

The Writers-Bloc

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September 24th
Next Business

Meeting

Critique at 5: PM
Bus, Mtg. 7PM

DUES May also be due
for the year??

\$18.00? /\$20.00

New Officers

PRESIDENT

Peggy P. Freeman

VICE PRESIDENT

Tony Blake

SECRETARY

Janie Hall

TREASURER

Violet Pollard

HOSPITALITY

Carol Cook

NEWSLETTER

Joe Bonpensiero

But we still need, so
raise your hand



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**Historian
Chips
Publicity**

Now for the
August 27th

Meeting Minutes

Robert Taylor opened the meeting and in the absence of outgoing secretary, the new secretary volunteered to take the minutes and are published herein. Peggy Freeman introduced the members who volunteered to take an office for the coming year. The new slate of officers are Peggy Freeman, Toni Blake, ; Janie Hall, Vi Pollard,; Carol Cook, and Joe Bonpensiero,

Robert asked for a Confirmation Vote for new officer acceptance and a favorable majority vote was obtained. ~The meeting was then turned over to our new President Peggy Freeman.

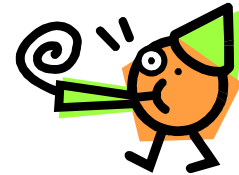
Peggy asked Minnie Brown to tell about the forthcoming Langdon Week and her article being published in the Langdon Review. Several members of the Writers Bloc will be reading at the Langdon Review Conference on Wednesday, September 5 th, between 1:00 and 2:15 pm.

After reminding everyone about our upcoming conference in March, Peggy asked for help in planning and Carol Cook volunteered. Peggy then announced the winners of the first , "kick ass" opening lines contest and said certificates would be forthcoming. (See Adjacent article)

Peggy thanked past officers for their hard work and dedication to the Writers Bloc and thanked all the new people coming into office. Following our business meeting, our speaker for the evening was Liza Gomez Maakestad took over. She gave an in-depth overview of setting up one's own Web site, She also gave a solid familiarization with graphic designing and illustration, her specialties and provided solid reasons to have a Web site. For those who couldn't take notes fast enough, she also sold packets of information for five dollars. At the conclusion of Liza's presentation, the meeting was adjourned.

For more information on Web Site development, please visit Liza's website.

www.lgmaakestad.com



**BRAGS PLUS
Kick Ass**

Opening Lines !

TCU Creative Writing Director, Steve Sherwood was the inspiration for the Writers Bloc Opening Lines contest. As judge for the event, Steve said the submissions were so good, he had to pick three winners. He said although these three were his top choices, all fourteen submissions were potential winners and he encouraged everyone to keep working their projects. The Winners were:

"You cain't leave no dead cat on somebody's porch like that; especially with his dead eyes lookin' right at the screen door."

John Sellers.

"Andy Lawrence woke up one morning and began to bark."

Toni Blake

"Ejiro ran. When you see a body lying on the ground, you run."

Peggy Freeman

In the next Newsletter, we'll include other submissions for your enjoyment.

Photo Exhibit

Jan Wright welcomes you to The Heart of Granbury, a photographic exhibit of the 4th of July celebration, General Granbury's birthday and a special exhibit of the 2007 flood. The reception will be **Friday, Sept 21, 2007 4PM to 7PM 1312 Paluxy Rd. Next to the Hospital.**

The Writer's Bloc meets each month at The Estates on Lake Granbury 916 E. Hwy 377

NL Suggestions to joebo1@charter.net

... **And ,THERE WILL BE PRIZES.**

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Words We Love

Can you name the source of the quote, “With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right?” If you said, Abraham Lincoln’s Second Inaugural Address, 3/4/1865, you may be a winner!

The September program, Words We Love (and love to believe we remember who said them), will offer the opportunity to test your memory with 50 quotations from various sources. Prizes **will** be awarded.

Please bring your own favorite “words” to share. From poetry, literature, famous speech, children’s literature, song lyrics, you get the idea. If you have any quotes that made your life better (or worse), bring them to the September meeting.

Toni Blake and Barbara will conduct the program.

Great Langdon Weekend

The recent Langdon weekend was a raving success according to writers-Bloc members who attended. Peggy Freeman, Minnie Brown, Janie Hall and Carol Cook represented the Writers Bloc on the first day of the Langdon Week Review. Readings from their work were presented to local area high school students and creative writing teachers. . The students and the adults that were present were very attentive and complimentary.

Peggy did an outstanding job of giving another viewpoint during the session-discussions: The Op Eds: Social Justice, Politics, and Opinion. She was also on a Panel Discussion: Sponsoring and Editing Literary Magazines sharing great ideas. Writers from various newspapers in Texas also gave readings and discussions on their work. The evening was topped off with Texas Music and Texana Discussions, with a Dinner, at the Nutt House Restaurant and a Theatre presentation was presented at Concert Hall. Highly accredited authors, professors, poets, and screen writers took up the majority of time on Thursday & Friday. We enjoyed writing workshops and presentations, panel reviews and open discussions on literature, poetry, journalism writing and history. Universities across Texas and the Poetry Society of Texas were represented and published authors spoke, offered workshops, and gave insight to their work. As one of our colleagues said, “ It was one of the most educational seminars/conferences I've attended and well worth the cost.

Thursday was a an Artist Opening, Walker-Nixon & Marilyn Robitaille-Langdon Review of the Arts in Texas co-founders were present and wine and appetizers were provided by Barking

Rock Winery and area interested sponsors.The evening was topped off by a concert and the art showing of Artist Jack Erwin True Texas Art by Jack Erwin . The evening session was in the concert hall with The Concord Quartet performing on Jack Erwin String Instruments. The music was beautiful. It was very interesting meeting Jack Erwin and his family.On **Friday**, T. Lindsay Baker, Ph.D. W.K. Gordon Endowed Chair, Tarleton State University presented research for a heritage tourists' guide to 20th Centur organized crime sites in Texas (presently under publication) contract to the Texas A&M Univ. Press. Carlton Stowers an award-winning author & journalist also told about traveling the back roads of Texas in search of remarkable stories and non-fiction book subjects from six-man football and a one-room school to murder and mayhem that he's found and written about. Both men were very informative and interesting. We also had a great time at the Picnic with the Poet Laureate, Larry D.Thomas. After lunch, we enjoyed listening to Carmen Goldthwaite present her tales of Texas women from her book, Texas Dames, Sassy & Savvy. **Saturday morning** we enjoyed brunch with the poetry of Carmen Tafolla and music of Rahim Quazi. It was all mesmerizing.