



## Illustrator News October-November 2023



*It's mid-October already! You know what that means...**TRICK OR TREATERS** landing on your doorstep soon.*

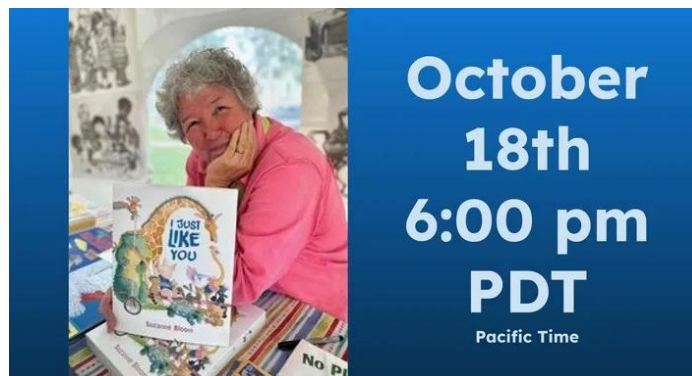
Which reminds me-this month's SCBWI "DRAW THIS" prompt is **TRICK!** Why not enter? I'll bet you have at least one great 'trick' image in your sketch book! *How to enter details just below.*

Moving from Tricks to **TREATS**, Oregon SCBWI is launching it's first **LEVEL UP** event this week with an award-winning author and illustrator, Suzanne Bloom, who will help de-mystify that wondrously variable relationship between Picture Book words and images.

This is a **TREAT** for both illustrators and author-illustrators as well as a great opportunity for you to **Support Our Region** - knowing that if you can't be online in person you'll have that month-long window to watch the event recording.

Please join us for **LEVEL UP** this Wednesday evening!(*click image below to register*)

**REGISTRATION CLOSSES 5PM TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17th**



**DRAW THIS**  
October SCBWI prompt

**TRICK**

Submission due last day of month

Click above to visit the Draw This page.  
If you're navigating from the website go to:

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## October Featured Oregon Illustrator



MELISSA GARDNER

### Oregon SCBWI Featured Illustrator

We're changing up the Featured Illustrator spot just a bit, experimenting with a new format. As you'll see when visiting the [Featured Illustrator Page](#) we'll be showcasing one illustrator a month and (over the next few months) adding a bit more content. This month, you can learn about **Melissa's** life and how she entered the world of KidLit, view samples of her artwork, and (as always) find a link to her website. Also, borrowing from SCBWI international, Oregon's homepage header will now showcase our monthly Featured Illustrators. So...

...If you would like to be featured, please contact Robin at [oregon-ic@scbwi.org](mailto:oregon-ic@scbwi.org).



## All-Region Virtual Events



### SCBWI ALL- REGION VIRTUAL EVENTS PAGE IS NOW LIVE!

- Regional listings are now available on the SCBWI website. Click on the **Regional Virtual Events** icon, the link above, or visit the SCBWI website, click on the events menu and select Regional Virtual Events.
- I will continue adding select events here in future but **this month** I encourage you to visit the website to find events of interest to you.



#### LEVEL UP - \$10

Strengthening the Relationship Between Pictures & Words  
Suzanne Bloom

October 18th: Presented by SCBWI Oregon  
[Registration](#)



There are myriad ways to start a picture book; a tangle of images and ideas, spun from thin air. It's all something from nothing that finally merges into the tangible, carrying a new perception from one heart to another. There's no question who does the heavy lifting. Is there?

SCBWI Oregon Needs You!

**Thank You** for joining as a creator and MASCOT EXPLORER! Whether you're jotting down ideas, doodling, doing some research or just letting the ideas flow through, we're excited to see your rough-sketch versions of our Mascot-to-be. All ideas are welcome!

See the guidelines below or download [HERE](#). **Send your entries by November 15th!**

# ILLUSTRATORS: WE NEED YOU!

MUSHROOM...  
RAINDROP...  
TREE FROG...  
UMBRELLA  
FIR TREE...  
BOOK...  
SALMON...  
FERN

TO CREATE A  
MASCOT  
FOR OREGON  
SCBWI

HERE'S THE BRIEF:

- Create a non-human anthropomorphic character we'll fall in love with that represents Oregon **AND** the wonderful world of KidLit.

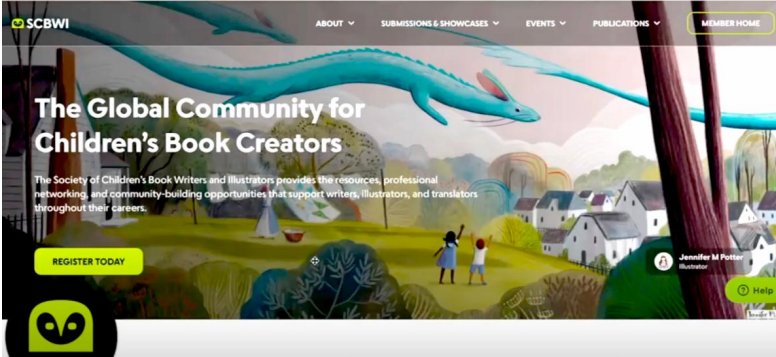
GUIDELINES:

- All Oregon SCBWI illustrator-members can enter.
- Enter by sending a black line sketch of your character - one you've created that represents Oregon, is original, and can be used on our website in various places. If you have two ideas to share, that's fine - but no more than two.
- 1 mb or less per digital submission; include a color version if it will help us 'get' the image, but black and white is preferred.
- Deadline to enter: **November 15th**
- A committee will choose finalists for an all-member vote.
- We will reveal the selected Mascot at our Holiday Party - with a prize to the finalist of \$100. The finished color-version of our new Mascot will be unveiled in 2024.
- And, **ALL ENTRANTS** who attend the Holiday Party will receive a Thank You gift.

Send your entry to: [Oregon-ic@scbwi.org](mailto:Oregon-ic@scbwi.org)

WHAT KIND OF MASCOT DO YOU IMAGINE?  
WE'RE SO EXCITED TO SEE WHO YOU CREATE!

**You can help Oregon SCBWI today** by creating your member account and illustrator gallery on the New Website if you've not already done so! It will help us keep our member rolls current so that we can all stay connected - **Many Thanks!**



Here's a How-To video: **EXPLORING YOUR MEMBER HOME:**

<https://youtu.be/6rAvlVoaDe8>

Feel free to [Contact Us](#) if you need help!

### This Month...

Every so often take a moment to center and breathe and simply listen to yourself. Your creative, unique, heart-full self.



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