

The Writers Bloc Newsletter MAY—2006

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May Hospitality

JoAnn Matthews—SWEET
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***** **CHIPS** *****

1ST Draft due at JUNE meeting
Bring 4 hard copies for edit

Final draft due JULY meeting

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May Meeting

Monday, May 22

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Critique Session

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Meeting & Program

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

I have three copies of Betsy Haynes speech that she gave for April meeting “*Writer’s Block, Sagging Middles, Characters Who Won’t Behave, Unexpected Plot Developments, Etc.*”. If you missed the meeting, ask for a copy.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Are you keeping a journal? Did you have a new grand baby born this month? Have you recently acquired a new puppy or kitten? Perhaps these can give you new ideas for writing. Don’t forget “Chips” entries are due in June this year. There is a famous author in each of you. Let him out!

Gwen

VICE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

May Meeting “Avoid F-Words: How to Replace “Filler” Words with Descriptions That Make You Sound Like a Pro”

The May meeting will be excellent for writers of all genres, especially those who are interested in selling articles to travel magazines. It’s also great for anyone who wants to take trips to exciting places which means tax deductions. Yea!!! Jennifer Stevens, author of *The Ultimate Travel Writer’s Program* has the best collection of secret tips on writing the kinds of articles editors always look to buy. Jen Stevens has spent the balance of the last eight years gallivanting through Latin America and the Caribbean—to Guatemala, Nicaragua, Honduras, Belize, and beyond reporting on and writing about the best locales for overseas travel, retirement and investment. She is the former editor of *International Living* and *Island Properties Report*, and she was a writer and editor for several years at *Trade & Culture* magazine. Our own Jan Wright is taking the Travel Writers course, and will share this excellent excerpt to our group at the May meeting.

*******OPPORTUNITY FOR WRITERS FOR CHILDREN*******

May 27th: Blooming Tree Press, Miriam Hees & Bradford Hees

Location: First United Methodist Church, 313 N. Center St., Arlington

Time: 1:00—4:00 P.M.

www.bloomingtreepress.com

About Miriam Hees:

Miriam Hees, Publisher and Managing Editor with Blooming Tree Press in Austin, Texas, loves books! She has a passion for hopeful and heartfelt middle grade and young adult fiction. She also likes historical fiction, mysteries, comedies, graphic novels, and short story anthologies. Being a publisher entail many different jobs, but on occasion she get to play editor. She has edited **MISTLETOE MADNESS** (a holiday anthology) and is currently editor for **DID GOD INVENT HAIR DYE?: GETTING BACK TO YOUR ROOTS**, by Shirley Johnson. She is excited about meeting all of you in North Texas and telling you all about Blooming Tree Press.

About Bradford Hees:

Bradford Hees, Senior Editor with Blooming Tree Press, is looking for great writing. As head of the Adult and Graphic Novel division, he has his eye out for the unusual, exciting, and never-been-done before. His expertise is in Japanese history, Manga, Graphic Novel, and Historical Fiction. He is currently seeking novels with flare and originality in all genres, and he looks forward to meeting all of you.

If you want to go contact Peggy Freeman for carpool info. 817-573-0656

Peggy

Fascinating Information

We had 15 members and 5 guests
At the April meeting.
Phil and Marcia Delucchi, who are
taking one of Peggy's classes,
Julie Pollard and George Cary
signed in as visitors. We welcome
you to join us as members.

Be sure and sign in at the meeting
And get your name tag to be
eligible for the door prize.

If you have any information or
announcements that you would like
in the newsletter, please let me know.
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DEADLINE IS THE 12TH OF
EACH MONTH.

"Writers are vacuum cleaners
who suck up other people's lives
Unfortunately, no one
and weave them into stories like
what they are."
a sparrow builds a nest from
Maugham
scraps." --- *Garrison Keillor*

The Nominating Committee will
present a slate of officers at the
regular June meeting to be voted
on at the July meeting and be
installed at the September meeting.

If you are asked to be an officer, or
if you would like to be an officer,
please tell the nominating
committee or any one of the
current officers.

Make plans now to be at the July
meeting for the election.

The revised by-laws will be
available at the May meeting to be
voted on at the June meeting, also.

A BIG Thank You to Donna Williams
for doing the newsletter all year.

~~"There are three rules
for writing the novel.~~

knows

--- *W. Somerset*



Illiterate? Write for help

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