
Oklahoma City Writers, Inc.

Our president, Dana Seaton, passed away November 3 in her home. She was a longtime member of Oklahoma City Writers and served as president of Oklahoma City Writers for the past two years. Dana wrote fiction and nonfiction and won several awards for her writing. Her first poem was published when she was 13 years old.

Some of our members shared their thoughts about Dana.

“Even though I had only known Dana for less than three years she stands out to me as one of the most important people in my life. As a new and inexperienced writer, I came to rely on her ability to read beyond my inept grammar and punctuation. I called her ‘The Grammar Goddess.’

Dana was a shining example to our critique group; she never complained about her health issues and on the days she was most plagued by the chemo therapy, she still arrived at our group armed with enthusiasm, wit, and a vocabulary that rivaled Webster's thesaurus. I will miss her always!!” Rakell Kinchloe

“Dana was dignified and brave. When she learned the cancer had returned, she didn't resign as our president. Instead she accepted the position for a second year. She worked harder to gain life experiences and did not sit back and wait for the end. Never spoke of her illness unless she had to.

She was always patient and kind to us in critique group. We called her the Comma Lady. She could take our garbled up scribblings and turn them into comprehensible sentences. She expected perfection from herself.

We have lost a precious, irreplaceable friend.” Gail Mattingly

Dana never bragged about her life experiences. Many of her friends were surprised to learn that she was one of the first Peace Corps volunteers to serve in Columbia during the 1960's. Later she returned to visit the people she had worked with during those two years. A world traveler, Dana traveled to Iceland at a time when the volcanoes were erupting, but was not the least bit concerned. She wanted to meet family members that she had only heard about.

She loved her little dog named Rascal. He was with her to the end.

November Program~~Inez Phillips

Prizes for the 2015 contest will be awarded. The first place winners will invited to read their entries.

Coming soon~~

Peggy Chambers will be our December speaker. Her topic will be *Location, Location, Location*.

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Member News

Brenda Clark Thomas won an Honorable Mention in poetry in the Writing Short Course Contest at Rose State College.

Terri Cummings's poems: *Home of the Brave*, *USS Oklahoma*, *Pearl Harbor*, and *Starving Artists* were accepted by the *Songs of Eretz Poetry Review*. Her poems: *Home Land*, *Tight Spaces*, and *Soul Cleaning* have been accepted by the *Dragon Poet Review*. Terri's poem, *The Phantom Read* will come out in the *Still Crazy Literary Magazine*. Her article, *Knocking on the Publisher's Door* will appear in *Creative Writing Institute's Writing Tips*.

Linda Shelby's time travel book, *Splinter in Time* has been accepted for publication by Red Rose Press.

Richard Mullins will bring copies of his book "*Real Oklahoma Outlaws*," to the meeting Saturday. It is also available on Amazon.

Trina Lee placed 1st HM in Arkansas State Poetry Contest.

Patti Koch placed 3rd HM in the Poetry Society of Oklahoma's National Poetry Day Contest.

Shelley Anne Richter's winnings in the Ozark Creative Writers' Contest: First Place, Science Fiction, *Death by Decapulator*; First Place, Humor, *Switched*; 2nd Place, Middle Reader Fiction, *Bring on the Parade*; 2nd Place, Short Story, *Boone County*; 2nd Place, *Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush*; 3rd Place, Western Article, *Saddle Dwellers*; 3rd Place, Travel Article, *Autumn in Eureka*; HM, Civil War Short Story, *Granny Thistle*; HM Short Story, *The Price of Faith*; HM Dialogue Contest, *A View of Death*; HM Mystery Short Story, *Five Claws of the Dragon*.

Jean Stover and Shelley Anne Richter won an HM for *Pinchot Pass* in Western Novel in the Ozark Creative Writers Contest.



"You may have heard of Black Friday and Cyber Monday. There's another day you might want to know about: Giving Tuesday. The idea is pretty straightforward. On the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, shoppers take a break from their gift-buying and donate what they can to charity."

~~Bill Gates

Opportunities for Writers

Bill Bernhardt is asking that we consider becoming a part of his Kickstarter campaign to fund the literary journal *Conclave*. The objective is to create a meaningful forum for writers and aspiring writers. Bill believes many of our members are creating valuable work but having a difficult time finding a place for it. *Conclave* will be designed to be the go-to outlet for demonstrating the power of the written word.

In order to check it out and consider supporting the campaign, go to <https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/432670910/conclave-a-journal-of-character>



"Thanksgiving dinners take eighteen hours to prepare. They are consumed in twelve minutes. Half-times take twelve minutes. This is not coincidence."

~~Erma Bombeck

"Some hae meat and canna eat, - And some wad eat that want it; But we hae meat, and we can eat, Sae let the Lord be thank it."

~~Robert Burns

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It's That Time of the Year

Ed Doney, our treasurer, is collecting 2016 dues now. You can send your \$20 to him at his residence or give it to him at the meetings.

We started sending some of the newsletters by email as a means to save money. Our treasury has recovered so, if you would like to switch back to receiving the newsletter by post, just indicate it on the form below.

We like to collect the dues early to help the membership VP compile the Directory.

"There is one day that is ours. There is one day when all we Americans who are not self-made go back to the old home to eat saleratus biscuits and marvel how much nearer to the porch the old pump looks than it used to. Thanksgiving Day is the one day that is purely American."

~~O. Henry

"Vegetables are a must on a diet. I suggest carrot cake, zucchini bread, and pumpkin pie."

~~Jim Davis

"My cooking is so bad my kids thought Thanksgiving was to commemorate Pearl Harbor."

~~Phyllis Diller

"Gratitude is the sign of noble souls."

~~Aesop

OKLAHOMA CITY WRITERS, INC.

Time: 10:15

Date: Saturday, November 21

Meeting place:

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

15th and Harvey

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Enter through the northwest door, take the elevator to 2nd floor,
go to room 225

September Speaker~~Inez Phillips

Topic: Contest Awards

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