

Oklahoma City Writers, Inc.

January meeting~~~

A representative of Tate Publishing will introduce us to vanity publishing and how it works. Vanity publishing is an alternative way to publish your book if you are unable to publish it yourself or with a traditional publishing house.

Tate Publishing & Enterprises, LLC, is a Christian-based, family-owned, mainline publishing organization with a mission to discover and market unknown authors.



Meeting Change

The meeting this Saturday will be in the **BOOKSTORE**. Our regular space is being used for the Bridal Fair.



“What is freedom of expression? Without the freedom to offend, it ceases to exist.”

~~ Salman Rushdie

“Everyone is in favor of free speech. Hardly a day passes without its being extolled, but some people’s idea of it is that they are free to say what they like, but if anyone else says anything back, that is an outrage.”

~~Winston S. Churchill

“The right to be heard does not automatically include the right to be taken seriously.”

~~Hubert H. Humphrey

“A choir is made up of many voices, including yours and mine. If one by one all go silent then all that will be left are the soloists.

Don’t let a loud few determine the nature of the sound. It makes for poor harmony and diminishes the song.”

~~Vera Nazarian

The President’s Message

2014 was a very good year for OCWI. Many thanks to all of you who served as officers. We had great programs and welcomed guests and members who have enriched our organization. We begin 2015 with renewed commitment, focus, energy and ideas. No one person can lead a group as diverse as OCWI. “It takes a village” to represent creative people who revere the craft of writing in all its many aspects. Our new officers, like those before them, are people who believe in “the promotion of literary achievement in Oklahoma, development of creative abilities of members, and discovery of literary talent in unknown writers,” and are willing to dedicate time and talent to those ends. Work has already begun on locating speakers who can bring to our group information and inspiration, and I am excited about the possibilities ahead.



Member News

Gail Mattingly, a short story entitled "For the Love of Books" in *The Storyteller*.

Barbara Shepherd won the following in the Norman Galaxy of Writers contest:

1st - Juvenile Fiction, "Hear Me on the Radio"

2nd - Nonfiction Article, "Claudia Potter, Medicine Woman"

2nd - Short Story, "The Portrait Painter"

HM - Nostalgic Essay, "Writing with One Wing"

HM - Unrhymed Poetry, "Auntie's Temper"

HM - Rhymed Poetry, "Poet on the Prairie"

Barbara also compiled/edited/published an anthology for Wordwrights OKC Christian Writers, entitled *Beads on a String – Peace, Joy, and Love*

Shelley Anne Richter

won at the Norman Galaxy of Writers Contest:

2nd place - Nostalgia, "Grief Relief,"

3rd place - Unrhymed Poetry, "Spellbound",

3rd place - Short Story, "Granny Thistle."

Jean Stover & Shelley

Anne Richter, 3rd place - Juvenile "A Lottery Ticket for Lionel."



Opportunities for Writers

Patti Koch of the Poetry Society of Oklahoma announced that they are seeking poems for their upcoming anthology called *Red Earth Revisited*. The Society, established in 1934, welcomes submissions from members.

If you are interested in joining the Poetry Society, you can email their website, www.oklahomapoets.com. Submissions can be sent to anthology@oklahomapoets.com.



Book Signing

Betty Hatcher will be signing her novel at Full Circle from 3-4 p.m. on Saturday, January 17 (same day as the meeting). Betty is 96 and has recently attained her dream of publishing her World War II-era novel. I know she would appreciate seeing some OCW members there.

Betty was a longtime member of Oklahoma City Writers until she moved into assisted living.



Beneath the rule of men entirely great,
The pen is mightier than the sword. ~~~~~Edward Bulwer-Lytton

OWFI Contest

For a complete listing of all things contest, go to the OWFI website. Even though the category numbers have changed, the descriptions, word/page lengths, and rules have not changed. The biggest difference is the the manner of submission.

Blog and Young Adult Novel are the new categories. They are explained in the category descriptions.

The deadline for entries is **February 1**.

Although the entry fees are \$30 and you must submit your entries electronically, do not let these changes keep you from entering. The thrill of winning is still the same and the checks will provide cash to offset the entry fees.



The pen is the tongue of the mind.
~~Cervantes

If the freedom of speech is taken away then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter.

~~ George Washington

Being offended by freedom of speech should never be regarded as a justification for violence.

~~Alan Dershowitz

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"If there's one American belief I hold above all others, it's that those who would set themselves up in judgment on matters of what is "right" and what is "best" should be given no rest; that they should have to defend their behavior most stringently. ... As a nation, we've been through too many fights to preserve our rights of free thought to let them go just because some prude with a highlighter doesn't approve of them."

~~Stephen King

At least in America, you have freedom of speech, which is a good thing. It's just a question of whether you're allowed to use it on 'Fox News'.

~~Eric Idle

OWFI Spring Conference

Details on the Spring Conference are slow in coming this year because the OWFI website was hacked. The conference will be April 30, 2015 through May 2, 2015. The keynote will be **Les Edgerton**, a talented writer, instructor. He brings both craft knowledge as well as publishing business knowledge to the table for us. Another speaker will be **Richard Thomas**, a talented writer and Editor-in-Chief of Dark House Press.

2015 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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OKLAHOMA CITY WRITERS, INC.

Saturday, January 17, 2015

Meeting place:

Full Circle Bookstore

1900 NW Expressway in

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Speaker: Tate Publishing

Topic: VANITY PUBLISHING

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