Mariana Llanos is a Peruvian-born writer who resides in Oklahoma City. Mariana has written short stories since she was a young girl. Hoping to give a voice to the many characters that lived in her head, she studied Drama with the prestigious company Cuatrotablas, based in Lima. After moving to Oklahoma, Mariana has worked as a preschool teacher, standing out for her creativity and passion for arts education. She has independently published five children’s books whose themes revolve around family love and acceptance. Her sixth book, *A Superpower for Me* is due in the first days of September. Mariana visits schools around the world through virtual technology to inspire a life-long passion for reading and writing.

President’s Message

The Challenge of Autumn

Football, the Oklahoma State Fair, OCWI’s and Rose State’s writing contests signal the arrival of fall every bit as much as cooler temperatures. Fall inspires, motivates, invigorates. It fosters a desire to achieve, to create. I begin to think of trips I want to take and stories I want to write. I get a sense that I can set new goals and achieve them, that I can dream and realize the fulfillment of my dreams. Fall brings a new zest for life. Fall is not humdrum, the same old same old. This year I resolve to be active with my writing. I will harness the power of seasonal energy, challenging myself to greater heights. Won’t you join me in this endeavor?

CONTEST DEADLINE--THIS SATURDAY

The dogs and I are searching for entries.
Meeting Change

The mall has informed Full Circle that we are no longer allowed to use the space across the hall where we have been meeting. It, along with several other spaces, are being renovated. We will be meeting in the cafe area again starting this Saturday.

OWFI News

The OWFI website is under construction. Information about the 2016 Spring Conference will be uploaded soon.

Although the contest will continue to be electronic, they are working on a different system for entries. Some entries last year were not received through the Drop Box system. Hopefully, there will be a way to determine if your entries were received by the contest chair.

Contest Entries

Contest Entries must be turned in at the Saturday meeting or be postmarked no later that September 19. Inez, the Contest Chair, will be attending the Oklahoma City Writers meeting in the morning and the Rose State Conference that afternoon. You can give her your entries wherever you can catch her or you can drop them on her front porch.

Member News

Bill Boudreau and Kathleen Gibbs will facilitate a seniors writer's workshop at Spanish Cove, Yukon, 1–3 pm Wednesdays from Sept 30 through Nov 4. The program is Writing Memorable Moments sponsored by Osher Long Life Learning Institute.

Terri Lynn Cummings announced that her poem Winter Sleep Awaits will be in the Fall/Winter online issue of Illya’s Honey literary magazine.

Al Mertens first forays into writing feature length movie scripts, "Lord Finn," and "Angel City," are to be included in the debut of the EyeCatcher Film Festival to be held in McAlester, this November.

Wayne-Harris Wyrick will no longer be our man in the Planetarium. He retired this month but he will continue to write his monthly Stargazing column for the Daily Oklahoman.

If I am what I eat, I’m fast, easy, and cheap.

I write when I’m inspired, and I see to it that I’m inspired at nine o’clock every morning. ~Peter De Vries
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Time: 10:15
Date: Saturday, September 19
Meeting place: In the cafe area of

Full Circle Bookstore
1900 NW Expressway in
50 Penn Place
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

September Speaker—Karen Cody Cooper
Topic: The Challenge of Writing History Books

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