

Illustrator News - March 2023

Tips & Good Ideas A Bi-Monthly Feature

TIP: *Get your work out there!*

We all know that *visibility* is a key component in being commissioned for work in the children's book marketplace, and you may be delightfully surprised to learn where your work is being discovered!

Some of you are agented, many have a strong and active social media presence and/or you may share your work via postcards, at critique events, and in groups. The point is, you are honoring your work by being visible, which allows those 'anything can happen moments' to occur. *And they do.* In Jordan Kim's recent blog post ([full article linked below](#)), she explains how her SCBWI Illustrator profile led to her *first* KidLit illustration commission.

Here's an excerpt from Jordan's post:

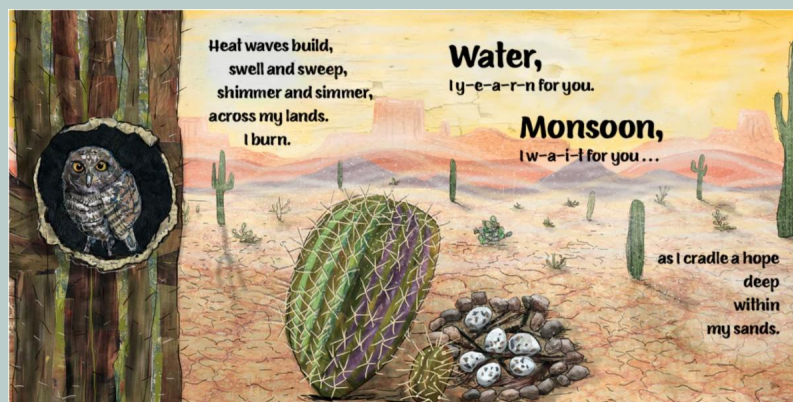
I have seriously dreamed of getting to illustrate children's books for years and never quite knew how it would happen...I am NOT saying that this is the only way or even a typical way for how this could happen. I'm just sharing how it happened for me.

I've been a member of the **Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators** (SCBWI) since 2008. SCBWI is THE trade organization in the world of all things children's books... I have had a portfolio on the site since I became a member. I try to update it somewhat regularly to show my best work and the style and subject matter of work that I would love to illustrate.

In fall of 2021, I was contacted by *Darcy Pattison*, an award-winning science writer. *She found my portfolio on SCBWI* and was interested in having me illustrate a book she had written about the desert. ([read more](#))

So, wherever you are in your illustration career, **HONOR YOUR WORK**, your talent, aspirations and imagination. *Be visible* - wondrous adventures are just ahead!

Jordan Kim's Illustration for *The Thirsty Desert*



Boost Your Social Media

Upcoming **FREE** SCBWI Workshop:
Social Media tips for KidLit Creators



Produced by Indiana SCBWI.

Saturday, April 1st, 11am - 12pm
Learn more and register [HERE](#).

Published Author-Illustrator Opportunity!

Oregon Author Fair



March 26th Deadline:

For Published Picture Book Author-Illustrators

Greta Bergquist,
MLS, MAT
Youth Services Consultant
State Library of Oregon

Oregon Library Association Conference

Bend, Oregon, April 19th - 22nd

greta.bergquist@slo.oregon.gov

INTEREST FORM WITH DETAILS:

<https://forms.gle/Nnmvu2jtzSon4XVo6>

Open Design Commissions - March 2023

Preparing for the launch of the updated SCBWI organizational website, Oregon SCBWI is commissioning the creation and/or redesign of several internal logos - and we want you to create them. There's also a great design opportunity from the Alaska region. [Click below for details.](#)



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March 2023 Featured Oregon Illustrators



Elizabeth Goss



Diane Kress Hower



Oregon SCBWI Featured Illustrators

Visit the [Feature Page](#) to learn about Diane and Elizabeth, view samples of their artwork, and find links to their websites.

Illustration: Chamisa Kellogg

Would you like to be featured?

To be considered, *you must have an SCBWI Illustrator profile*: available to editors, agents, and other folks through the [Illustrator Gallery](#). If you haven't set up a profile, [HERE'S HOW!](#) To find out more or apply, contact Robin: Oregon-ic@SCBWI.org

SCBWI Opportunities - March 2023

Click below to visit the **AWARDS and GRANTS** page.

Here's what's coming up in the near future:

March	April
Work in Progress Award Opens March 1 Closes March 31 Announced September 15	A. Orr Fantasy Award Opens April 1 Closes April 30 Announced June 15
Don Freeman Grant Opens March 1 Closes March 31 Announced September 15	Amber Brown/BFR Award Opens April 1 Closes April 30 Announced June 15
Karen Cushman Late Bloomer Award Opens March 1 Closes March 31 Announced October 15	Ann Whitford Paul Award Opens April 1 Closes April 30 Announced June 15
	Book Launch Award Opens February 1 Closes February 28 Announced April 15

Awards & Grants



SCBWI Virtual Event Listings

- Your **Regional Team** is firming up 2023 Oregon SCBWI Events; we'll keep you updated. In the meantime:
- **National Illustrator Virtual Events** are posted and updated bi-weekly on [Oregon's Illustrators Page](#). Spring highlights for Illustrators below.

Publishing Path: How to get your work noticed. **JANET MORISHIMA**
New Leaf Literary
Agent & Marketing Expert
April 20, 2023

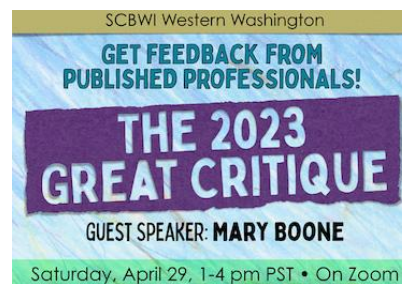
Publishing Path



Western Washington Great Critique 2023

April 29, 2023

Great Critique



**Illinois SCBWI Spring Thaw
Perfect Your Pitch!**
A Hybrid Event
May 5-6, 2023

Perfect Your Pitch

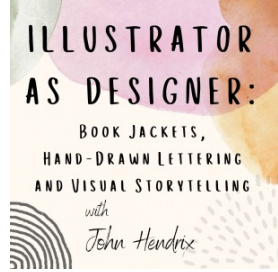


Illustrator as Designer:

JOHN HENDRIX, Book Jackets, Visual Storytelling and Hand-Drawn Lettering

May 22, 2023

John Hendrix



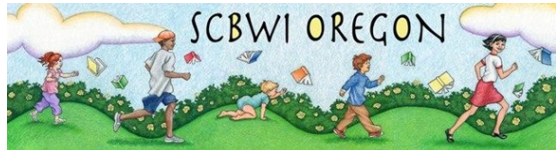
KidLit Illustrators Talk Podcast
New podcasts posted bi-monthly. Listen **HERE**.
(Produced by Dreaming Earth Press - not a production of SCBWI)



Have a wonderful month, Everyone!

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Here are **Quick Links** to essential SCBWI Resources, just for you!



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