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Official eNewsletter of Texas High Plains Writers

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Bi-Monthly Newsletter

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Letter From The President

Hello to each of you this windy March.

Is everyone excited about the workshop this weekend? This is a great opportunity, and I'm looking forward to learning what Sarah Terentiev and Twylabeth Lambert have to share about building characters and worlds that grab readers. Don't forget to get the worksheets filled in as much as possible.

If you have problems downloading it, please let THPW know on our Facebook page. You told us you want workshops, and I'm thrilled we can provide this one for you. And remember, this event is being held at the downtown library at 413 SE 4 th Ave. Snacks will be provided. Lunch on your own.

You have also verbalized a desire to find critique partners. Because we couldn't follow through with that in January, it has been rescheduled for May. Details will be coming. We're working on getting back into the Edward Davis room, as requested by members.

Are you working on your anthology short story? How fun is our topic this year: On the Roof? I can't wait to see what you come up with. Deadline July 31.

Don't forget to spread the word about THPW and invite anyone interested in writing. First-time guests get in free. I've had spur-of-the-moment conversations with people in my dentist and doctor's offices, grocery stores, and coffee shops. You never know.

The board of directors has a lot of ideas in the works, but we want to know what you want. This is your organization.

Happy Writing!

Donna Rosson,

THPW President 2023

March Meeting & Program

Remember

Amarillo Downtown Library

413 SE 4th Ave

****NOTE**** There are several events happening downtown and in the Civic Center this weekend.

[Character/World PreWork pdf](#)

This is a google doc.

[Facebook group PDF](#)

This is a link to a post in our FB group.

Membership Dues

Time to renew or join! YAY!

Annual membership - \$40

Student membership - \$20

Pay online [HERE](#)

Pay in person at our next meeting, March 18, 2023

Pay via mail to

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From The Web

D2D (Draft2Digital) Print Opens to All Authors

ChatGPT Questions?

How Kindle Novelists are using ChatGPT - The Verge

ChatGPT Launches Boom in AI-Written Book for Amazon - Reuters

ChatGPT is Dumber Than You Think - The Atlantic

Or friends at CWIA will be discussing AI in April. David Gaughran, Janice Hardy, Joanna Penn and Mark Dawson are all discussing AI for authors.

With Words We Weave: Survival

Survival is live and available in eBook and Paperback.

With Words We Weave 2024... Deadline July 31

Our Theme....

" _____ 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.

Theme Inspiration

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.

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

[You asked, we delivered!](#)

**In May we will return to the Edward Davis Room for
Author Speed Dating Round 2**

THPW 2023 Calendar

- **January** - Speed Dating Author Style
- **March** - **World and Character Building Workshop**
- **May** - **Author Speed Dating Round 2**
- **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.

Our meetings/programs follow this schedule:

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.)

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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