



Illustrator News November-December 2023



Advice from the SCBWI Illustrator Advisory Committee

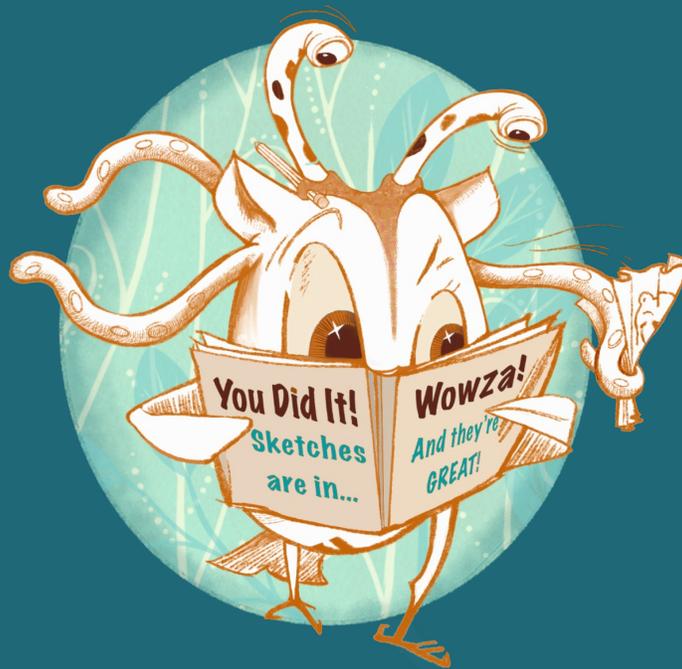
During a recent conference, *Laurent Linn, Priscilla Burris, Paul O. Zelinsky, Dana Carey* and *Cecelia Yang* held an informal, personal, and enlightening video chat. I was particularly interested when they talked about '*getting stuck*', part of the art-making process I think we've all experienced.

It was affirming to hear that each person on the panel navigates through the 'stuck zone' periodically and that sometimes it happens when we assume that we have the answer 'cause: *we should know what we're doing, right?* But when we admit that we *just don't know*, beginner's mind can come play with us.

Panel responses to the question: "**Do you ever get stuck on a project?**" varied widely, but the theme was the same: "being stuck? happens all the time - just *Keep Moving Forward*. Whether we slog through it, take the stuckness for a walk, ask it questions, do some research, discover a new style, find out how others have solved a similar problem, or free ourselves up to experiment with new materials, we are growing and evolving our own art-making *process*."

In the end, this conversation led to an eloquently simple solution:
When you get stuck, ***Just Get Back To Making Art***
and see where it leads you.

Our MASCOT Search is *Almost Over* . . .



We are excited and delighted by your engaging and creative entries! Many THANKS to everyone who shared their ideas with us. And if you didn't have an entry ready, that's OK - throw your sketch in the ring during the next contest!

You'll have a chance to *vote your choice* for Oregon's 2024 Mascot (from amongst our finalists) *soon*, so watch your emails. And for all our entrants (22 of them!) there will be a Thank You gift (from Robin) waiting at our **Holiday Party** on December 9th - so join us for the unveiling!

Holiday Party
Invite

November Featured Oregon Illustrator



JOHANNA KIM

[Oregon SCBWI Featured Illustrator](#)

Give yourself a treat by visiting the **Feature Page** to view Johanna's artwork, learn about her journey in the KidLit illustration world, and link to her website.

If you would like to be featured, contact Robin at oregon-ic@scbwi.org.

CALL FOR WINTER HOLIDAY ILLUSTRATIONS!

Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, St. Nicholas Day, Winter Solstice, Christmas, Boxing Day and New Year's Eve make December a season *filled with celebration*. Perfect timing to share your Winter Holiday Illustrations in our December-January Newsworthy. So, please forward your favorite winter/holiday illustration and we'll do our best to fit it in. *We need them by **November 22nd** so send ASAP.*

SEND YOUR SKETCH



Curated SCBWI Event Listings

- Many regional listings are available on the SCBWI website [HERE](#). They're updated quite often so check back. In the meantime, here are two upcoming events you might enjoy.

Great for Author-Illustrators:

The Importance of Dummy Books - \$25

Presenter: Mel Rosenberg

December 9: Presented by Minnesota Region

Registration is Open

Marketed for authors but invaluable for author-illustrators as well, this is a hands-on workshop in which participants will create their own dummy ebooks as the presenter demonstrates his process. There will be a short Q&A at the end.



Great for Author-Illustrators:

Laugh Out Loud Lit: Creating Humor in Picture Books

Presenter: Isabella Kung

January 10th - Oregon SCBWI: LEVEL UP SERIES

Registration is Open

This is a featured Oregon SCBWI event - a great way to support our region while having fun and learning tricks and tips of the trade. We look forward to seeing you there (virtually)!



HIGHLIGHTS FOUNDATION VIDEO SERIES:

The Business Side Of Children's Book Illustration: Some Conversations

Just browsing I found this collection of Illustrator chats on the Highlights Foundation Website, all geared to the business side of illustrating for children. If that sounds interesting, just click the webinar logo to check them out.



DRAW THIS

November prompt :

SOUP

Submission deadline: Nov. 30th.

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