

## *San Gabriel Writers' League*

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*May 2025*



### *From the Board*

- Occasionally we get requests from non-members asking if we provide certain services or know of someone that does. Unfortunately, we don't have a formal list. However, we can correct that! If you'd like to have your name referenced for any of the following services, or would like more information about any of these, please reply to [sgwlcontact@gmail.com](mailto:sgwlcontact@gmail.com). Services include, but are not limited to:
  - Beta Readers
  - Critique Groups
  - Agents
  - Editors
  - Cover designs
  - Website design
  - Facebook, Instagram, Social Media
  - Other (specify)

### *Special Notes:*

- Due to a mix-up in scheduling by the Parks and Rec Department, our **JUNE meeting** will take place on the **second Thursday**, which is **June 12<sup>th</sup>**. Please mark your calendars accordingly. The Department apologizes and asked for understanding and thanks us for re-scheduling.
- Please welcome the following **New Member** for 2025:

*Richard Southwick*

- *The Austin Film Festival's deadline for screenplays for the AFF is fast approaching. May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 11:59 PM CDT is the last chance for writers to submit a feature, pilot, spec, short, or stage play for judges' consideration in the 2025 competition. More information on the fellowships, categories, and submission process visit: <https://austinfilmfestival.com/about-aff-script-competitions/>*

## *Shout Outs*

*We want to acknowledge submissions and accomplishments of our members. Tell us what's happening in your writing experiences. Submit info by emailing [sgwlcontact@gmail.com](mailto:sgwlcontact@gmail.com). Use the heading of "Shout Outs."*

- *A special **Shout Out** goes to **Ruth Gamble** for her quick thinking! With our April in person meeting cancelled at the last moment, Ruth suddenly found herself with a bunch of perishable food. She promptly took them to the NEST, an excellent non-profit for young adults here in G'Town where I'm sure they were quickly devoured!*
- *On Saturday, April 26, **Caryn Cross Hawk** (aka CC Hawk) was a guest speaker on the Creative Revolution panel at the **Greater Austin Book Fest** (GAB Fest) and part of the Author Fair.*



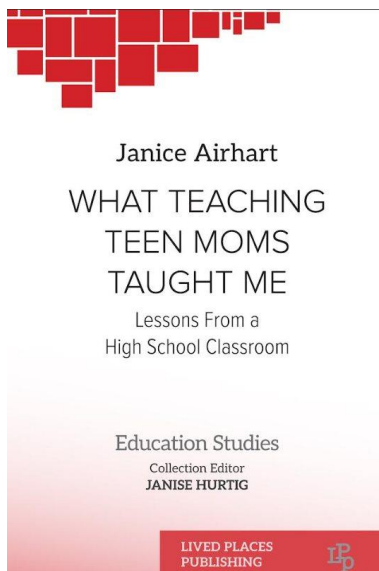
- On May 8<sup>th</sup>, five members attended a Book Fair at the Marble Falls Library. While sales may not have been the best, we did make numerous contacts and met with many potential members.



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*JoAn Brown, Caryn Hawk, Kerry Dashawn, Linda LeBlanc, & Ken Stubert*

## *New Book by Janice Airhart*



In ***What Teaching Teen Moms Taught Me***, author **Janice Airhart** embarks on a transformative journey of discovery at the age of 55 from a career in laboratory science to teaching science to pregnant and parenting teen girls in suburban Oklahoma. Faced with students who are often sick, exhausted, or distracted, she quickly realizes that teaching is more than delivering content as it requires humility, creativity, and responsiveness to unique needs. With limited resources, she integrates science standards with students' interests and their babies' needs, finding joy in the challenge. A DNA lab using Everclear highlights her innovative, risky strategies. The book captures the humor, struggles and triumphs of an unconventional classroom.



- **Podcasts:** *Lisa Greinert* provided a list of not only Podcasts, but the number of views they've received to date. And the numbers keep growing! *Austin Vasquez* just added his name to the list. Maybe you should too? Well done everyone!

S2 E2	C.C. Hawk: Slices of Life essays-fiction-memoir	May 17, 2025	7 days old	74
S2 E3	A 96-year-old Cantankerous Writer and Ex-Navy Captain S. Martin Shelton	Mar 19, 2025	2 months old	125
S2 E1	Linda Thornton: The Skywriter meets a Mermaid	Mar 05, 2025	3 months old	97
S1 E12	"You Don't Know What You Don't Know" with publisher Donnell Looger	Oct 08, 2024	6 months old	248
S1 E11	What Happens when an NFL Player Listens to His Grandmother	Jul 11, 2024	11 months old	182
S1 E10	Men and Emotions... It's a Thing by Laura Jones Swann	May 04, 2024	about 1 year old	165
S1 E9	Harish Rihwani-From Fact to Fiction: A Writer's Journey	Apr 03, 2024	about 1 year old	146
S1 E8	Janice Aihart: A Motherless Daughter	Mar 15, 2024	about 1 year old	93
S1 E7	Marjorie Anderson: The KEY 13:22	Jan 20, 2024	over 1 year old	181
S1 E6	Pari Jha: Being a 14 year old Novelist	Jan 20, 2024	over 1 year old	331
S1 E3	The Fantastic Kent Cummins	Nov 23, 2023	over 1 year old	121
S1 E5	David Dupree: From Dyslexia to Author at the Highest Levels	Nov 23, 2023	over 1 year old	127
S1 E4	Laurie Woodford: From Drill Sergeant to Rom-Coms	Nov 23, 2023	over 1 year old	102
S1 E1	"How to Write a Book from A-Z" Inaugural Podcast	Nov 21, 2023	over 1 year old	109
S1 E2	JB Penrose and the Magic of Urban Fantasy	Nov 21, 2023	over 1 year old	173

To listen to any of the podcasts, visit:

<https://www.buzzsprout.com/2203470>

Please be sure to rate the podcast too!

(Also available on all podcast platforms, including Spotify, Amazon Music and Apple Podcasts.)

## Opportunities:

Georgetown Public Library and the San Gabriel Writers' League will present the 2<sup>nd</sup> session in the, "Let's Get Started" writing series.

The session, entitled, "Honing your Writing Skills" is on June 1st from 1:00 - 3:00. Discussion points will include the importance and structure of the opening sentence, paragraph, chapter, and chapter breaks. Participants will be led through point of view, passive vs. active voice, unnecessary explanations, and writing with emotion. The proper use of slang, alliteration, dialogue, and dialect will also be discussed.



*Subsequent sessions on September 7 and December 7 will guide participants through the main structure and storyline of the book and editing the manuscript. The final session is entitled, "Let's Get It Published."*

*Sessions are open and free to the public. No advance registration is required*

### *Next meeting is:*

*Our next regular meeting is **June 12**. **Social Time begins at 6:30.**  
**Come early and meet and mingle before the formal meeting begins!***

***Bring Your Laptop! Bring Your Laptop! Bring Your Laptop!***

*If transportation is needed, please contact Ken Stubert  
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### **"Hybrid" Meeting\***

**Thursday, June 12, 7:00 – 8:00 P.M.**

**Paula Peckham**

*will present*

### **Formatting Your Self-Published Book**

Self-publishing is easier than ever before, but if you don't have the skills to do your own formatting, it can cost you money to hire someone. Learn how to prepare your Word document manuscript so it is eBook or paperback-ready for uploading to KDP or Ingram Spark. In this class, you will learn how to set margins, choose your book size, enter headers and footers, create a table of contents, plus some Christian writing specifics on how to format Bible verses, etc. **Bring your laptop.**

A fifth-generation Texan, Paula Peckham has three novels. Her debut novel, *Protected*, Book 1 in The San Antonio series, was published in April 2022. Book 2, *A Father's Gift*, and book 3, *Accepted*, finaled in the Selah contest. Her most recent is a contemporary romance titled *Made for More*.

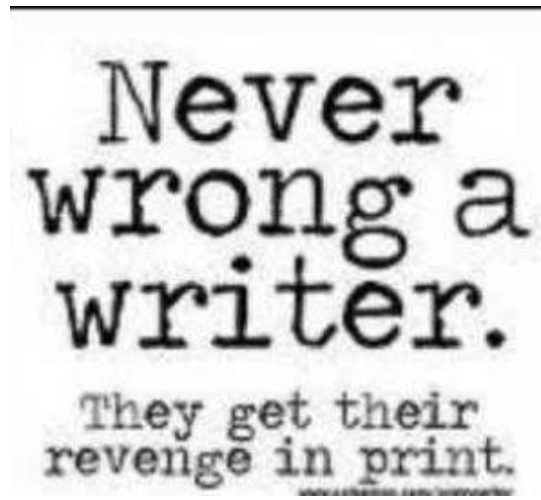
Paula divides her time between Texas and Rio Bravo, Mexico. Find Paula on Facebook, Instagram, and her blog, "Real people with real-life struggles."

Everyone is welcome! Meetings are appropriate for all levels of writers, beginning to advanced. Attend two meetings before becoming a member.

The in-person hybrid meeting is held at the **Community Room in the Parks Administration Building located at 1101 North College Street in Georgetown, Texas.**

*\*Special Note: Zoom links will be sent out to all members between June 6 - 8. If you do not receive an email ZOOM invitation by June 10, please send an email to [sgwlcontact@gmail.com](mailto:sgwlcontact@gmail.com)*

- *No meeting in July! Enjoy the summer break.*



## *Your 2025 Board Members*

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