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## The Women's National Book Association honors Executive Director of Grub Street, Eve Bridburg with Award

**NEW YORK — April 1, 2023** — The [Women's National Book Association](https://wnba-books.org) (WNBA) announces that the 2023 WNBA Award winner is Eve Bridburg, Founder and Board Chair of Grub Street in Boston (<https://grubstreet.org/>).

The award is presented to a living American woman who has done meritorious work in the world of books beyond the duties and responsibilities of her profession or occupation. Nominees must derive part or all of their income from books or the allied arts.

"Nominations for this year's award ranged from mystery writer to literacy champion," said NC Weil, WNBA Award chair. "What distinguishes Bridburg is her meritorious work in building a writing community which has served as a model nationwide."

Bridburg founded Grub Street in 1997 as a place grounded in the Boston community, where writers could learn together, sharing techniques and exchanging ideas. Their Mission:

*"GrubStreet works to remove social, cultural, and institutional barriers in order to facilitate and support an expansive and equitable artistic ecosystem where all voices thrive and where storytelling flourishes. This mission is essential because our collective voices have the power to shape a more just and connected world by revealing truths, transforming lives, and deepening human understanding."*

Writing programs not affiliated with academic institutions face an uphill battle for funding, recognition, and in attracting skilled instructors and reaching those in the community to whom the doors of academia are typically closed. The fact that GrubStreet celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2022 speaks volumes about the organization. It offers workshops, intensives, programs for teens, neighborhood programs, fellowships, scholarships, and consulting.

The WNBA Award (previously known as the Constance Lindsay Skinner Award) has been continuously awarded since 1940. Recent recipients include Hannah Oliver Depp, Lisa Lucas, Carla Hayden, Louise Erdrich, Amy King, and Ann Patchett. The [full list of recipients](#) includes former First Ladies, authors, activists, booksellers, librarians, and publishing professionals—all dedicated literary women whose achievements have enhanced the book world.

“Grubstreet to me is synonymous with the writing community of Boston,” said Natalie Obando, President of the WNBA. “Over the years we’ve seen what Eve has been able to achieve by creating a space where writers can feel inspired and supported. Because of this space and the resources that Eve has provided, readers and writers have been introduced to amazing new voices.”

The awards ceremony hosted by the WNBA to honor Bridburg will be held on June 2 at 7 p.m. ET in person in Boston.

**About the Women’s National Book Association (WNBA):** The [Women’s National Book Association](#) is a professional organization dedicated to promoting books and literacy and to supporting women in the book world. Formed in 1917 by a group of female booksellers in New York City who were not allowed to join the all-male booksellers’ organizations, the WNBA continues to advocate for equality and representation in the book world. The WNBA welcomes members of all genders and professions.

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