

# THE GABRIEL WRITER

For the San Gabriel Writers' League – [www.sgw.net](http://www.sgw.net)

## Mike Cox – May 7 Speaker



JOIN US!

The  
May 7  
SGWL meeting  
is at the  
Georgetown  
Public Library.  
Gather at 6:30;  
Meeting at  
7:00.  
See you there  
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Mike Cox, an elected member of the Texas Institute of Letters, is the author of 21 Texas-related, non-fiction books as well as numerous magazine articles. Author of a best-selling two-volume narrative history of the Texas Rangers, "The Texas Rangers: Wearing the Cinco Peso, 1821-1900" and "Time of the Rangers: The Texas Rangers 1900 to Present," Cox in September 2010 received the A.C. Greene Award for lifetime achievement as a writer.

A former award-winning journalist for the Austin American-Statesman and other Texas newspapers, Cox spent more than 15 years as spokesman for the Texas Department of Public Safety, handling media interviews at the scene of some of the biggest news events in recent Texas history.

He retired as communications manager for the Texas Department of Transportation in 2007, but retired from retirement in 2010 to join the communications division of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. He still devotes much of his free time to writing, editing/consulting and public speaking.

Mike will be speaking on "Trailing Texas History," in conjunction with his latest book *Trailing the Texas Rangers*. He recently retired from Texas Parks and Wildlife Magazine and plans to write the Texas history he loves fulltime.

## President's Words

Time leaps by and we are a few days away from our SGWL meeting. I am getting too busy in my retirement of writing, Healing Ministry and living. My mother always said, "The older you become, the years pass faster and faster." She was right. Join us May 7 for a great presentation.

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## April Minutes

### San Gabriel Writer's League

**Janet Kilgore taking the minutes for Sid Frost:**

**General Meeting Minutes – February 5, 2015**

**The Call to Order:**

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

**The Treasurer's Report:** Kayla reported we have a positive ending balance of \$2,007.48 and gave a printed financial report to Secretary.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**Brags:** Will the members who had brags please email them to me so I can amend the minutes?

[Janet-kilgore@austin.rr.com](mailto:Janet-kilgore@austin.rr.com)

**Program:** Beth Ann Stifflemire

**Adjournment:** 8:10 PM

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## Upcoming Speakers

**June – Jim Money: Vietnam veteran, presents his book and talks about his experiences.**

**July – Emma Ferguson: Using Humor to Increase Your Writing Creativity**

**September – Mary Helen Specht: Her debut novel (January, 2015) was a New York Times Book Review Editor's Choice**



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### EAST TEXAS BOOK FEST CALL FOR ATTENDEES AND EXHIBITORS

We are excited about the 2015 East Texas Book Fest, set for August 21-22. This year's event is bound to be bigger and better than past years. In its 7th year, it is expanded to two days, with seminars and workshops, and takes place in a large venue, Tyler's Harvey Convention Center. (<http://etxbookfest.org>)

We would be delighted to have members of your group attend the workshops. But we also urge them to apply to participate as exhibiting authors. We are attaching a letter of invitation to apply, along with an information sheet called "Wanted: Texas Authors" that gives details of the event. Also attached is an MS Word version of the 2015 Author Application.

We would appreciate your notifying your members about the Book Fest through your website/and/or newsletter and also encouraging them to apply to participate by sending them the attached information. If they are interested, ask them to complete the application, rename it with their last name.

NOTE: APPLICATION DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO MAY 15, 2015.

IF YOU WANT THE ATTACHMENTS PLEASE EMAIL [JANET-KILGORE@AUSTIN.RR.COM](mailto:JANET-KILGORE@AUSTIN.RR.COM)

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## A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Our vice-president, Sam Holland, had to resign because of work and family pressures. Paul Fronczek and I are temporarily fulfilling his duties, but we need help. These duties primarily consist of scheduling speakers for our meetings. We have already scheduled speakers for June, July, and September, so you wouldn't have to hit the floor running.

Paul, members of the league, and I can provide suggestions and contact information on people to invite. This is not a work-intensive position. But I could really use a hand. I've got my hands full with membership and the newsletter and Paul can't be president and vice president. I'm starting to feel like a one-man band, and Paul doesn't want to have to buy two airplane tickets when he travels.

The point is, we need someone to step up and be the vice president. All the work can be done at home by phone or email. If you'd like to help out, please contact Paul ([Plumt00easy@gmail.com](mailto:Plumt00easy@gmail.com)) or me ([janet-kilgore@austin.rr.com](mailto:janet-kilgore@austin.rr.com)).

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**Lois Parker** is an original founder of the San Gabriel Writers League. She is also the most delightful, intelligent, and talented woman I've ever known. I am pleased to print two of her poems in the newsletter.

### A BIRD'S TUNE

A small bird flew against the window pane  
and left a mark, a tiny signature  
that stays reminder of his brief foray  
into human ways, then suddenly returned  
and sat for the moments on the sill, his eyes  
on me the while before he sang, his tune  
and its intentionality delivered  
true. With so imperative a gift,  
how could I not respond in kind, as near  
his art as nature would allow me do?  
I therefore now will sing his tune in turn  
upon the stave from which my harp will ring  
remembrance of a gift from heaven's blue.

Lois Parker

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## AT NATURE'S KNELL

The ravens will not light in a tree  
that's dead, but circle there for sure,  
where death is being said. They wheel  
in a gyre where wind blows free-er, higher,  
and choose instead a plant with green  
aglow. I know this true, have seen  
it through the decades, watched the two,  
my lifelong loves – of root and wing –  
of yearning hearts to preen and sing  
the joy of senses pure and clean  
as given, each to say just what  
the way to tell one's bursting awe,  
The surety of Nature's knell.

Why, then, do I – all purpose fading  
fast – yet receive these odes  
that, with no possible resist,  
come to my weary mind? Is it  
because I cease too soon, my own  
Intent in precedent, indeed  
above that hold hand? Oh, shame  
to me – in double shame I box –  
to claim amiss my turn upon  
God's calendar. So, here I vow  
my final time meanwhile to do  
in full whatever word or task  
my Maker sets into my mind.

Lois Parker

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