

Oklahoma City Writers, Inc.

December Speaker--Peggy Chambers

Topic: *Location, Location, Location.*

Peggy calls Enid, Oklahoma home. She is an award winning, three-time published author, always working on another. Retired now, she can spend all her time making up stories. She has two children, five grandchildren and lives with her husband and dog. She attended Phillips University, the University of Central Oklahoma, and is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma.

She is a member of the Enid Writers' Club, Oklahoma Writers' Federation, Inc., and the Oklahoma Women Bloggers. There is always another story weaving itself around in her brain trying to come out.

Peggy's publications include *Glome's Valley* and *The Apocalypse Sucks*.

You can find her at <http://peggychambers.wordpress.com/> where she writes a weekly blog, *Views from a Hammock* and like her on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/BraWars>, or connect with her out on Twitter at @ChambersPeggy.

Merry Christmas

**WE WILL BE MEETING IN ROOM 225 IN
THE ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH UNTIL THE END OF 2016.**



He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree.

~~Roy L. Smith

Interim President's Message

by Shelley Pagach (pay-jack)

Oklahoma City Writer's has experienced two major changes within a matter of weeks. Our dear friend and president, Dana Seaton, passed away and we moved our meeting place to St. Luke's UMC.

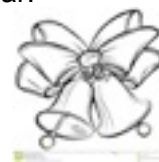
That being said, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

It's time to elect new officers and appoint new positions, and we still have a few left open. Thank you Ed Doney (treasurer), John Biggs (VP for speakers), Pam Morgan (webmaster), and Inez Phillips (newsletter) for hanging in there and reprising your roles again this coming year. Thank you David Severe for coordinating the roster.

I've agreed to step into the president's spot, but that leaves the duties of membership VP open. We need a contest chair, publicity, and refreshments. David Severe, has the complete list of available positions.

Hope to see you at the December meeting. Coffee and meet-n-greet from 10:00 to 10:15 and the meeting will be from 10:15 to 12:00. We're still looking of places to go for lunch, so any suggestions would be greatly appreciated!

Please, please, PLEASE consider volunteering for something this next year!



2015 Oklahoma City Writers Contest Winners

Humor – Judge: John Biggs

1st place – Shelley Anne Richter, *Switched*

2nd place – David Severe, *Making an Audience Disappear*

3rd place – Molly Lemmon, *Patsy's Ghost*

Inspirational – Judge:

Marsha Kay Oldham

1st place – Terri Lynn Cummings, *A New Season*

2nd place – Maria Veres, *Okay, God, I Got It*

3rd place – Mary Brannon, *Christmas in March*

1st HM – Trina Lee, *Wanting to Write*

1st HM – David Severe, *The Lost Drum Major Lessons*

2nd HM – Sandy Soli, *God with Us: A Devotion*

3rd HM – Karen Graham, *Rose Chintz*

Juvenile – Judge: Wayne

Harris-Wyrick

1st place – Shelley Anne Richter, *Tattletale*

2nd place – Barbara Shepherd, *Hear Me on the Radio*

3rd place – Maria Veres, *The Secret Life of Ketchup*

Essay – Judge: Gail Mattingly

1st place – Maria Veres, *Worst Employee of the Year*

2nd place – Marlys Gallagher, *Plastique*

3rd place – Paula Severe, *A Russian Tea Party*

HM – Karen Graham, *Tentative Steps*

Poetry – Judge: Sandy Soli

1st place – David Severe, *Shining Mountains*

2nd place – Terri Lynn Cummings, *His Goodnight Moon*

3rd place – Maria Veres, *What to Do with Thought of Suicide*

Short Story – Judge: Marcia Preston

1st place – Mariana Llanos, *The Unimportance of Being Oscar*

2nd place – Maria Veres, *The Color of Hope*

3rd place – Gail Mattingly, *Such a Nice Family*

Flash Fiction – Judge:

Carolyn Wall

1st place – Sandra Soli, *War Lords*

2nd place – Barbara Shepherd, *Soldier Lost*

3rd place – Maria Veres, *Caught*

Feature Article – Judge: Bill

Boudreau

1st place – Jean Stover, *From a Creek Springs a Town*

2nd place – Sandy Soli, *Open Courseware: Get Smart for Free*

3rd place – Nelda Holliman-Paden, *Miniature Garden*

HM – Shelley Pagach, *52 Card Pick Up*

Nostalgia – Judge: Cathy

Newell

1st place – Marlys Gallagher, *At Home on the West Bank*

2nd place – Hart Tillett, *Yoli*

3rd place – Gail Mattingly, *Riding with Daddy*

Book – Judge: Maria Veres

1st place – Barbara Shepherd, *Searching for Mandalay*

2nd place – Ed Doney, *Target: Rocky Mountain High*

3rd place – Brenda Clark

Thomas: *Dryiege's Key*

HM – Hart Tillett, *The Other Fort George*,

Crème de la Crème

Judge: Gordon Greene

Sandra Soli, *War Lords*



If you won money in the contest, be kind to the treasurer, and CASH THE CHECK.

Opportunities for Writers

Bill Bernhardt announced that his summer writing retreats are scheduled for:

May 18-22, 2016 Eureka

Spring Retreat, The Writers Colony at Dairy Hollow

June 9-12, 2016 Nashua NH (Boston area) Retreat

June 23-26, 2016 Huntington Beach (Anaheim area)

California Retreat

June 30-July 3, 2016 Durango Colorado Retreat

July 21-24, 2016 Oahu, Hawaii

For more information:

<http://>

[www.williambernhardt.com/red_sneaker_wc/](http://www.williambernhardt.com/red_sneaker_wc/writing_retreats.php)

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Each month Bill sends a free eNewsletter filled with tips and news for writers. To be added to the mailing list, sign up here: <http://>

[www.williambernhardt.com/red\\_sneaker\\_wc/](http://www.williambernhardt.com/red_sneaker_wc/)



"Christmas gift suggestions:

To your enemy, forgiveness.

To an opponent, tolerance. To

a friend, your heart. To a

customer, service. To all,

charity. To every child, a good

example. To yourself,

respect."

~~~Oren Arnold

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2015 OWFI Alternates
Dana Seaton
Carolyn Leonard



It's That Time of the Year

Ed Doney, our treasurer, is collecting 2016 dues now. You can give it to him at the meetings or send your \$20 to him at his residence:
3608 Katherine Ct.
Edmond, OK 73013

Member News

Audrey Streetman has published a collection of new poetry, *Deep Calls to Deep*. The book may be purchased at Full Circle Book Store, through Audrey's website www.audreystreetman.com or from Audrey directly. Her email is: bankerbard@cox.net.
Barbara Shepherd's new cookbook, *Vittles and Vignettes*, is available for sale.



David Severe nominations chair, has presented the following names to be voted on at the December meeting.

Slate of Officers

President -- Shelley Pagach
1st VP of Membership -- Trina Lee
2nd VP of Programs -- John Biggs
Secretary -- Lorelei Sawtell
Treasurer -- Ed Doney



Unless we make Christmas an occasion to share our blessings, all the snow in Alaska won't make it 'white'.

~~Bing Crosby

One of the most glorious messes in the world is the mess created in the living room on Christmas day. Don't clean it up too quickly.

~~Andy Rooney

Once again, we come to the Holiday Season, a deeply religious time that each of us observes, in his own way, by going to the mall of his choice.

~~Dave Barry

Christmas is joy, religious joy, an inner joy of light and peace.

~~Pope Francis

Christmas isn't a season. It's a feeling.

~~Edna Ferber

Christmas, my child, is love in action. Every time we love, every time we give, it's Christmas.

~~Dale Evans

Maybe Christmas, the Grinch thought, doesn't come from a store.

~~Dr. Seuss

The main reason Santa is so jolly is because he knows where all the bad girls live.

~~George Carlin

Roses are reddish
Violets are bluish
If it weren't for Christmas
We'd all be Jewish.

~~Benny Hill

OKLAHOMA CITY WRITERS, INC.

Time: 10:15

Date: Saturday, December 19

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

We will meet here until December 2016.

December Speaker~~Peggy Chambers

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