

The Writer's Bloc

July Meeting:

Saturday, July 14, 2007

Program: 9:30 am to 4:00 pm

LOCATION: Dora Lee Langdon Cultural and Educational Center

308 East Pearl Street, Granbury, TX 76048

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July Program:

Bring your own Brown Bag lunch and use the lunch break for a critique session or you may go to lunch from 12:00 - 1:00

A very special writing workshop will be offered free of charge to Writer's Bloc members (\$20 for visitors). Steve Sherwood, author of *Hardwater* and winner of the 2003 George Garrett Fiction Prize for Novels, will offer inspiration and guidance to help us produce writing that works. Steve will also sell and sign his book, *Hardwater*. I love the opening line... "*The only signs of life were the flies buzzing around the cabin door, propped open by what looked like a welcome mat...*"

Steve is director of the Center for Writing at TCU. His publications include essays in *Writing Center Journal*, *Journal of Teaching Writing*, *Northern Lights*, and others. His fiction has appeared in *Red Rock Review*. He also was a partner in editing St. Martin's *Sourcebook for Writing Tutors*. Don't miss this opportunity to be a better writer!!!

Don't forget that we will have a second meeting in July, on July 23rd. This meeting will be at the usual location: The Estates on Lake Granbury; however, it will be a special critique session beginning at 6:00 pm. Lloyd will have a second newsletter out before that meeting as a reminder.

July Hospitality:

For the special meeting on the 14th there will be no refreshments provided. The Langdon Center does not allow food in their meeting rooms. Drinks with sealable caps are allowed (ie: bottled water/soda). Bring your own for this event.

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June Meeting Notes:

We had 17 members and 1 visitor at the June meeting, despite the rain. Jessica Montanaro was our visitor.

Jerri Jeske led a critique session of our likely contributions to Chips! Please remember to get your final Chips! contributions to Jerri. She needs it in electronic form (email, for example) and would like a printed copy as well.

Coming Up!

July 23rd: Critique session begins at 6:00 pm.

August: Liza Gomez Maakestad will present a session called:
You Write? You Draw? So...Where's Your Site?

The program will be about making a web-site. It will start with the basics and get more detailed. The program is free; however, for \$5 you will receive an excellent bonus packet with Liza's entire presentation, personal notes, and...something extra. This meeting will also be held at The Langdon Center.

Also in August we will have a business meeting. We should be voting on next year's slate of officers. If you are interested in serving, please let your desire be known.

BTW, this is Lloyd. I will be leaving the area for another long project out of state and won't be able to continue organizing the newsletter next year so Please, if you have any interest in taking it on, let us know. It can be fun! Besides, we are a group of writers, seems like we'd be fighting for the

Random Thoughts:

"When the inventor of the drawing board messed things up, what did he go back to?" Bob Monkhouse

"I'm really smart. I know a whole lot, but I just can't think of it." Morey Amsterdam

"I'm a very physical person. People don't credit me with much of a brain, so why should I disillusion them?" Sylvester Stallone

"I don't have pet peeves. I have whole kennels of irritation." Whoopi Goldberg

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From Holli Harrison:

I sent my published book *Shadow and Betrayal* to be reviewed. The woman I contacted wants to review it herself based on the book's blurb alone.

I also entered Dorchester's "American Title" contest with a paranormal romance called *Inheritance*. The contest is basically a book version of the television show, "American Idol." Instead of singing, you send in a book proposal and the publisher decides on the finalists, which is run on their website and in the Romantic Times Magazine. Readers vote in each round by email for the entry they wish to have move to the next round.

Toni Blake had an article, *We've Got You, Babe's*, along with photos on the new restaurant in the June/July issue of *The Granbury Showcase*.

Jan Wright's *A Goose Is A Goose, Is A Goose*, along with a pair of accompanying photos, was also in the June/July issue of *The Granbury Showcase*. Jan also entered three photographs in the Lake Granbury Art Association's annual photography show at the Shanley House. She will also have a one-woman show the Estates.

Janie Hall is writing a column in her church bulletin. The publisher of *Texas Outdoor Sports News* invited Janie to become the Editor of the Ladies page - the downside being a need to help sell advertising and she has since declined. "*For every silver lining, there is a dark cloud hovering nearby.*"

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WANTED: Hey, you just read the Brags! for Toni and Jan's articles/photos in The Granbury Showcase. Peggy is looking for more articles of local interest. Give her a call at 214-675-5752 or email her at granburyshowcase@yahoo.com

Langdon Review

Anyone that wants to read at the Langdon Review please let Peggy Freeman know. It will be a special reading block for Granbury writers on Wednesday, September 5th. We have a promise that the Review Weekend will be much better this year. More about it later. As a special service to writers this theory, they want to list the names of books that you will be selling in the back of the program for Langdon Weekend. Please send Peggy the names of those books. Also, the Tarleton Book Store will be in charge of selling books and they will get 10% of your sale. Therefore, you may want to adjust your prices.

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