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Official eNewsletter of the Texas High Plains Writers

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Bi-Monthly Newsletter

Letter From the President

Hello Texas High Plains Writers,

Spring has sprung, and most days it feels like she left the door open. My husband, Gregg, and I sat on the porch last night, enjoying the first of what will hopefully be many still evenings here on the High Plains. I don't know about y'all, but I can't remember the last "good hair day." Good hair days are much like good writing days: we still wash it and brush it out, and we still sit in the chair and put words on the paper.

Let me take a moment to comment, applaud, and cheer for your Board of Directors. Those in attendance for our March meeting heard me brag on them, but I want to make it official. On Saturdays, they come early for board meetings, respond to emails with thought and insight, and pick up the slack if one of us needs help. Small tasks done well make a huge impact, and I thank them for their dedication and hard work. This week, Dianne Sagan resigned from her position as Programs Director. We thank her for volunteering for this demanding role. For now, the board will operate as we did in 2020-2021 without a Programs Director and work together to schedule guest presenters.

It's an understatement to say Covid hit us hard. Social distancing, canceled plans, virtual meetings where we only had to dress from the neck up. As much as we missed life, it's hard to get back into the swing.

If you've been saying to yourself, "I need or want to get back to THPW meetings," NOW is the time. Our wonderful friend, champion, and mentor Linda Broday will be here Saturday. There is no better incentive to wash our hair, put on real pants, and come to town than getting to spend a few hours with Linda learning about putting emotion into our writing.

Seven members are taking advantage of the two-month Bootcamp offered through

Facebook. Hopefully will see the curated programs and opportunities being provided in the next few months help us genuinely craft our stories. July will be a stellar piece of the puzzle.

Remember our Anthology theme this year is Survival. We've all had a crash course in that, and we only need to watch the world to find inspiration. I can't wait to see what you write!

"I went for years not finishing anything. Because, of course, when you finish something you can be judged." — **Erica Jong**

Happy writing,

Kristine Broman
President, THPW

May's special guest

Linda Broday!

Linda Broday is a New York Times and USA Today bestselling author of historical western romance titles. She's also a dear friend of the Texas High Plains Writers and was named our Writer of the Year in 2018! She'll be joining us in May to discuss the hard but necessary work of infusing your writing with deep emotion and making readers care about your characters. And, as anyone who's read the works of this literary gem of the Texas Panhandle knows, Linda is an expert in this field!

- **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.**
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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.

Critique Session Guidelines

Critique Sessions resume 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.

Critique Session, if Announced

12:15 - 1 p.m.

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