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# Publisher speed dating coming to GWM

Are you a writer with a manuscript who is intimidated by the publishing process? Georgia Writers Museum (GWM) is bringing a unique one-on-one experience with three representatives from Warren Publishing to ease your fears through "Speed Dating with a Publisher!" July 12-13 at GWM in downtown Eatonton. Each expert will give advice on either publishing, editing, or book marketing.

Also included with each \$60 one-on-one session ticket, is a panel presentation on Saturday, July 12. To attend only the group presentation, tickets are just \$25 each.

Warren Publishing President Mindy Kuhn has 27 years of marketing, design, and branding experience. She holds photojournalism

and journalism graphics degrees from Ball State University, and a Leadership in Publishing certificate from the Yale Publishing Course and Yale School of Management. Kuhn also has worked in many aspects of advertising, marketing, and branding for companies ranging in size from Fortune 500 to small boutiques. She has extensive experience in the print platform and excels at developing an author's vision into a polished, finished product.

Warren Publishing Vice President and Editor-in-Chief Amy Ashby began her publishing career in 2007 as Warren's marketing assistant. She holds a BA in English from Davidson College, a Certificate in Publishing from Columbia University, and an MFA in



Amy Ashby

Creative Writing from Queens University of Charlotte. Ashby has edited books ranging in genre from children's literature, to fiction, memoir, nonfiction, poetry, business books, and beyond. She also has an extensive background as a marketing copywriter for ads, digital content, and more. An



Mindy Kuhn

avid creative nonfiction writer, Ashby has been published in various local and national publications and was named a 2024 *Publisher's Weekly* Star Watch honoree.

Lacey Cope is a lifelong bibliophile and marketing maven. She was called back to her publishing roots in 2020 when she joined



Lacey Cope

Warren Publishing as its marketing director. With a BA in communications from the University of South Carolina, Aiken; a work study position at USC Aiken's library; experience in television production; time spent as a publishing consultant with a self-publishing giant, and experience with social media and

rebranding consulting, Cope provides a breadth of insight into the inner workings of the literary world.

Participants registered for individual sessions must submit a manuscript sample in advance, so Ashby can provide written notes and feedback during their one-on-one meeting. Manuscript samples should be no longer than 10 pages and submitted no later than two weeks prior to the event. Submissions in most genres, including fiction, nonfiction, memoir, children's literature, and poetry, are welcome. For more information, including registration and a full event schedule, visit GWM online at [georgiawritersmuseum.org/writers-workshop](http://georgiawritersmuseum.org/writers-workshop).  
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# Johnson continues Reynolds selling streak



Traci Johnson

Reynolds Lake Oconee Properties (RLOP) has announced Traci Johnson as its Sales Executive of the Month for May.

This consistent, consecutive recognition in 2025, including RLOP Sales Executive of the Month since the first of the year, and Sales Executive of the Year titles in 2022, 2023, and 2024, solidifies Johnson's status as a top performer in the Reynolds Lake Oconee real estate market.

While Johnson's consistent success is a testament to her dedication and expertise, it mirrors

a broader trend of consistent, thriving demand for properties at Reynolds Lake Oconee.

"Traci's achievements are remarkable, and they are a clear indicator of the service she provides her clients," RLOP Vice President of Sales and Broker in Charge Karen Saltzbart said. "Her deep understanding of the community, partnered with an unwavering commitment to her clients, allows Traci to seamlessly connect individuals with their dream properties in a market currently experiencing

incredible growth."

Johnson's accomplishments speak volumes. She was named Rookie of the Year in 2019, is a Million Dollar Club Member, and a consistently top producer in the Lake Oconee area.

Beyond her professional triumphs, Johnson is a dedicated board member of the Lake Country Board of Realtors and an active advisory board member for Make-A-Wish Georgia, embodying a spirit of community and giving back to her community.  
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Lit candles during contemplative prayer service in Taizé, France.

# Back by popular demand: 'Tune my Heart' June 29

In case you missed the event last summer, the First Presbyterian Church in downtown Greensboro is giving you another opportunity to partake in a truly enlightening experience. The Taizé Prayer Service is a simple, meditative form of worship involving sung and chanted prayer, meditation, periods of silence, and scripture readings.

It all began some 85 years ago when a man from Switzerland formed a community of like-minded worshippers in the small French village of Taizé. During World War II, they provided safe shelter

to refugees, Jews, and agnostics fleeing the ravages of war. Today the Taizé community has Catholic, Anglican, and Protestant members from nearly 30 countries, representing a tangible sign of reconciliation between divided Christians.

All are invited to attend this spiritually uplifting event on June 29 at 5 p.m.. The First Presbyterian Church is located at 117 S. Main St. (next to the post office) in downtown Greensboro. For more information, visit the church website at [fpog.org](http://fpog.org).  
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