



## Tulsa NightWriters Christmas Party!



‘Tis the season!  
Let’s Celebrate and Make Merry!

This year’s Tulsa NightWriters’ Christmas party is on December 21st at the lovely home of Denise Leonard, daughter of TNW Norma Boone!

So, come and join us for a fun-filled evening of good food, delicious desserts, and laughing and giggling with great company! We’ll swear in our officers for 2011 and announce the Warm Up Contest winners.

Please bring a snack to share and don’t be tardy or you’ll miss a fabulous party!

**When:** Tuesday, December 21st at  
7:00 p.m.

**Where:** 1306 East 26th Street in Tulsa  
(SE corner of 26th Street & Peoria)

## The Prez Sez by Carla Stewart



Wow! It’s hard to believe another year has flown by. Maybe the old adage is true – Time flies when you’re having fun. And there was fun to be had as a Night Writer this year. We’ve had a great lineup of programs – thank you, Valerie! And the OWFI Conference was one of the best on record. If you didn’t get there this year, I hope you’re making plans for 2011. It’s not only a great way to connect but also to grow as a writer.

I’d also like to thank you for the privilege of being your president this year. I know I leave you in the capable hands of Bob Avey. I think we would all agree that special thanks goes to Gloria Shirley for serving as our newsletter editor for many years. You know how invaluable someone is when it takes two people to replace her. Thanks, Jane Green and Carol Johnson, for answering the call.

What call is in your future? A novel? A new short story? Being a mentor to someone? Whatever it is, may you step forward with confidence and work toward your calling. You’ll be glad you did.

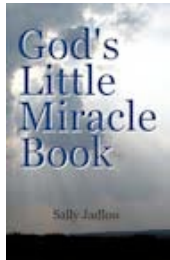
Merry Christmas, one and all!

## Our members have brags

**Carla Stewart** will be speaking at the Route 66 Night Writers in Sapulpa on Wednesday, December 15, and will participate with several other writers in a book signing at BoardingHouse Books, 300 West Will Rogers Blvd., Suite 200, in Claremore on Saturday, December 18 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.



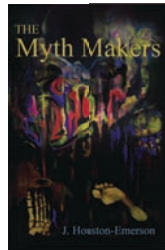
Two short stories written by **Carolyn Steele** won recognition in the Oklahoma City Writers, Inc. 2010 Contest. In the Juvenile Short Story category, "The Warrior and the Mist" won second place (award, certificate and \$15), and in the Adult Short Story category, "Waitin' for a Friend" won second honorable Place (alas, just a certificate, but a nice one).



**Sally Jadlow** is pleased to announce the release of her latest book *God's Little Miracle Book*, published by AWOCbooks.com. The book contains twenty-six true stories of miracles Sally has observed over the past forty years. Her book is available through AWOCbooks.com, Amazon.com, and your local bookstore, and is also available on Kindle and Nook e-readers.



**Carol Snow's** poem "The Snow Globe" will appear in the winter issue of *Harp-Strings Poetry Journal*.



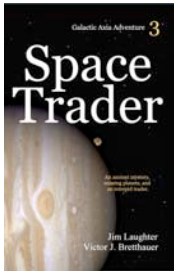
A solo exhibition of **Judith Emerson's** paintings, The Shape Shift series, in conjunction with promotion of her debut historical novel, *The Myth Makers*, will be on display at the NSU Broken Arrow campus, from December 17 through January. While in Manhattan two weeks ago, Judith broke a leg, so to speak, at the renowned Cornelia St. Cafe open mic venue in the East Village. *The Myth Makers* is now available at St. Mark's Bookstore in the East Village.



In November, the Precious Jewels Book Club hosted **Carol Johnson** for a video discussion of her book, *Everlasting*. Since PJBC is in Antlers and Johnson is in Tulsa, the discussion was facilitated through the use of *Skype*.



**Gloria Teague** has a new book available on Kindle. *Evil Transgressions* is written under a new pseudonym of GT Everett. (ASIN B004BDOVN4)



**Jim Laughter** is expecting the release this week of his newest book, *Space Trader*, the third volume of his Galactic Axia youth adventure series, and the re-release of *Escape to Destiny*, the first book of the series. Jim will also be doing a book signing on Sunday, December 19th, from 3 to 6 pm at Sears (21st and Yale) for Heroes at Home, a veterans support charity, with all profits from book sales going to this worthy cause. Any other authors wishing to participate are welcome to join him.

### TNW Teaches



**Carol Johnson** will be teaching a for-credit novel workshop in the spring at TCC's Southeast campus. While the course costs the same as any other for-credit course, senior citizens can audit it by just paying the parking fees, etc. It's on Tuesday evenings from 6-8:50 and on the third Tuesday of each month we will be attending the TNW meeting.



**Charles Sasser** will be teaching two writing classes at TCC:

"WANT TO BE A WRITER" at the TCC Metro campus, starting Wednesday, January 19th, 6:30-8:30 pm.

"MYSTERY, SUSPENSE, SCI-FI" at the TCC Southeast campus, starting Monday, January 24th, 6:30-9:30 pm.

### And another thing ...

The **Warm Up Contest** is now closed and the winners will be announced at the TNW Christmas party on December 21st.

Good luck to everyone who submitted an entry!

### TNW Officers for 2010 and 2011

The 2010 TNW officers are: President **Carla Stewart**, VP **Valerie Gawthrop**, Treasurer **Brad Smith**, Greeter **Joyce Ross**, and Editor **Gloria Teague Shirley**.

The incoming 2011 TNW officers will be sworn in at the Christmas party on December 21st. They are: President **Bob Avey**, VP **Valerie Gawthrop**, Treasurer **Brad Smith**, Greeter **Joyce Ross**, and Co-Editors, **Carol Johnson** and **Jane Green**.



**Let me introduce you to TNW member  
Gloria Teague**

Over the years I've been lucky enough to have a few member spotlights so we can get to know each other. They weren't about what he/she wrote; they were about the people who happened to be writers. I hope you will humor me for being the last member spotlight I'll do for the newsletter.

I was born in a log cabin...wait, wrong bio. I was born in the foothills of the Smokey Mountains and I'm proud of my heritage. For ten years of my life I was an Air Force dependent and I wouldn't have missed that for the world. It was while living in France that I won an essay contest at the age of 12 and a writer was born, though it took decades for her to mature. Over the course of my life I've attended 19 schools and that may have contributed to my becoming a devout introvert. I know most writers are, but I sometimes go to great lengths to avoid crowds. Everyone thinks I'm confident and outgoing, but nothing could be further from the truth.

I'm fiercely and unapologetically patriotic. If your political (and religious) views are different from mine, it's fine because everyone has the right, the blessing, of having their own views, to vote and worship the way we wish, even if you're wrong. <That's a joke!>

I've never written anything that I like. I keep hearing: "Believe in yourself! Believe in your story/book!" If that's what it took to be published, I'd still be waiting to submit. Every single time someone paid me for something I'd written, I was shocked.

Last but far from least...It's been an honor to serve as your editor. I know at times I was pushy, nit-picked and just ticked you off. See, that's the "must follow the rules" person inside me. Just know that at no time have I taken it for granted that you entrusted me with this task. It was a job that I accepted with nervous hands and now relinquish to new, capable editors with a heavy heart. Thank you for allowing me to be part of you for so long.