



NEWS

August-September 2026



SEPT. 9TH, 2026

Ronnie Frey

Chicago photographer, author, and architectural storyteller

Join Chicago photographer, author, and architectural storyteller **Ronnie Frey** for a fascinating look at the city through a perspective we often overlook—its doorways. Frey has spent the past five years wandering the city's neighborhoods, documenting its most expressive doorways. His new book, *Doorways of Chicago*, gathers more than 140 of his images into an fabulous architectural display of Chicago wonders and the stories behind them. He also hosts walking architectural tours of Chicago and is a great storyteller.

He will have his photo prints, greeting cards and books available for purchase at the meeting.



Reservations

ASAP!
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

September 9th. FAW Program

12:00 noon at The Fortnightly of Chicago.

Please make your reservation or cancellation by **Sept. 1st, 6:00pm**

Come early and browse Ronnie Frey's photo prints and cards.

Call: Karen Klatt - 312-909-4581 or Kathy Quaid - 708-704-2161



Unkown at this time but it is sure to be delicious.

A Vegetarian meal option is the only special dietary request available. Please remember to ask for this when you make your reservation.

Please mention any special seating arrangements when you make your reservation.

Do you have trouble climbing stairs? For a stair-less entrance to the Fortnightly call in advance to the Fortnightly (312-944-1330) and staff will give you instructions.

MEETING AND LUNCHEON COST IS \$65.00

Pay by Zelle or check(preferred) payable to FAW at the door. Cash is accepted also.

Fortnightly of Chicago
120 E Bellvue Place
Chicago, IL 60611
(312)944-1330

Reminder

Members are responsible for paying for all meals not canceled by the stated deadlines as FAW is financially obligated to pay for such meals once the deadline has passed.

WHAT'S UP?



To Members of Friends of American Writers:

FAW has concluded another excellent year culminating in celebrating our Literature Award winners in May. Labor day will be here soon, and the first meeting of FAW is scheduled for September 9. Put the date on your calendar and join FAW for the upcoming year in September.

For over 100 years, Friends of American Writers (FAW) has been a vibrant home for readers, writers, and champion supporters of the literary arts. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, our mission goes beyond bringing book lovers together—we actively invest in the stories, authors, and young readers who shape our cultural landscape. Whether you join us as an active member, make a tax-deductible donation, or both, your involvement directly sustains the FAW mission. FAW can't exist without your support. Think about renewing your membership in FAW.

It is with great sadness we report the death of the FAW treasurer, Patricia Ronan. Trish has been a valued member of FAW since 2015. She recently served as treasurer and had served on the Adult Literature Award Committee also. A memorial service will be held in late September.

Kim Swartz has also stepped away from serving as the FAW membership chair. Carol Eshagy is taking on those duties temporarily. If you would like to volunteer as membership chair, please contact Ida Hagman. The membership chair receives new or returning members payments and tracks the membership names and address. It does require some computer skills and knowing how to use a spreadsheet program is a plus. When I joined FAW back in 2008, the member data was hand-written on file cards. We have come a long way since then!

If you have a creative side and like to write, think about volunteering to author the FAW Newsletters.

Karen Baker