November Speakers
~~ Sandra Soli & Judith Rycroft

Topic ~~ Annual Contest Awards

Certificates and checks for the contest winners will be announced at the meeting.

In the December newsletter, the contest chairs will share their recommendations and thoughts about contests and how to improve your chances of winning.

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Coming Soon

Michael Frizell, the December speaker will be presenting the following:

*The Arcane Art of Graphic Fiction: Writing Comic Books*

Member News

Barbara Shepherd won first place in the Poetry Society of Oklahoma National Poetry Day Contest for her poem “Stripe the Prairie.”

Maria Veres presented poetry readings at the Tidewater Winery in Drumright in September, and at the Norman Depot in October. She was the Oklahoma City Writers nominee for Oklahoma Poet Laureate. Maria has written a nonfiction article for Make A Living Writing, HerNexxChapter.org, and Edmond Outlook.

(Withdrawn—When I receive member news I drop it into a file and save the original email. If I think an email is incomplete, you will be notified only one time asking for corrections.)
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We need a volunteer to be the 2019 president. You will get lots of help and no one will find fault with the way you do the job. If someone is silly enough to criticize you, we will draft them/her for president next year. How can you pass up a deal like this?

October Meeting Notes

John Dwyer spoke about some of his experiences as a writer. If you are trying to get your book published, you are not the Lone Ranger. He was the only reader of his first book for seven years and then he found a publisher.

Some John’s points includes:
--Look on every life experience as gold.
--Your experiences can you prepare for handling your book.
--Don’t be your own worst enemy, Put the time wasters out of your life.
--Pick one thing to work on whether it is booze, food, smoking, loafing
--You have to play for the long game: submit, resubmit, resubmit
--Find someone who will hold you accountable for your writing.
--Join a writing group and go to every meeting, You will always learn something. You need other artists around you to share experiences. Listen to everyone will lead you to your voice.
--Don’t give up. Keep working.
--Figure out what distinguishes you and work on it. For John, it is his cowboy hat.
--John is the first Dwyer male who has survived heart disease long enough to get cancer.

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

~~John Fitzgerald Kennedy
Mark your calendars! The OWFI writing contest will open for submissions on December 1, 2018, and will close at 11:59 p.m. (CST), February 1, 2019. For the low cost of $30, you can enter all thirty-four categories one time each. Challenge yourself to enter a new category. To which new category will you submit?

Full (two-day) and partial (one-day) conference scholarships are available for qualifying applicants. Lodging and extra tickets, lunches, or workshops are not included. Membership in OWFI is not required, but suggested. Application for scholarships must be received no later than March 1, with notification of selection by March 15. All candidates must complete this application form with a statement saying why they would like to attend. Previous scholarship recipients will be considered if funding is available after new applications have been reviewed.

The scholarship application form is on the OWFI website

The OWFI Silent Auction (Basket Bonanza, previously Basket Wars) project raises funds for the next year’s scholarship; therefore, each recipient must agree to volunteer at the auction tables during the conference – one hour for a one-day scholarship or two hours for both days. Scholarships do not include hotel room or extra workshops. Failure to show up at appointed time for volunteer work will result in the recipient being ineligible for a scholarship ever again.
You may mail your $25 dues to the treasurer or hand it to her at a meeting. Only dues paid after September 15, 2018 are counted as 2019 dues.

Nelda Paden, Treasurer

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Saturday, November 17, 2018
Coffee at 9:45    Meeting at 10:00

We meet in the St. Luke’s Methodist Church at NW 15th and Harvey, Oklahoma City. Enter through the north door by handicap parking and go to Room 130.

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