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Official eNewsletter of the Texas High Plains Writers

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Bi-Monthly Newsletter



Letter From the Editor

Good afternoon, fellow High Plains Writers!

Few things make me happier than springtime. And now that we've all sprung our clocks forward, perhaps the weather will finally do the same!

My hope is that better weather will help make walking into our meeting on Saturday (March 19) much more pleasant than January's fun but cold and blustery affair.

Speaking of the meeting — which will again be held at Sharpened Iron Studios, 1314 S. Polk St. in Amarillo — I'm excited that many of us will be having our first book signing of the year.

Anyone who contributed to the 2022 Texas High Plains Writers Anthology is welcome to attend and sign the first page of their short story after the presentation. And those of you who've purchased and have your copies, bring them to the meeting to get signed. I will have some copies for sale for \$10 for those who haven't yet purchased one.

But before the signing, we have a wonderful panel about critique groups from our very own President Kristine Brorman (who'll have her letters run in this space, too), President-Elect Donna Rosson, and best-friend-you-could-ever-ask-for Kim Black!

That's all from me for now. Hope to see you on Saturday!

— Ricky Treon, THPW newsletter chair / treasurer, immediate Past-President

Fun finds in the Texas Tech University Press spring/summer release catalogue

- [*Porch Talk: A Conversation About Archaeology in the Texas Panhandle*](#) by John R. Erickson and Douglas K. Boyd (Illustrated by Nicolette G. Earley), releases March 23.
- [*More Than Running Cattle: The Mallet Ranch of the South Plains*](#) by M. Scott Sosebee (photos by wyman Meinzer, foreword by Jim Bret Campbell), releases July 2022.
- [*Driller: An Oilman's Fifty Years in the Field*](#) by Hubert H. Hays, with W.R. McAfee and Catherine Heffernan, releases July 2022

March panel discussion

Critique groups: The Whys & Hows, with the Whos & Whats thrown in!

Lone Star Women of Letters members **Donna Rosson**, **Kristine Brorman**, and **Kim**

Black bring their experience of forming, maintaining, and meeting as a critique group.

They will talk about the who, what, when, how, and why they meet. They'll discuss what makes a great group and what to avoid.

We'll have a Q&A session followed by an opportunity to connect with other writers to form other critique groups within our organization!

- **Where:** Sharpened Iron Studios, 1314 S. Polk St., Amarillo, TX (enter by the painted horse!)
- **When:** Panel begins at 10:15 a.m. following a general members business meeting beginning at 10 a.m. Members may get to the venue as early as 9:30 to mingle.
- **Note:** Members who contributed to the 2022 Texas High Plains Anthology will sign copies following the panel.

THPW 2022 Calendar

- **January** -Tex Thompson - Editing Like A Boss
- **March** - Kim Black, Donna Rosson, Kristine Brorman - Critique Groups: Pannel discussion the Whys & Hows w/ Whos & Whats thrown in.
- **May** - Linda Broday
- **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.

From the President

Texas High Plains Writers President Kristine Brorman's letter will return to this newsletter.

Critique Session Guidelines

Critique Sessions resume March 2022 after the regular bi-monthly meeting.

- Times New Roman 12pt font
 - Double Spaced
 - Max 500 words
 - Bring 5-10 copies
 - Be prepared to contribute
 - Be open to critique
 - Be kind
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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.

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