

KWI: KANSAS WRITER'S INK

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Thanks for a Great Year!

Can someone please tell me where all of September and October went? Here we are on the verge of celebrating Thanksgiving and it seems like time is speeding up so rapidly it's making my head spin. Am I alone in this? With that said, November is a time for giving thanks. It's not just about a slow roasted Turkey with all the fixings (darn!). In any case, I want to make sure I tell each and every one of you how thankful I am to have you in my life. Even if we don't get to see each other often or talk over the phone, know that I am honored to have you in my life. I'm a firm believer that God puts people in your life for a reason, whether it's to bond over our writing or just be a good friend to one another, it's important to give thanks for that friendship. November started off on an interesting note, leaving people shocked or satisfied depending on your election stance. Whatever the case, remember to take time for yourself and be thankful for all your loved ones. Enjoy the holiday's with your families and ring in the new year ensuring that you live life to the fullest. Envision the goals you set for yourself and make 2017 a great year. I wish you all a wonderful holiday season filled with laughter and great memories. See you all in 2017!

Romie

Great Writers Right Here! Author Fair

KWI has been invited to host a table at this year's author's fair put on by the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library. The event will be held December 10 from 1 – 4 p.m.

Miranda Ericsson, who sent the invitation, wrote, "We want to provide more of a draw to all of the writers that we're engaging in the community who aren't publishing yet, and to provide even more benefit to participating authors. With that in mind, we're inviting area publishers, presses, and journals to join us at the event. So far we have reps from Mammoth, Woodley, Coal City Press, the Flint Hills Review, and Inscape on board, and we're waiting to hear back from Little Balkans Press and Wonder Fair. It's going to be an awesome event. Our local writing groups are a really important part of the equation, too."

We will need members to man the table throughout the event and Miranda suggested those members who are already published can double up with us and sell their books at the same time. If you are interested in selling your works or just manning the booth at the event, please email Billie-Renee Knight at knightdrk2@yahoo.com with your availability by December 5.

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KWI RETREAT 2017

It's time to be thinking about next year's retreat. We've booked **April 7th, 8th and 9th at the Basswood Lodge**. This was the only time they had available. A **\$50.00 deposit** is required **by February 1st 2017** to secure your spot for the weekend.

This year we've established a **'Pick Your Bed'** for the first 10 members who get their deposits to Shayne. When she receives your check, she'll contact you to find out where in the Lodge you wish to sleep—she'll then reserve that spot for you.

An update on beds: bedroom 3 is taken. There is still room in the basement bedroom, and there is 1 bunk left in bedroom 2. Bedroom 1 is currently empty.

Mail your deposits to:

Shayne Sawyer

2601 SW Western Ave

Topeka, KS 66611

December Online Workshops

Secrets of a Research Ninja

Date: December 5–16, 2016

Presenter: Kristen Koster. FMI, <http://fthrw.com/online-workshops>.

The Silent Beats in Dialogue

Fee: FREE

Date: December 13–15, 2016

Presenter: Laurie Sanders. FMI, <http://www.oirwa.com/forum/campus/#DEC5>.

Kudos

Linda Madl, KWI past president and founder, announces the release of *TESSA 'S CHRISTMAS* on November 27 through Amazon Kindle. This exclusive author's edition is a re-release of her novella *TESSA 'S HEART*. The traditional western romance was inspired by the Kansas frontier spirit and the Flint Hills. Only days before Christmas, loner Sam Harper encounters three killers and a pretty newspaper editor, Tessa, with her kid brother. A blizzard soon has Sam decorating a Christmas tree before he can pursue the villains. Tessa wonders what she can do to prove to Sam there's more to life than Wanted poster desperados and poker games.

Group Kudos: The KWI Christmas party was a success! This year we raised \$208.00. Thank you to all who attended.

Further Reading

Lies I Told Myself About Self-Publishing

<http://www.writersdigest.com/online-editor/lie-told-self-publishing>

7 Reasons Writers of Serious Novels Should Use Humor in Their Fiction

<http://www.writersdigest.com/online-editor/7-reasons-writers-serious-novels-use-humor-fiction>

How To Create An Inspiring Work Space (for Under \$20)

<http://www.writersdigest.com/online-editor/create-inspiring-work-space-20>

How to Write Time Travel Historical Fiction

<http://www.writersdigest.com/online-editor/write-time-travel-historical-fiction>

9 Ways You Succeed When Your First Draft Fails

<http://www.writersdigest.com/online-editor/9-ways-succeed-first-draft-fails>

An Argument For Writing Short Stories

<http://www.authorspublish.com/an-argument-for-writing-short-stories/>

Seven Things Every Writer Must Know To Survive

<http://www.authorspublish.com/seven-things-every-writer-must-know-to-survive/>

How to Know if You're Really A Writer

<http://www.authorspublish.com/how-to-know-if-youre-really-a-writer/>

7 Tips For Building Your Online Platform

<http://www.authorspublish.com/7-tips-for-building-your-online-platform/>

KWI Blog

Are you interested in writing a blog for KWI? Contact Tish 'Bear' Glasson by e-mail: bearwmnkwi@gmail.com.

KWI Meetings

December: No meeting. Enjoy the holidays with your family.

January 28th, 2017: Large Critique Meeting/Pot Luck. More info to come.

All meetings begin as follows:

Time: 9:30am –3:30pm

Writing/Critique/Tape

9:30am-10:00am/ 10:00am –11:30

Board meeting: 11:30am -12:00am

Member Meeting: 12:30pm -1:00pm

Program Topic: 1:00pm –2:30pm

Financials

Beginning Balance	\$2,999.53
Income	\$50.00
Expenses	\$0.00
Ending Balance	\$3,049.53

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