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Official eNewsletter of the Texas High Plains Writers

November 2022

Bi-Monthly Newsletter

Letter From the President

Hello Writers!

Can you believe we've almost finished another year? What a ride!

If you missed our Centennial Celebration at the Barkfield Speakeasy on Nov 5, you missed a great time. Thanks again to Reese & Jonathan Traves for sticking the landing on this one. Perfect venue, food, decorations and camaraderie. The next 100 years will be fun to watch!

"One thing that helps is to give myself permission to write badly. I tell myself that I'm going to do my five or 10 pages no matter what, and that I can always tear them up the following morning if I want. I'll have lost nothing—writing and tearing up five pages would leave me no further behind than if I took the day off." — Lawrence Block, WD

This quote always gives me that little boost to just sit down and start, especially during NaNo. In truth, I haven't officially signed up for NaNoWriMo in three years, but having done it three or four times, November brings that end-of-year adrenaline filled rush to "finish strong."

Finishing strong might mean 50K words, or editing a WIP or maybe just getting the forgotten egg decoration put away instead of hiding it behind a Christmas stocking....just me???

Whatever YOUR "strong" is...you got this! And remember, the world needs your words.

Happy Writing,

KRB

[Amarillo Globe News Centennial Write-up](#)

Member news

TCU Library, AddRan College of Liberal Arts and TCU Press Announces 2022 Texas Literary Hall of Fame Inductees

The TCU Mary Couets Burnett Library, in partnership with the TCU AddRan College of Liberal Arts and TCU Press, announced their selection for induction into the Texas Literary Hall of Fame.

The Texas Literary Hall of Fame was established to celebrate and encourage the state's rich literary heritage by honoring its foremost authors, whose original writing reflects enduring cultural relevance and artistic creativity. The Texas Literary Hall of Fame honors inductees every two years.

On October 19, 2022, the Texas Literary Hall of Fame honored Jodi Thomas, an American author of historical romance novels, most of which are set in Texas. She is a *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author, and *Publishers Weekly* calls her novels distinctive, refreshing and memorable. In 2006, Romance Writers of America (RITA) inducted Thomas into the RWA Hall of Fame for winning her third RITA for *The Texan's Reward*. She also received the National Readers' Choice Award in 2009 for *Twisted Creek* and *Tall, Dark, and Texan*. Recently released writings include *The Wishing Quilt*, *Dinner on Primrose Hill* and *Sunday at the Sunflower Inn*.

Other Texas Literary Hall of Fame inductees include: ReShonda Tate Billingsley, Jerry Craven, Patrick Dearen, Tim Madigan, Martha Wells, Richard Bruce Winders

"We are excited to welcome this stellar group of writers into the Texas Literary Hall of Fame," says Tracy L. Hull, Dean of the TCU Library.

"The Texas Literary Hall of Fame showcases top literary writers across the nation. This group of inductees follows a long list of others who demonstrate how Texas has shaped the cultural landscape of their writings," said Sonja Watson, Ph.D., Dean of the AddRan College of Liberal

Artssure.

Congratulations Natalie Bright

2022 Lifetime Membership Recipient

Have news of your own you'd like to share? Email info@texashighplainswriters.com with the words *Member News* in the subject.

Board Nominations for 2023

President (1 yr term) - Donna Rossen

President-elect (1 yr term) - Kristine Brorman

Secretary (2 yr term) - Summer Baker

Membership (2 yr term) - Cindy Rios

Programs - Open, duties to be fulfilled by current board members

Publicity & Newsletter - Rick Treon & Kristine Brorman

Hospitality - (1 yr term)* - Laura Harrison

*At some point between the 2019-2020 terms the 2 year Hospitality Director's position got off schedule. The board discussed several ways to correct the error, most of which required amendments to the By-laws. While those amendments are tabled due to time constraints, the 2023 Hospitality term is one year to complete the term prescribed in the bylaws.

The Board chose to make the Centennial Celebration our focus for November, however, it IS election season and we have that little bit of business to tend to.

Our regular business meeting will be held via Zoom

THIS Saturday, November 19, 2022 at 10:00am.

Texas High Plains Writers is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: THPW November Business Meeting

Time: Nov 19, 2022 10:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8735...>

Meeting ID: [873 5755 0514](#)

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2023 Member Survey

Follow the link to the survey form. Thanks for taking time to give us

your input.

[THPW 2023 Survey](#)

Membership Dues \$40

\$20 Students

Dues can be paid through the THPW website [HERE](#) or

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THPW 2022 Calendar

- **January** -Tex Thompson - Editing Like A Boss
- **March** - Kim Black, Donna Rosson, Kristine Bromman - Critique Groups: Pannel discussion the Whys & Hows w/ Whos & Whats thrown in.
- **May** - Linda Broday
- **July** - Troy Lambert, Plottr - Learn how to plot like a pro!
- **September** - Blue Handle Publishing - The publishing world is changing quickly, in ways both good and bad. Get an insider's view from Amarillo's local traditional independent publisher!
- **November - 11/5 Centennial Celebration - 11/19 Virtual Meeting, Board Elections**

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

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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