



A note from our president, Gina Nelson

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Very early, I knew that the only object in life was to grow. ~ Margaret Fuller

It is not true that people stop pursuing dreams because they grow old, they grow old because they stop pursuing dreams. ~ Gabriel Garcia Marquez

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Friends, it's time to slough off the heaviness of winter and lift our heads toward the sun, shake off the winter doldrums and burst forth with renewed vigor and creativity.

North Texas Romance Writers provides wonderful opportunities for you to grow as a writer and as a creative being. That's one of the reasons I'm proud to be a member and to serve as your president this year.

On May 15th we will host our annual Critique Round Table. Many of our published authors have volunteered to critique your ten page submissions and meet with you one on one to offer their feedback. The deadline for your submission is Saturday, May 1. Please join us by sending your pages to Kym Roberts at programs@ntrwa.org. Be sure to use Word or rich text format and include the category of your story in the subject line of your email.

Each day you wait to become an RWA PRO member you miss out on another brilliant workshop from our PRO Liaison, Clover Autrey. This week our PRO members continue to labor on a synopsis for their current work in progress. Not only do they benefit from Clover's expertise, but they gather encouragement and tips from the other members on the loop. All it takes for you to turn PRO is for you to submit your completed manuscript to an agent or editor. With the popularity of email submissions, you can complete this task in only a few key-strokes.

More remarkable programs to help you grow are just around the corner, thanks to the dedication of our Program Director, Kym Roberts. Judi McCoy will join us in June to present 5 Easy Steps to Self-Editing, followed in July by Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Book Sellers presented by Georgette Radford of Barnes and Noble, and in August Shelley Kaehr presents Website Building.

All of us need a bit of encouragement to grow as writers and artists. Won't you take advantage of the many ways in which North Texas RWA nurtures its members?

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The two most engaging powers of an author are to make new things familiar and familiar things new. ~ Samuel Johnson