

# The Writers-Bloc

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## August Meeting Schedule

Next Business Meeting  
AUG 27

LANGDON CENTER

Critique at 5: PM

Break at 6:45PM

Bus, Mtn. 7PM We vote  
on new nominees listed  
on page two of the  
newsletter.

## OUTGOING OFFICERS

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Robert Taylor

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HOSPITALITY  
Jan Wright

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Holle Harrison

NEWSLETTER  
Lloyd Christensen

## JULY MEETING NOTES

WE had a great showing for the last review of essays' poetry and short stories for the forthcoming Chips Book publication. Twelve members showed up and we welcomed Bruce London a newbie visitor and hopefully a future member.

## August 27<sup>th</sup> Program

Liza Gomez Maakestad, a graphics design professional presents a program on Website creation.

**You Write? You Draw? So ... Where's Your Site?**

"Internet? Is that thing still around?" – *Homer Simpson*

Yes! If you've procrastinated or if you're afraid to create a website ("What if I actually *break* the Internet?"), this is your chance to find out everything you need to know about making one. Maybe you have a site but it doesn't have the professional look you'd like. Perhaps you're considering hiring a designer. How do you find one? All your questions will be answered.

**The first part of the session** will be devoted to beginners. Everything from getting a web hosting company to laying out the basics of your site will be covered. The last hour is for more advanced users. We'll discuss design tips, resolution, and how to use keywords to attract more traffic on your site.

**BONUS!** The session is free, but for "a few dollars more" (\$5), you can purchase a bonus packet with Liza's ENTIRE presentation, personal notes, and ...something extra.

Liza Gomez Maakestad graduated from Syracuse University with a B.A. in Illustration. She worked as a graphic designer in Dallas and a children's art instructor for the City of Arlington. Liza illustrates and designs for MaaKESTAD, her husband's multimedia company. She is a freelance writer and has short stories published in *Civada*, *Pockets*, and *Chicken Soup for the Bride's Soul*. She is currently writing and illustrating her first children's book *Rain*. For more information, please visit [www.lgmaakestad.com](http://www.lgmaakestad.com).

## New Marketing Opportunities

**A new Anthology of Poetry and Prose** for Baby Boomers of writers can be found at [www.silverboomers.com](http://www.silverboomers.com).

Submissions are being accepted until August 1, 2007 unless otherwise noted.

## The Langdon Review

**Weekend (Sep 5-8)** 308 Pearl St., Granbury - just one block off the Square.

The fourth annual Langdon Review Weekend (Sept 5<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup>) brings writers, artists, and readers together to share their worlds. There will be readings, workshops, and presentations by noted authors, as well as discussions on craft. Check out the entire range of programs at:

<http://www.tarleton.edu/~langdonreview/>.

The registration fee for WB members is \$40.

Non-members pay \$60. The Thursday evening reception, all other performances, and the Saturday brunch are included in the cost. Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. has been reserved for members of the Writers Bloc to read from original works. The venue is the Concert Hall on the grounds of the Langdon Center.

**Larry D. Thomas, Poet Laureate of Texas 2008**, Editors from TCU Press and poet Sheryl Nelms are all on the agenda.

Contact Donna Walker Nixon at:

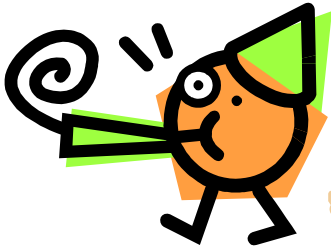
[walkernixon@aol.com](mailto:walkernixon@aol.com) or call 254 732-4895 for additional info.

**ADDED FEATURE:** this year, Joan R. Neubauer and Stephen R. Neubauer will be available to talk to potential writers. Their company **WordWright.biz** is a royalty-publishing house looking for manuscripts to buy for publication in 2008 and 2009. Publishers Joan R. Neubauer and Stephen R. Neubauer will be available to discuss your project, its marketability, and the possibilities of publishing with WordWright.

**Sign up for a 10-minute one-on-one appointment** with either Joan or Steve when you sign in at the conference.

**The Writer's Bloc meets each month at The Estates on Lake Granbury 916 E. Hwy 377**

**NL Suggestions to [joebo1@charter.net](mailto:joebo1@charter.net)**



## TOOT THE BRAG HORN

**Minnie Brown** 's persistence recently paid off. After taking Peggy Purser Freeman's class Minnie submitted a Chicken Soup for the Wine Lovers Soul Story. They were impressed and their representative Theresa Peluso called and congratulated Minnie indicating the Chicken Soup for the Soul group would be publishing her story soon.

**Connie Leonard** sent out a proposal to a publisher for her first manuscript and received a request for the full manuscript. GREAT!

**Carol Bryan Cook's** new book of poems "HEARTS UNDER THE MOON" is out and she recently had her first book signing. Additionally, she will do a book signing at the Dallas Cowboy's 29 August Kickoff luncheon. She will also be reading some of her poems at the LANGDON REVIEW.

**Jan Wright** becomes the first artist to display her photographic skill at the new Senior's Circle Pavilion. Jan will show 60-framed photographs on Sept. 21st. The Pavilion is located at 501 E. Moore, Granbury, TX



## The Writer's Bloc NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR THESE POSITIONS

- HISTORIAN
- OPEN
- CHIPS
- OPEN
- HOSPITALITY
- OPEN



**Be thankful for the FOOLS,**  
But for them, the rest of us  
Could not succeed.

**Learn from others mistakes,**  
You can't live long enough to make  
them all yourself.

**Thanks to Barbara D'Amario** for her  
steely eyed review of our Newsletter.  
Thanks Barb!



**NEW NOMINEES**  
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## Entering Contests?

**Holli says: For No Cost & Free  
advice**

Go To: Preditors and Editors website  
[http://anotherrealm.com/prededitors/  
pubctst.htm](http://anotherrealm.com/prededitors/pubctst.htm)

**Peggy P. Freeman recommends +  
contest OWFI--- It is a great group**  
[http://www.owfi.org/Home/Contest/  
tabid/54/Default.aspx](http://www.owfi.org/Home/Contest/tabid/54/Default.aspx)