

THE GABRIEL WRITER

For the San Gabriel Writers' League – www.sgwl.net – April 2015

April Speaker – Beth Ann Stifflemire

The
April 2
SGWL meeting
Is at the
Georgetown Public
Library.
Gather at 6:30;
Meeting at 7:00.
See you there !!

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Beth Ann Stifflemire is a woman who decided to make dreams a reality in 2010. She created a bucket list and never looked back. To date Beth Ann has tackled many items on that bucket list: written a book, published a book, run a half-marathon, started a blog, changed careers and much more.

Beth Ann has been featured in the Austin American Statesman, Monster.com, Texas Wine Trail, Texas A&M University Communications Department Feature, Georgetown View Magazine and Hill Country News.

Through her bucket list journey Beth Ann uncovered an underlying passion for writing and decided to tackle it head on. She is a published author with her next titles to be released the fall of 2015: *Diverted Heart* (due out August 2015) and *Fates Betrayal* (due out October 2015).

Beth Ann suffered a devastating and tragic loss in 2003 that changed the entire course of her future. This one single event changed her outlook on life and she knew she wanted to leave a mark on this earth. This ignited the desire to follow her passions and in 2010 after contemplating a way to personally document her life journey and aspirations the bucket list was born.

Beth Ann is from Texas and come from a family rooted in strong family values. She is the middle of three children and was forever affected when her parents internationally adopted her younger brother from Russia in 1994. This amazing little boy was a dream of her parents and through their unselfish act demonstrated to Beth that you can achieve the dreams of your heart. After graduating high school she attended Texas A&M University and received a Bachelors in Communications in 2004. She married her husband one week prior to graduation and they've now been married ten years and have a son. Beth Ann jokes that her husband was the first person she ever went on a date with, but the one who stole her heart. She entered the business world working for the CLO and CFO of a local Austin Based Credit Union in 2005. It was only by an unexpected opportunity that she later fell into Human Resources and most recently spread her wings even further when beginning another career as an author.

When not writing, Beth enjoys spending time at home with her family, blogging, reading any self-help book or romance read she can get her hands on, likes trying out Texas wines, is an avid hot tea drinker, loves discovering all kinds of music and is adding a new pair of shoes to her ever growing closet inventory.

Here are the descriptions of facial parts from last meeting's workshop—the ones I could read.

Where did you find it? She Gaspd. I realize the day Daddy gave it to me as if it were yesterday. Could I have been sixty years ago. A single tear trickled down her cheek as she gently caressed the doll.

He stopped in his tracks spun around looked in his eyes. "You want a divorce? Over my dead body. "We married for better or worse. I can't help it if this is the worse. You're stuck! He turned on his heels and marched down the dock got into his boat and sped across the lake.

Cowboy: The wrinkles around his eyes gave away his age, but his face showed his determination. He had not shaved in days, and he vowed to keep going until he found the man who had harmed his daughter.

Cheeks: The weathered sailor's cheeks sagged inward like the canvas of a sail curved by the wind.

Crazy Look: The eyes of a mischievous boy looked out from under an old man's shaggy, grey eyebrows. An untended mustache that dipped into full goatee half-hid his smile. Old men's ears each sprouting a crop of grey hair, grew longer with each passing year.

Ear: He appeared from nowhere, ears like antennae in the midst of a great storm.

Lips: Age crinkled lips smiled like pink crepe paper at a birthday party.

Amanda's chocolate face was blessed with almond shaped eyes that danced with the innocent joy of a six year old. Her hair was combed into a half a dozen braids sporting brightly colored balls. Her forefinger hushed her lips, but her expression said to me, "I don't know you yet, but I think we could become friends."

Was it her smile or her eyes? They both said, "Hello, I could be your friend." Her lips curled upward at the corners and her lips were parted just enough to show perfect upper teeth. The lower had to be as magnificent. It was the eyes, though. Grey _____ brown eyebrows.

One look at her protruding teeth and he couldn't help but say, "Kiss me, my tonsils itch."

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March Minutes

General Meeting Minutes – March 5, 2015

The Call to Order:

Paul Fronczek called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

The Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Kayla Marnach was absent.

New Business:

Visitor: Lo Anne Mayer, author of *Celestial Conversations: Healing Relationships After Death*, a memoir on grieving.

Old Business

Paul Fronczek said more SGWL brochures are needed.

Braggs:

Martin Shelton announced a new book on Kindle. Mary Bryan Stafford's novel *A Wasp in the Fig Tree* was named "Best Historical Fiction" by The Association of Texas Authors. Awards will be presented April 12.

Program:

Janet Kilgore introduced Paul Fronczek who led a workshop on describing the face.

Adjournment: 8:00 PM

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