
The Writers Bloc

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FEB Meeting Schedule

Next Business Meeting
FEB 25, 2008
Critique at 5: PM

Break at 6:45PM
Bus, Mtg. 7PM

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HOSPITALITY Refreshments for February:

Sweet - Jan Wright

Non-sweet - Connie

Leonard

Drinks - Bruce

London...

If you can't attend please
find a replacement to

bring your particular item



Writing Down The Brazos A

Workshop on Writing & Publishing and an opportunity for writers to learn from highly qualified literary professionals and from one another. The purpose of this workshop is for writers & artists to generate ideas and discover new methods of creating and marketing their written word.

March 7 & 8, 2008

**Workshop Early Registration Fee -
On or before February 29,** (includes Friday reception & Saturday continental breakfast): **\$75.00**

**On or after March 1, registration is
\$100.00**

**Tarleton's Langdon Center
308 East Pearl Street
Granbury, TX 76048**

Manuscript Critique: \$25

Submit a manuscript for critique by a member of our workshop panel. Critique of manuscript will be on a first received, first served basis. Send 2 copies of no more than 10 pages to: **Peggy Freeman 9106 Bellechase Granbury, Texas 76049** by February 15 along with your critique panelist preference. Send the \$25 (separate check please) in with your registration. You must be registered to submit for critique.

Presenters

Erin Garrow acquires and edits books for young readers at Boyds Mills Press. Mr. Garrow authors novels, nonfiction, poetry collections, and picture books. Interested in manuscripts that use precise language, Mr. Garrow reads projects that surprise him. He lives in Pennsylvania. He will be sharing valuable information from one of the best publishers, Boyds Mills Press and Highlights for Children, both icons in the industry.

Jennie Dunham has been a literary agent in New York City since May 1992. In August 2000 she founded Dunham Literary, Inc. She has been a member of AAR (Association of Authors Representatives) since 1993. She started her career at John Brockman Associates then moved to Mildred Marmur Associates. She was employed by Russell & Volkening for 6 years before she left to found Dunham Literary, Inc.. Types of Projects Dunham Literary represents: Literary Fiction and Non-Fiction, Alternative Spirituality, Children's Books.

Paula Murphey, editor for "Boys Life" brings her expertise on the nationally circulated magazine market. Paula will speak on "Selling to *Boys' Life* and Other National Magazines." Paula is senior editor at the national monthly publication "Boys' Life" magazine. After graduating with an M.A. in English from the University of

Sorry, due to extensive information for the Writing Down the Brazos Program, Poem of the Month, Book Sales and Brags will be suspended for the February Newsletter.

Texas at Tyler, Paula tried her hand at teaching and writing/editing in the advertising industry before landing in the journalism world. Paula lives in Arlington, Texas, with her husband, cat and TCU horned frog stepdaughter.

Mary Beth Miller, a new resident to Granbury and a Young Adult Author, writes contemporary teen novels. Her first novel, *Aimee*, is about a girl recovering from the loss of her best friend to suicide. It has connected with teens from as far away as Singapore. Her second novel, *On the Head of a Pin*, will be out in March from Dutton.

Alan Birkenbach, Poet, will be on hand share tips on writing and publishing poetry. Texas native Birkelbach writes so effortlessly of the landscape and people of Texas that it is hard not to be drawn into the world of his poetry. Alan's ability to speak with equal believability from the male or female perspective breathes life into his poetry. His settings include life played out in the homes, backyards, and wide open spaces of Texas. Birkelbach was

appointed the Texas State Poet Laureate in 2005 by the Texas Legislature. *New and Selected Works* is the first in TCU Press' Texas Poet Laureate series, which currently contains collections from Birkelbach, Red Steagall, and Steven Fromholz.

Conference Coordinator

Peggy Purser Freeman is editor of the Granbury Showcase Magazine and the award winning children's book author of *The Coldest Day in Texas*. She writes and directs children's radio programs; instructs writing courses at UTA & Tarleton; and conducts workshops throughout the US that focus on the writing process, Texas history, responsible behavior & values.

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Schedule of Events

Friday, March 7

2:00pm – 3:00pm Registration
A.P. Gordon House

3:00pm Break Out Sessions

Writing for Young Adults

Mary Beth Miller

Writing Poetry

Alan Birkelbach, 2005 Texas Poet Laureate

4:30 p.m. Manuscript Critiques

5:30 p.m. Dinner on your own

7:00 p.m. Opening Dessert Reception

with special poetry reading by Alan Birkelbach, 2005 Texas Poet Laureate

A.P. Gordon House

Saturday, March 8

7:00 a.m. "Morning Pages" with Jennie Dunham at the Nutshell Eatery

8:30 a.m. Registration

& Continental Breakfast

A.P. Gordon House

9:00 a.m. Opening & Introductions

Concert Hall

9:15 a.m. General Session

"The Reality of Fiction in 2008."

Erin Garrow, Editor
Boyd's Mills Press
Concert Hall

10:15 a.m. – Break

10:30 a.m. General Session
"A Day in the Life of an Agent"

Jennie Dunham, literary agent
Dunham Literary, Inc - NYC
Concert Hall

11:30 a.m. Lunch Buffet at the Nutt House

OR on your own

1:30 p.m. Break Out Sessions

Selling to and Writing for Boys' Life

Paula Murphey

Publishing poetry

Alan Birkelbach

2:45 p.m. Break

3:00 p.m. Break Out Sessions

Selling to and Writing for Boys' Life

Paula Murphey

Crafting the Novel

Mary Beth Miller

4:30 p.m. Presenter's Panel - Q&A

with the Experts monitored by Peggy Purser Freeman - Concert Hall

Evaluations & Departure

The Writers' Bloc of Granbury- Writers pursuing perfection in a caring environment. The Writers' Bloc of Granbury is made up of professional writers, authors and those who love the craft of writing. It is open to writers of all genres. Meetings are on the 4th Monday of each month at The Estates on Hwy 377 in Granbury. Critique Sessions begin at 5:00pm and programs begin at 7:00pm. Everyone is invited to attend for two sessions before joining.

Next Month's featured Poem
will be "Kiss Me"
By Carol Cook

**& a Teaser from
Barb D'Amario**