

## TheWindow - Texas High Plains Writers Newsletter

Texas High Plains Writers <info@texashighplainswriters.com>

Tue 1/17/2023 10:00 AM

To:authorkrbrorman@theblondekb.com <authorkrbrorman@theblondekb.com>

[View in browser](#)

# The Window

Official eNewsletter of Texas High Plains Writers

January 2023

Bi-Monthly Newsletter

In this issue:

- President's Letter
- January Program Info
- Membership Dues
- ISBN Special Offer
- From The Web (New Feature)
- Anthology News

---

## Letter From The President

Happy New Year, Writers,

2022 was an exciting year. THPW had excellent speakers and interaction with each other, but I think I was mostly thrilled we finally had our centennial celebration. It may have been two years late, but what a celebration it was! I hope you got to attend.

Now it's time to buckle up and renew your goals. What do you hope to accomplish this year?

Maybe you can tell us at the January meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Still at Sharpened Iron Studio at 1314 S. Polk.

In a world dominated by zoom meetings, podcasts, and streaming workshops, it's easy to forget the benefits of meeting in person. Writing is a solitary pursuit. At THPW, you can speak with others wrestling with similar struggles, try to recruit critique partners or writing buddies, learn more about craft, and share ideas for staying on track. If nothing else, sometimes it's just nice to speak to someone who understands our unique endeavor.

We look forward to THPW continuing to grow and support writers for another hundred years.

Donna Rosson

THPW President, 2023

---

## January Program

### Speed Dating Author Style

Looking for a critique partner? Newsletter swap? Social media ideas? New genre to write? Author services recommendations? Maybe just meet ALL the other authors lurking about the High Plains in search of a writing buddy.

Now's the time to find your match!

Lots of fun. No pressure. Conversation prompts (no small talk, unless you want to visit). Timed interactions.

Below are two versions of a CP questionnaire to help find your love match! The first is more comprehensive to help you and prospective CPs refine your goals and needs. The printable version is simply a pared-down PDF for you.

## Critique Partner Questionnaire

### Printable Page to bring to Speed Dating for Authors

---

#### *Membership Dues*

Time to renew or join! YAY!

Annual membership - \$40

Student membership - \$20

Pay online [HERE](#)

Pay in person at our next meeting, January 21, 2023

Pay via mail to

Texas High Plains Writers

PO Box 19303

Amarillo, TX 79114

---

## Special Offer From Bowker

[Get Self-Publisher Prime, your money-saving publishing package!](#)

**Now only \$395!**

A savings of \$89

If you've always wanted to publish your own book, we can help — Bowker's [Self-Publisher Prime](#) has just the tools you need. And when you buy the package, you'll

save money, too. Here's what you get:

- **10 ISBNs:** Get an ISBN for each format of your book!
- **1 Ebook Creator .doc:** Have your Word document professionally converted into an ebook.
- **2 Barcodes:** Get quality resolution barcodes for the printed versions of your books, complete with price encoding.

That's a \$484 value, and a real bargain. But when you buy our package, you'll get all these items for only \$395. **You save \$89!**

[Order Now](#)

---

## *From The Web*

**Janice Hardy's Fiction University**

**7 Reasons Why Your First Draft Sucks**

**Dave Gaughran**

**Best Book Promotion Sites for 2023**

---

## **With Words We Weave: Survival**

Survival is live and available in eBook and Paperback.

## With Words We Weave 2024...

*A man left his cat with his brother while he went on vacation for a week. When he came back, he called his brother to see when he could pick the cat up. The brother hesitated, then said, "I'm so sorry, but while you were away, the cat died."*

*The man was very upset and yelled, "You know, you could have broken the news to me better than that. When I called today, you could have said he was on the roof and wouldn't come down. Then when I called the next day, you could have said that he had fallen off and the vet was working on patching him up. Then when I called the third day, you could have said he had passed away."*

*The brother thought about it and apologized.*

*"So how's Mom?" asked the man.*

*.*

*.*

*.*

*.*

*.*

*.*

*.*

*.*

*.*

*"She's on the roof and won't come down."*

**\*\*\***

We are delighted to announce - much earlier than expected - the theme for our 2024 anthology.....

**" \_\_\_\_\_ is on the roof."**

Any thing, on any roof, at any time, any place, any genre as long as it's up there.  
We hope this theme/prompt is a fun, creative, even lighthearted break from the often overwhelming seriousness that inspired previous themes.

See The THPW website for an updated submission list.

---

## THPW 2023 Calendar

- **January** - Speed Dating Author Style
- **March** - TBA
- **May** - TBA
- **July** - TBA
- **September** - TBA
- **November** - TBA

Your Board is working diligently to bring great programs that meet the needs and desires of our members. Please let us know if you have any program ideas or requests. We always welcome input from our members.

---

## Critique Session Guidelines

Provided enough members come prepared to participate.

- Times New Roman 12pt font
- Double Spaced
- Max 500 words
- Bring 5-10 copies

- Be prepared to contribute
- Be open to critique
- Be kind

---

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

Meetings are open to the public and everyone is welcome. There is no fee for members of Texas High Plains Writers to attend our regular bi-monthly meetings. A \$10 fee may apply to nonmembers.

*(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:

***Board of Directors Meeting***

*8:45 - 9:30 a.m.*

***Check-In and Meet & Greet***

9:30 - 10:00 a.m.

***Business Meeting***

10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

***Program/Presentation***

10:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

***Lunch On Your Own***

12:15 - 1 p.m.

***Critique Session, if Announced***

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Need to contact us?

**Write to us at:**

Texas High Plains Writers

P. O. Box 19303

Amarillo, TX 79114

**Email us:**

[info@texashighplainswriters.com](mailto:info@texashighplainswriters.com)

---

**Texas High Plains Writers**

PO Box 19303, Amarillo  
Texas 79114 United States

You received this email because you signed up on our website  
or made a purchase from us.

[Unsubscribe](#)



[Sent by  
MailerLite](#)