



Newsletter of the

Carrollton Creative Writers' Club

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The Carrollton Creative Writers Club is a support group of writers for writers.

Our mission: To provide information and critique, and to facilitate the art of all forms of written expression.

Meeting times:

10:00 am - 12:00 pm, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays Carrollton Cultural Arts Center

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm 2nd and 4th Thursdays Carrollton Cultural Arts Center

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BUSINESS:

The CCWC has been accepted to participate in MECCA Fest this year. Thank you to Penny Lewis for all her efforts on our behalf. Mecca fest is October 11th and 12th. Beverly Bruemmer, Joe Byrd, Mary Cunningham and Diana Black plan to participate. If you are able, please take the time to stop by our CCWC tent to show your support and reinforce the Art Guild's stamp of approval.

FACILITATOR:

Zan Marie Steadham facilitated June's meeting. She brought Gyla Gonzalez of Latinos United and the University of West Georgia radio station. She opened the door for submissions from anyone interested in sharing poetry or short stories. Thanks for this opportunity and two wonderful meetings Zan Marie.

David Green facilitated our July meetings. He brought the world famous author Stephen King, with his wife and son to our group. All three participated in an in depth interview. Of course, it was all on video, but it still counted. To hear from a master such as King, whether we like his genre or not, is still inspiring. What an innovative meeting, thanks to David.

Joann Dunn facilitates August. The first meeting is sharing what we, as writers, enjoy reading. We will also share why we enjoy the authors we choose and read short excerpts from some of their works. The second meeting will be sharing our own work for critique and business as usual.

READINGS:

Note from the editors: Don't forget to refer to your guidelines when preparing for your reading. Please be sure to encapsulate your writing so as to avoid a lengthy oration prior to reading.

June's Readings

Gyla D. González, our June guest speaker requested our members to read poetry during her visit. Many wonderful poems were shared as well as some prose. Ms. González stated that she was both pleased and surprised at our group's diversity and the quality of our work.

- ❖ **Mary Wilburn** read her poem entitled ***Beach Comber's Bounty***
- ❖ **Richard Anderson** shared his story, ***Hospital Memoir***
- ❖ **Jennifer Green** (the lovely wife of our own Dave Green) read two poems, ***The Playground***, and ***The Ice in My Glass***

❖ **Zan Marie** read a poem she calls **The Valley Walk**

Don't forget Ms. González's offer to interview members of the CCWC on her radio show!!! She would like to start interviews in September. Send submissions to ggproductions@charter.net , include your bio, your contact info and your availability, and remember to bring any sound stuff with you to the interview!

July's Readings

❖ **Zan Marie** shared **Carnations**, from her **MOTHER'S DAY** manuscript in progress.

READER'S COMMENTS: Thanks for all the positive feedback. I'm glad my restaurant setting with it's undercurrents of conflict and cattiness came through. Now if I can just get Laura Grace's thoughts in better and make the conflicts grow and explode. As always, it is great to see you all and have a good laugh.

❖ **Richard Anderson** read his short story **Collateral Damage**.

READER'S COMMENTS: The group critique of my short story "Collateral Damage" in July was helpful and encouraging. I considered every critique comment, made a few edits and sent the piece to the new Millennium Writing contest.

❖ **Dave Green** read his flash fiction story **Leviathan**.

READER'S COMMENTS: I appreciate the unending positivity! You all are so supportive, even when I jump out there and try something new. Thanks.

CHECK YOUR CALENDARS:

The Decatur Book Festival is around the corner. This year featuring various and as sundry events of interest to include talks, readings,

performances, and signings by 250 local, national, and international authors. August 29th, 30th, and 31st are the festival dates. Some of us will be there as participants. We hope the rest can make it as spectators for what sounds like an exciting time and perhaps a chance to rub elbows. For more information on times and location visit www.decaturookfestival.com .

The Southern Breeze conference is coming up October 17th and 18th. Light Your Creative Fire this year will feature the keynote speaker, award-winning Paul Fleischman. SCBWI encompasses everything children's authors/illustrators would want or need to know to hone their craft.

PERSONALS:

Beverly Bruemmer & Mary Cunningham participated in Bands, Burgers & Books, a benefit for Ferst Foundation for Childhood Literacy. Thank you both for your shining efforts to promote such a worthy cause.

Beverly Bruemmer received a rave review written by Phil Hudgins, senior editor of Community Newspapers Inc., which publishes the White County News. His review of **To Market To Market In the Big Red Truck** and **Doublewide Divas** reached over 30 newspapers in the southeast. Well deserved praise and recognition for our own Bubbles.

Mary Cunningham, had great success with her June 20th book signing at Horton's Books & Gifts. She's been invited back around the holidays to sell, not only her trilogy of children's books *Cynthia's Attic*, but *Women Only Over Fifty*, too!

OH! And, (groan, sigh, groan) yet another review from Word Press.Com in the 3rs reading den to the tune of "The third time really is the charm for author ***Mary Cunningham***, as her latest installment in the *Cynthia's Attic* series is the best of the trio. While books one

and two are delightfully entertaining, within a few pages of book three, it is apparent that the writer has grown right alongside her two main characters." For more please visit <http://rjscafe.wordpress.com/2008/07/06/curse-of-the-bayou-by-mary-cunningham-ya/> it won't be hard to find since she is the featured author. We really are proud of you Babe, (Oink!)

Joann Dunn is trying her hand at blogging once more. She is creating a site that is a how-to for publishing independently, a step by step guide for the technically illiterate. Please visit WordyWomanWriter.Blogspot.com. Good work Joann. I'm sure this will be a help to many writers out there.

We've had a number of losses these past few months of family members and loved ones. Our condolences to those of us who will miss our loved ones, and our thanks to you all for your care, concern, friendship and love. Our diversity in genre and talent in writing are only a couple of things that make our group so wonderful. Our collective heart is another.

We would like to inform all you newsletter groupies, that Amber and Dave are no longer going to be your Newsletter editors. Much discussion has been had which led to our decision to pass on this important forum. Amber and I have grown to be very close friends as a (partial) result of this co-dependency. I could not have been an editor without Granny Pickle, and always relied on her to ensure the quality and quantity within this newsletter. She has endured my lack of being on time and allowed me to interject my loving sarcasm, as often as I needed. Please help Amber and I welcome our new Editor, ZanMarie as she takes over.

As we will be passing the torch so to speak, this newsletter is dedicated to: Hampton Bruemmer, Bill Steadham, Wayne Ellsworth Smith, and Ben Stallings.

Helpful links:

<http://www.usu.edu/journalism/faculty/sweeney/resources/ap.htm>
http://www.bu.edu/com/writingprgm/ap_styleguide1.pdf

www.ask.com

S.T.R.A.P.

	Submissions	Take a Look	Rejections	Acceptances	Pledge
Amber	1				10
Dave					10
Richard	2			1	
ZanMarie	7			4	

Anyone who would like to participate please submit your name and your pledge. If we don't submit . . . well, none of these others will happen. The more no's we get, the closer we are to publishing. So let us know. How many submissions do you pledge to make in the next month, quarter, year, whatever.

WRITE, WRITE, WRITE . . . SUBMIT, SUBMIT, SUBMIT.

Happy writing fellow scribes. See you next month.

Please be kind enough to bring any incorrect data, mistakes, or omissions to our attention via amber_pickle@msn.com

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Thank you for your patience if they exist in this issue.

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