

Illustrator News - January 2023

2023 - A Year to Dream and Create!

As you begin the year, stretching creative boundaries and opening up to your unique imagination, or experimenting with dynamic compositions, elusive, 'almost-there' characters or stories, or particularly challenging design briefs...

...are you asking yourself that inevitable question:
"Is this going to work?"

The answer is almost always, "Yes," though perhaps not quite as you first imagined it. I have breathed my way through this question many, many times over decades of work as a designer, fabricator, and educator.

Whatever the challenge, it seems to resolve itself when I stop struggling and open up to discovery, get curious, ask questions, and wonder - the way kids do. Then I take a breath (or two), and have another go at it.

This year my goal is to play more, and do a bit more wondering.
How about you?

Kids discovering caterpillars at Whitaker Ponds



**Best Wishes for a
Wondrously Creative
2023!**



Robin Chilstrom
Oregon Illustrator Coordinator

January 2023 Featured Oregon Illustrators



Heidi Aubrey



Deborah Hocking



Artwork: Chamisa Kellogg

[Oregon SCBWI Featured Illustrators](#)

Visit the **feature page** to learn about Heidi and Deborah, view samples of their artwork, and link to their websites and portfolios!

(click below)

[Featured Illustrators](#)

Would you like to be featured?

To be considered, you must have an SCBWI Illustrator profile. About those profiles: we want your work to be seen - available to editors, agents and other folks, so we've made it easier to find your profile through the [Oregon Illustrator Gallery](#).

If you haven't set up a profile, why not do it now? It's good practice to keep your gallery fresh - with new images, social media and website links! [HERE'S HOW!](#)

To find out more or apply, contact Robin: Oregon-ic@SCBWI.org

Regional News - January 2023

SCBWI International rebranding sparks Regional Illustrator Design Opportunities

Current news from SCBWI headquarters: each region is being asked to update their imagery to help create organizational symmetry; this will coincide with the launch of the new SCBWI website.

Below (top row) are three *Chapter Logo* styles created by headquarters for this purpose. The bottom row shows examples of how regions are beginning to use these *Chapter Logo* templates.

In the near future, we'll be sharing design specs for Oregon's new logo, as well as redesign options for several of our chapter category headers. We hope you'll start thinking about a design you'd like to share during this redesign process!



**SCBWI
International
Virtual Event
Listings**

- Your Regional Team is now firming up 2023 Oregon SCBWI Events; we'll keep you updated over the coming months. In the meantime:
- National Illustrator Virtual Events are posted and updated bi-weekly on [Oregon's Illustrators Page](#). If you've not had a chance to check out what other regions are offering, take a look.
- February through March Highlights below...

Tasty Colors with
ROBIN HA, Graphic Novelist
February 1, 2023

Tasty Colors



Yakkity Yak

Animal protagonists in Picture Books
with literary agent **RACHEL ORR** for
Authors and Illustrators.
February 7, 2023

Yakkity Yak



Picture Book Crossover

Visual Thinking for Picture Book Writers
with Literary Agent
MARIA VICENTE
March 6th, 2023

PB Crossover



How to Plot a Graphic Novel

With Graphic Novel writer and
illustrator **MIKA SONG**
March 11, 2023

GN Plotting



Mika Song-Illustrator Intensive on Graphic Novels

March 11, 9am -12 noon P.T.

Mika Song writes and illustrates children's books about sweetly funny outsiders. She grew up in the Philippines and Hawaii and lives in Queens, New York. Her squirrel characters, Norma and Belly, appear every week in a comic strip on Sundayyaha.com, a free kids comics newsletter that she started with Jen de Oliveira in March 2020. She loves making comics with kids in schools and drawing on paper.

Picture Book Crossover

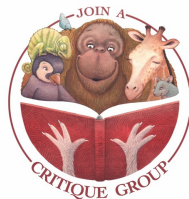
Finding your story as an Illustrator with
Literary Agent **CHAD BECKERMAN**
March 16th, 2023

PB Crossover



For Members New and Old and Everyone In-between,
If you've ever been challenged to find resources or information
using the SCBWI full menu, here's a Quick Link Page
to essential SCBWI Resources, just for you!

Quick Link Page



Are You Thinking about Joining A Critique Group?

The coming New Year will be a great time to connect with other illustrators and share your work, insights and goals! You can find out about Critique Groups [HERE](#).

Check it out!

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Oregon Illustrators are featured in a new podcast available
on many of your favorite podcast providers. New podcasts
posted bi-monthly.

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