

The Writers Bloc
Newsletter
JUNE---2006

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June Meeting

Monday, June 26

5:00 p.m. To 7:00 p.m.

Critique Session

7:00 p.m. To 9:00 p.m.

Meeting & Program

June Hospitality

Robert Taylor----SWEET
Jerri Jeski-----NON-SWEET
Jan Wright-----DRINKS

The Estates on Lake Granbury
Hwy. 377 at Old Cleburne Rd.
Across from What-a-Burger

VICE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

June's program will be a working session to critique our entries in Chips. Bring 4 hard copies of your entry to Chips and be ready to work.

Jerri Jeske, Chips editor, sends this message: Last years Chips had poetry, an essay, a memoir, a mystery, and a tribute. Just about anything goes. About 1,000 words and approximately 4 double spaced pages with 1in. Margins are the requirements. Final copies will be due in July after making any corrections suggested at the meeting critique. We hope everybody will submit something.

From Peggy:

July's program will be a Workshop On Writing Creative Nonfiction. People have experiences, and they want to share those experiences with others. A growing force in writing is creative nonfiction. One of the pioneers in the field, Lee Gutkind, encourages writers to share their experiences, but to also think locally, act globally. He means that a good piece of writing in this genre needs to connect with the person experience and that the writer should express the personal while also writing about subjects that others outside our worlds would want to know more about. In this meeting, Donna Walker-Nixon will define more the field of creative nonfiction and present exercises to get participants involved in writing locally while thinking globally.

Donna Walker-Nixon lives in Granbury with her husband, Tim, and three lovely pugs. She writes perpetually and is currently working on a novel about eccentric characters in the community where she grew up. In her spare time, she works on a memoir about the death of her husband, George Nixon. She taught creative writing for many years at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, where she founded the literary publication, *Windhover: A Journal of Christian Literature*. She co-edited with James Ward Lee the New Texas series from 1998-2002, and she founded the writers' festival at UMHB. After leaving UMHB, with Marilyn Robitaille from Tarleton, Donna founded the *Langdon Review of the Arts in Texas*. This magazine features art, music, theatre, photography, as well as literature. It comes out each September when Marilyn and Donna host the Langdon Weekend, which features writers and artists from around the state.

Fascinating Information

We had 13 members and 2 visitors at the May meeting, with Chuck Poole winning the door prize. One of the visitors, Carol Cook, has already joined our membership. Be sure and sign the 'sign-in' sheet so you will be eligible for the DOOR PRIZE!

MAKE THESE CHANGES ON YOUR MEMBERSHIP LIST:

Barbara D'Amario—400 East 6th St., Tolar, TX 76476—254-835-5238

Jerri Jeske—jeskejr@flash.net

NEW MEMBER: Carol Bryan-Cook—carolbcook@sbcglobal.net--8047 Moss Meadows Dr.----
Dallas, TX 75231—214-536-8969 (Cell in Granbury)-214-349-6232, Dallas

We will be voting on the new by-laws at the June meeting, so bring your copy. There will be copies of the membership list and the by-laws at the meeting.

From JoAnn Matthews:

I recently contacted Writer's Relief, Inc., an author's submission service. They contributed some very informative and instructive information for one of my writing projects. Writer's Relief issues free e-mail newsletters. Information packages are available through them for different genres of writing. Information can be obtained from: <http://www.wrelief.com>.

Gwen passed out Club Evaluation sheets at last meeting for you to tell what you like and what you don't and what you wish we would do! Also, what you are willing to help with, from being an officer to helping with the conference. Get a sheet and turn it in at June meeting.

From Jan Wright:

If anybody needs a computer, (especially a first-timer that doesn't want to invest a Brazilian dollar to get started), I have just up-graded all my equipment and I would sell all the used equipment for \$100.00. I will have Aaron at CompuTech clean out all the old equipment for a new owner.

Computer/tower	Keyboard	2 Speakers
19 in. monitor	Mouse and Mouse pad	

You could talk to Aaron about what is still there and what you would have to buy. Price and pieces are negotiable.

I just saw the most incredible show. It was *Romeo and Juliet: a Monkeys Tale* on Animal Planet (cable #63). It was touching, heartbreaking, and absolutely amazing. Try to catch it.



If you are concerned about Aspartame, or don't understand about Aspartame, I've printed out one of my columns regarding this very toxic sweetener and I'll have some copies at the meeting.

From Holli Harrison:

I have a story accepted to the website Justus Roux and will be run for one month on it. Stories on the site are free to visitors to read. The story is called *Mr. Rat* and would be classified as a short erotica story. It will be available for the month of August through the Justus Roux site www.justusroux.com. You'll need to go down to where the "Guest Writers" link is and will be under my pen name H.M. Harrison. I think there are three or four authors and their stories listed per link. Disclaimer: The site is of an adult manner, as is my story, please do not read if such subject matter offends you.

You only live once. But, if you work it right,
once is enough!-----Fred Allen, Comedian
Bits & Pieces



Education is learning what you didn't
even know you didn't know!-----
-----Daniel J. Boorstin, Historian
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If you have any information or announcements that you would like in the newsletter, please let me know. jwright2002@charter.net or 817-573-4164. Deadline is the 12th of each month.