



Valley Byliners Newsletter

Harlingen, TX

January 5, 2010

Next Meeting: Saturday, January 9 at 1:30 PM at the Harlingen Public Library. The regular room will be available.

Sarah Cuadra will return as guest speaker at our January meeting. As most of you know, Sarah is a fellow Byliner and owns the Storybook Garden, a bookstore in Weslaco.

From Jack:

The Christmas party was held at my house on Dec. 12, and we enjoyed a turkey dinner and some good conversation. Besides my family and I, four people attended: Judy, Nellie, Irma, and Verne. Because of the low attendance we did not vote to select a winner for the monthly writing contest. We will vote at the January meeting and the \$20 prize will be awarded. If anyone has a new piece of writing, bring copies for all to the meeting on Saturday. A new contest has begun and one member has already submitted a short story entitled Guadalupe Adventure. As usual, your submission can be a short story, poem, essay, reminiscence, or anything else consisting of 1500 words or less.

The subject for the February workshop is creative writing, short fiction. The workshop will be held at the library auditorium on the 13th. Our presenter will be Shoney Flores, creative writing instructor at UTPA. At the workshop Mr. Flores will focus on the short story as he does in his classes at the university. I assume that Jeff will let us know on Saturday what the price of attendance will be.

Happy writing

From Eileen Mattei:

Jan Seale is holding an all-day workshop "Real Life to Real Stories" on Jan 12 at the Museum of South Texas History in Edinburg. \$60 for the 10 to 3 workshop. .Call 383-6911 for information or reservation.



Member in the News_

In case you missed today's *The Valley Morning Star*, it featured an article on page 2 about our very own Mona Sizer and her newest publication.

Reminder:



Don't forget to look at the two proposals on the book publication and bring your decisions to the meeting.

Pay your dues!!!

