
THE GABRIEL WRITER

For the San Gabriel Writers' League – www.sgw.net – May 2016

Sylvia Dickey Smith – May Speaker



Writing a bio for San Gabriel Writer's League is like writing a bio for your family—for indeed, members of SGWL are and have been my family for more than a decade.

I am a fifth generation Texan, with roots growing deep in the swamps and bayous of Southeast Texas. I author the Sidra Smart mysteries, with four books in the series published to date, along with a small cookbook. The fifth of the series is in first draft. I also authored a historical fiction set during WWII homefront, and have recently released *Original Cyn*, a departure for me into the world of contemporary fiction.

My husband Bill and I moved to Hot Springs, Arkansas three years ago and loved the city and her people, but found a dearth of organized writing organizations. One trip to the public library and soon we founded the Garland County Library Writers College. I was the lone teacher this time, and taught two-hour monthly writing classes. The classes

were well received and extremely well attended. We are happy to be back in Georgetown, and I am particularly excited to be an active participant of SGWL.

Sylvia Dickey Smith is a successful author and lecturer. Come see this entertaining writer and learn from her. –Ed.

President's Words

Have you lost your sense of wonder in painting words? Our daily writing struggle is describing the world around the characters that dwell in our head. But, somehow, we can visualize the picture and yet to convey that picture into words - our vocabulary fails us. Our recycling of words and phrases are lost or they do not fit quite right into the scene description. Yes, we see the barefooted young boy wearing coveralls. Is this enough for the reader to create their own vision of the boy of what we want to convey to the reader? Where is the answer? It's about reading and studying what others have written before you. All I can say is read, read, read.....

April Minutes

San Gabriel Writer's League

General Meeting Minutes – April 7, 2016

The Call to Order:

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

The Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Kayla Marnach reported a positive ending balance of \$1229.81.

New Business:

Newsletter was held up by technical problems. Janet brought some hard copies to look at. Our next speaker will be Sylvia Dickey Smith.

Old Business:

Brag:

Ross is working with Sylvia on a cover for Sylvia's book. He is also doing illustrations for the 50-year celebration of the Milledgeville Mental Institution.

Paul has an article called "A Break in Time" in the Christian magazine Sharing. He also has five stories in "Leaving our Footprints in the Sand."

Program:

The program was given by Dave Ciambone, Books that Bite. It was a presentation of what goes into writing a mystery and not only the parts of a mystery, but also the pitfalls that lie in wait for the mystery writer.

Adjournment: 8:00 PM

From the Editor:

I need help. My knee is not healing as it should. That, as well as some family problems, is making it very difficult to produce the newsletter. Would someone be willing to take it over for a couple of

months? I should be able to take it back then. I have a template made to facilitate the process. Contact me at janet-kilgore@austin.rr.com. Thank you.

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**The
May 5, 2016
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Is at the
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Public Library
Gather at 6:30
Meeting at 7:00
See you there !!**

The Write place for the writer in you!
