



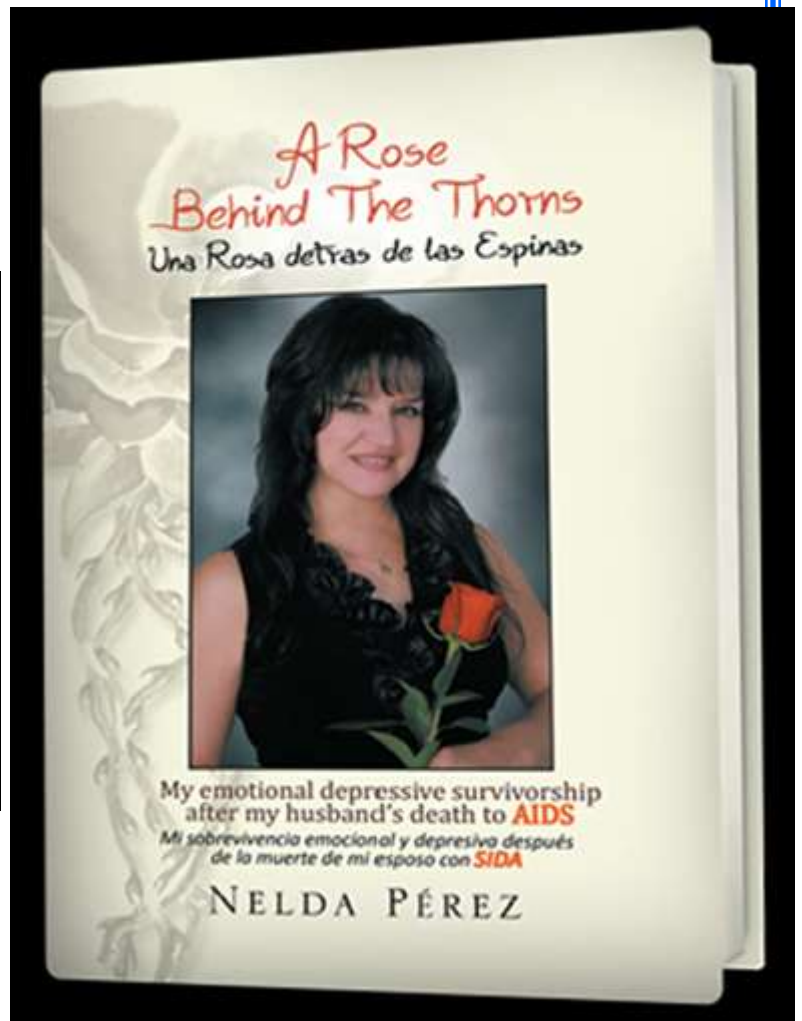
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OCTOBER 2013 NEWSLETTER

Our speaker for October is **Nelda Pérez** **Author of *"A Rose behind The Thorns"***

Nelda Pérez was raised in the Rio Grande Valley, in Texas. She lived and survived a neurological depression that almost took her life after the diagnosis and death of her husband with AIDS. She began her journey to recovery after this dramatic event which led her to write her amazing story.

<http://www.neldaperez.com/index.htm>



*The Valley Byliners meets Saturday, October 12th, 1:30 pm
at the Harlingen Public Library
410 '76 Drive, Harlingen, TX*



Last months speaker was **Brenda Nettles Riojas**



“if our writing is like everyone else’s writing, then no ones going to really pay attention to our writing”...

Brenda gave an all day workshop on creativity in one hour and twenty minutes. She touched upon a number of techniques to prime and boost our creativity, from rolodex cards and writing on the wall to mind-mapping and more.

It was a very full hour and twenty minutes.

A list of current paid-up and Life members for the year 2013

1	Alvarez, Jose A.	22	Overstreet, LeRoy
2	Barlow, Hugh A.	23	Palacios, Jose
3	Bogatto, Mary Jo	24	Ratliff, Edna
4	Clifford, Donald M.	25	Rickett, Shirley
5	Cortazo, Frank	26	Riojas, Brenda
6	Diehl, Debbie	27	Rogans, John
7	Flados, Marge	28	Ross, Carolyn
8	Garcia, Kevin	29	Scott, Narce
9	Gray, Peter C.	30	Silva ,Kaila
10	Greenfield, Ann	31	Sizer, Mona
11	Groves, Sue	32	Soggie, Joan
12	Harris, Jeff	33	Steele, Caroline
13	Holmes, Susan	34	Stevens, Judy
14	Hughes, Sylvia	35	Tamayo, Adela
15	Johnson, Marjorie	36	Torres, Mary
16	King, Jack C.	37	Tuxbury, Georgia
17	Mattei, Eileen	38	Varshney, Rahul
18	Nelson, Bruce	39	West, Wanda
19	Nelson, Marianna	40	Westervelt, Anita
20	Nieland, Carolyn	41	Wheelwright, Verne
21	Ostman, Adrienne	42	Workman, Janice

Only paid-up or Life members are eligible to participate in the monthly Writing Challenge. If your name is not on the list please renew your membership by sending your check for \$20 to :

**Jose Alvarez ,
130 Pizarro Ave.
Rancho Viejo, Tx 78575**

or just click on the “Pay Now” button on the membership page of our new web site.

<http://www.rgvbyliners.org/>



The Winner of the September Writing Challenge was: “Cat Tails” by Marge Flados

The other entries were:

- “The Great Sequoyah Mystery” by **Don Clifford**
- “The Elf Who Gifted the World” by **Frank Cortazo**
- “Ellie” by **Shirley Rickett**
- “The Fall” by **Caroline Steele**

The monthly “Writing Challenge” is only open to current paid-up members and Life members! See the list on page 2.

The October Writing Challenge

For Valley Byliners Members only

Send your work of up to **1500** words to **Edna Ratliff** by **Oct 6th** to:

writerscontest2012@gmail.com.

- Edna will re-send your entry, sans the author’s name, to the membership.
- Each member can cast his or her vote by sending an e-mail to Edna or by voting in person at the Valley Byliners meeting.
- The winning author will receive \$10

Please note

Every third month the Writing Challenge accepts works up to 4000 words in length. These months are:

- **March**
- **June**
- **September**
- **December**

Every other month the limit is 1500 words except for **May and November**, which are for poetry up to 60 lines long.

Critiquing the Monthly Writing Challenge entries:

Any author who wishes his or her entry to be critiqued must label his work “*Critique invited.*”

Anyone who would like to critique an entry can send the critique to Edna and Edna will forward the critique to the author. Edna asks that the critiques be sent to her no later than Wednesday of the week after our meeting and she will forward the critique to the author on the next day.

Critiquing is not mandatory and is at your discretion.

Looking Ahead
Valley Byliners Presenters

Oct 12—Nelda Perez
 Nov 9—Roger Young
 Dec 14—Christmas Party TBA
 Jan 11—Francisco Loya
 Feb 8—Writers Workshop
 March 8—TBA
 April 12—TBA
 May 10—TBA
 June 14—Elizabeth Miller

For a list of other events that Valley writers might be interested in, check out **Edgar Clinton’s** website, [Writers of the Rio Grande](#).