guiding Scribe, Heather Webb, an international best-selling historical fiction author who won the organization's 2018 Novel of the Year Award.

In addition to creating compelling characters in her newest novels, O'Neal writes extensively on craft for publishing industry magazines and websites, and has been teaching writing for the past 30 years.

"The Women's Fiction Writers Association is an incredible interconnected online community of writers. I'm eager to share my years of experience with fellow writers. The connections we make help to fuel our muses and keep our well of ideas full," says O'Neal.

O'Neal's latest book is *The Art of Inheriting Secrets* (Lake Union Publishing). Her upcoming novel, *When We Believed in Mermaids*, will be released in July 2019.

The Women's Fiction Writers Association (WFWA) was founded in 2013 as a professional, non-profit organization for women's fiction writers and publishing professionals. With more than one thousand international members and growing, WFWA is the premier organization for women's fiction. WFWA fosters an online community of inclusion and opportunity, and provides resources, professional development, networking, and support for aspiring, debut, and published women's fiction authors.