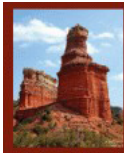


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May 2015

A Bi-Monthly

Newsletter

From Script to Screen: Film as a Medium for Storytelling

Local film maker Rob Carter presents at PPW's May 16 bi-monthly meeting. See below for time and location.



Boy, do we have a treat for you! Canyon, Texas, native Rob Carter will speak on how easy and difficult it is to get a story produced. He will share his knowledge on film-making, especially in Amarillo, and the process, costs, and regulations involved. He will talk about several of the film projects he has worked on and where and how producers find stories and scripts.

Rob will be joining us for lunch and the critique sessions so he can hear some of your short stories. He's interested in finding some stories to pitch to his friends for local production. If you write short stories, bring some of your best work for consideration. What a great opportunity to benefit from Rob's experience and knowledge.

After a long career in real estate, Rob felt he should get into the movie making

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Rob hopes to hang up his real estate hat and become a full-time movie producer.

The most recent movie Rob worked on is Revelation Road Three. His friend Bradley Dorsey produced the movie, which was shot in January 2013. The movie was distributed by Pure Flix Entertainment based in Arizona. Pure Flix Entertainment movies are on Netflix. For a listing of their movies, do a Netflix search for Pure Flix Entertainment.

Meetings are held on the third Saturday in odd-numbered months: January, March, May, July, September, and November.

The public and PPW members are invited to hear speakers on selected writing or related topics.

You may order a box lunch from our Hospitality Director between 9:30 and 10:15 or bring a sack lunch. Box lunches are \$10.

Unless otherwise specified, meeting location is at
Amarillo Senior Citizens Center
1217 S. Tyler
Amarillo, Texas
(Note: We must occasionally switch our meeting location, or we may need to change the date to avoid conflicts. So, please check the address and date for each meeting.)

Our meetings/programs follow this schedule:

Check-In and Meet & Greet:
9:00 - 9:30 a.m.

Program/Presentation:
9:30 a.m. - Noon

Business Meeting:
Noon - 12:15 p.m.

Lunch:
12:15 - 1 p.m.

Critique Session
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

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From the President

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ours. Thanks to social media, fewer people are participating in and joining traditional organizations. They are seeking commonality with others via the Internet rather than joining associations like PPW.

Over the last several years, I've witnessed the decline in PPW's membership. It is a difficult trend to combat.

The board has struggled to come up with ideas to attract new members. In an effort to capture some of the Internet traffic and pull members from outside the Panhandle, the board is working on "freshening" the face of PPW. We are also taking steps to make technology work in our favor.

In addition to the Internet sapping our growth, I've heard it said that the lack of great programs at our bi-monthly meetings is contributing to the drop in membership. Former and current members want compelling, informative, and interesting presentations by knowledgeable speakers from outside the Amarillo area. Those speakers want to be paid for their time as well as their travel expenses. Without a substantial membership, we can't generate enough dues to bring those speakers to our bi-monthly meetings. The situation leaves us in a Catch-22.

The nominating committee has been soliciting members to serve on the board for the next term with limited success. Typically, the percentage of members who volunteer in any organization is low. PPW is no exception. We currently have approximately 50 paying members. Out of that number, nine are board members. (Two positions are currently vacant. The total number of board positions is 11.) Our board members serve staggered terms, so the nominating committee usually only needs to fill half of the positions each year. That means four positions will be filled one year and five positions the next. Sound easy? Think again.

Will PPW slowly fade away or will it flourish? That depends on you. The future of PPW is in your hands. Join PPW or renew your [membership](#) today. Volunteer as a board or committee member and be a part of an organization rooted in the history of the Texas panhandle.

Help PPW thrive and stay alive.

NOTICE: Membership to Vote on Rebranding of PPW

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to rebrand and adopt an assumed name. At the May 16, 2015, membership business meeting, the matter of adopting the assumed name "Texas High Plains Writers" (Panhandle Professional Writers doing business as Texas High Plains Writers) will be submitted to the members in attendance for a vote. Please note that per the bylaws "The attendance of eight (8) voting members shall constitute a quorum to transact PPW business."

Vote on Slate of New Officers

At the May 16 members' business meeting, the nominating committee will present the slate of nominees for election to the board of officers.

Membership Dues Increase

The board has voted to have a slight increase in the cost of yearly dues for PPW. Beginning with 2016, dues will be \$36. However, if you pay your dues before or by January 31 of each year, you will receive a \$6 discount and will only pay \$30 for that year's membership. For those paying after January 31 of each year, the cost of membership will be \$36. As usual, dues will be prorated for NEW members who join after the first bi-monthly meeting of the year.

Recently Published

We are proud to announce that Chera Hammons Miller, a new member to PPW this year, had a poem published in the Poets Respond feature of *Rattle* on March 29. This site posts poetry written in response to current events of the past week. Check out her beautiful poem [The Descent of the Germanwings](#). Congratulations, Chera!

Janda Raker has a new outdoor recreation article in Examiner.com. Her article *Camping: Where to Go, How to Decide* and her photos can be found [here](#).

Book Signing

Linda Broday is having a book signing on Saturday, May 16, at 2 p.m. at Barnes and Noble on Soncy. She will be autographing copies of *Twice a Texas Bride*, the second book of

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We're Just a Tease

Get ready for some fun this fall! Our October Fundraiser is TO DIE FOR!

Miscellaneous

The category for our next writing contest is memoir. As details become available, they will be posted on our [Website](#).

In Canyon, the West Texas A&M University's West Texas Writers' Academy is being held June 8-12. For more information, click [here](#).

The Historical Novel Society Conference is being held in Denver, Colorado, June 26-28. For more information, click [here](#).

Announcements

If you would like to have a writing-related announcement included in a PPW email, send the information to us at panhandlewriters@gmail.com. About twice a month, we will be sending emails with news of upcoming writing events, recent publications, book signings, and the like.

Here's a Few Pics From Last Meeting

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