

Join us on the majestic  
Llano Estacado!  
Gateway to the Palo Duro --  
"Grand Canyon of Texas"

*Let your writing dreams take flight...*



*Randall Derrick*



West Texas A&M University's Writers' Academy (WTWA) is dedicated to equipping writers with the tools needed to publish quality fiction in today's market.

**Faculty:**

Jodi Thomas -- Founder and Co-Director  
Tim Lewis -- Co-Director and Host  
Dian Curtis Regan  
Dusty Richards

**Featuring:**

Linda Rohrbough -- Academy Special Guest  
Speaker and nationally recognized  
consultant on marketing a manuscript

*Art by: Randall Derrick (WTAMU Alumnus)  
(Panhandle Moon 2002, Western Kingbird Twins)*

**TIME TO REGISTER!**



WTAMU Haywood Spirit Tower  
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**EARLY BIRD SPECIAL!**

**\$420**



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*The Facts about Fiction*

**June 8-12**  
2009 Annual Conference



Welcome to **West Texas A&M University** and the **Office of Continuing Education (OCE)**!

We are pleased to host the first annual **Writers' Academy (WTWA) Writing To Sell: The Facts about Fiction**, featuring award-winning author, **Jodi Thomas**.

Join us for

- Daily **classes**
- Afternoon **critiques**
- Tour of **Panhandle Plains Historical Museum** (largest history museum in Texas!)
- Trip to Palo Duro Canyon for the outdoor musical **TEXAS**
- Opening **Breakfast, Writers' Roundup** (Texas themed dinner and entertainment)

*Enrollment is limited (25/class) so register now!*

**Class 1: Advanced Novel Writing**

**Jodi Thomas** [www.jodithomas.com](http://www.jodithomas.com)

- *New York Times* and *USA Today* best selling author
- Writer in Residence at West Texas A&M University
- 28 novels and countless short stories to her credit
- 2006 -- Inducted into the *Romance Writers of America's Hall of Fame*
- Named best in her field for three years running

This class is designed for writers who are actively working on a novel and know the rules of basic writing.

- Emphasis will be on **critique** and **tools needed for publishing**.
- **All students accepted in this class need to bring 30 polished pages in proper manuscript format from the beginning of your novel.**

**Class 2: Basic Novel Writing**

**Tim Lewis** [www.timothylewisbooks.com](http://www.timothylewisbooks.com)

- Published author
- Published playwright with over 20 plays and musicals, songwriter and cowboy poet
- Writer of *Texana*
- Author – Branson-style musical revue: *Can't Get Enough of Texas* – which starred the Otwell Twins of Lawrence Welk fame.
- Co-founder of *Old Tascosa Publishing*
- Currently teaching Basic Novel Writing courses for the Office of Continuing Education (OCE) at West Texas A&M University

This class provides an overview of information needed for the beginning writer. No previous knowledge or experience is required. Topics include:

- Finding/researching ideas
- Dialogue
- Stretching your creative muscles
- Importance of opening lines
- Character development
- Creating tension
- Endings
- Manuscript format

Students typically rave about Tim's class: **"I have learned volumes in a short time, my writing skills taking a great leap forward. No class or book has ever given me such insight!"**

**Class 3: Writing & Publishing Books for Young Readers**

**Dian Curtis Regan** [www.diancurtisregan.com](http://www.diancurtisregan.com)

- Written more than 50 books for young readers
- Published in all genres including: Board books, picture books, beginning readers, chapter books, middle grade novels, and young adult novels, anthologies and series
- *Member of the Year* for the *Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators*
- Inducted into *Oklahoma Professional Writers' Hall of Fame*
- *Dian Curtis Regan Library* dedicated to her in South America

Students will learn how to write for the generation of readers raised in CyberSpace. Topics include:

- Voice, character, plotting
- Genre specific guidelines
- Picture books, chapter books, middle grade novels
- Novels for teenagers
- How to find your groove as a working writer
- Connecting with agents and editors
- Savvy marketing, school visits

**Class 4: Writing the West**

**Dusty Richards** [www.dustyrichards.com](http://www.dustyrichards.com)

- Legend in Western Book business
- More than 100 novels in print
- Won *Oklahoma Writers' Federation Fiction Book of the Year Award* twice
- 2004 – inducted into *Arkansas Writers' Hall of Fame*
- Emphasis on historical and contemporary works
- Focus: Style and culture from southern to western settings

**REGISTRATION:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Webpage: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please select first (1) and second (2) choices:**

- \_\_\_ Jodi Thomas, Advanced Novel Writing
- \_\_\_ Tim Lewis, Basic Novel Writing
- \_\_\_ Dian Curtis Regan, Writing and Publishing Books for Young Readers
- \_\_\_ Dusty Richards, Writing the West

**Registration fee includes workshop instruction, tour of Panhandle Plains Historical Museum, Opening Breakfast and Writers' Roundup Dinner.**

- \_\_\_ \$420 **EARLY BIRD SPECIAL!** Register by May 1st
- \_\_\_ \$490 Register by May 22nd
- \_\_\_ \$520 After May 22nd
- \_\_\_ \$34 Yes, I will attend dinner & musical, *TEXAS*. I need \_\_\_ guest ticket(s)
- \_\_\_ \$25 Yes, I need \_\_\_ guest ticket(s) for the **Writers' Roundup** dinner & entertainment (Dress: Casual attire, jeans, boots, Texas theme)

**On-Campus Housing:** Air-Conditioned, community bath, residence hall. No linens provided. Hotel and other local information: [canyonchamber.org](http://canyonchamber.org), [panhandleplains.org](http://panhandleplains.org)

- \_\_\_ Will not need campus housing
- \_\_\_ Single room \$20 per night; \_\_\_ # nights
- \_\_\_ Double room \$15 per night; \_\_\_ # nights
- Roommate \_\_\_\_\_

**Total due:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment options:**

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