

The Writer's Bloc

September Meeting:

Monday, September 25, 2006

Critique Session: 5 - 7 pm

Program: 7 - 9 pm

The Estates on Lake Granbury

916 East Highway 377

Granbury, TX 76048

Located behind the Valero station at Old Cleburne Road

Guest Speaker: Jimmy Lee Butts

Topic: Understanding Publishing and Getting Published

LAW DOG, Jimmy's first novel from Berkley Books, debuted in November 2001 and has since been followed by HELL IN THE NATIONS, THE BROTHERHOOD OF BLOOD, A BAD DAY TO DIE, and BAD BLOOD. Next from Berkley is a western tentatively titled "AMBUSHED". Magazine and short works include features for True West, New American Review and Western Writers of America's Roundup Magazine. Nonfiction works are titled TEXAS BAD GIRLS-HUSSIES, HARLOTS AND HORSE THIEVES and TEXAS BAD BOYS-GAMBLERS, GUNFIGHTERS, AND GRIFTERS.

SEPTEMBER HOSPITALITY:

The refreshments will be BBQ sandwiches, homemade potato salad and baked beans in honor of our Western Writer.

Jan Wright	Sweets
Connie Leonard	Non-Sweets
Gwen Williams	Drinks

Remember: if you can't make it the night you signed up for refreshments, call Jan Wright at 817-573-4164.

August Meeting Notes:

We had 17 members present at the August meeting, including one new member. Please welcome Darlene J. Bullard of Granbury.

Our new President, Robert Taylor, was our featured speaker. Robert spoke about his experience with Subsidized Publishing. I am sure that as soon as he got home he told his wife that everyone liked his tie.

Jerri Jeske and John Sellers won the door prizes. Connie Leonard and Chuck Poole were our Birthday Pals.

Officers:

President:	Robert Taylor
Vice President:	Peggy Purser Freeman
Secretary:	Connie Leonard
Treasurer:	Violet Pollard
Newsletter:	Lloyd Christensen
Hospitality:	Jan Wright
Publicity:	Holli Harrison

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Events :

The North Central/Northeast Texas Chapter of SCBWI is holding it's 23rd Annual Conference called "Destination: Publication" at the Hilton Arlington, 2401 East Lamar Boulevard, Arlington, Texas, 76006 on Saturday, October 7th. For more information call 817 - 640 - 3322 or visit their web-site at:

<http://northtexasscbwi.org/conference.html>

Financial Matters:

Annual dues remain the same this year at \$18 and are due at the September meeting.

Please be prepared to pay for Chips! ordered at the September meeting. The price has not been finalized yet but is expected to be under \$10.

Newsletter Input Sought

What else would you like to see in your newsletter each month? We will be putting in a page for our Brags so get yours to me for inclusion.

Random Thoughts :

Football season is here. Former Vikings coach Bud Grant had this to say about coaching: "*A good coach needs a patient wife, a loyal dog and a great quarterback, but not necessarily in that order.*"

If football season is here, then baseball season is winding down. Ted Williams once said "*Baseball is the only field of endeavor where a man can succeed three times out of ten and be considered a good performer.*"

Web Page: We have one. Check out:

Web site: <http://writersblocgranbury.tripod.com>

We will be adding newsletters to the web page.

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Brag:

From Janie Hall:

Feb...Poetry contest with Fellowship of Christian Writer's....

3rd place for "Women Are Graced by Listening."

April/May Issue....Granbury Showcase Magazine...

"Granbury Depot/Genealogy Library"

Texas Outdoor Sports News accepted and published

Aug. Issue..."The Best Hunt"

Sept. Issue...."Hunt of a Lifetime" and "Backyard Murders"

Due in Oct. Issue...."Get a Bigger Testline"

Submitted to Fellowship of Christian Writer's Contest....no word on yet..

Aug...."Summertime Fun"

Sept...."Our Favorite Christmas"

From Lloyd Christensen:

Submitted to Fort Worth Star-Telegram 2007 Community Corner contest, "Why I Like Billboards" No response as of yet.