

Western Maryland Writer's Meetup

October 13, 2007

Writer's Meetup:

"I love deadlines. I like the whooshing sound they make as they fly by." - Douglas Adams


Meetup Issues:

- × 18 Days until NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month) www.nanowrimo.org
- × The web site is updated to include blogs as well as any professional pages members write about or on, so feel free to send me links you wish added.
- × Reminder of the upcoming workshops:
Ebooks Workshop: Oct. 23, 2007 6:30 pm My house
Web Design Workshop Nov. 06, 2007 7:00 pm my house

Writing Tips:

- Create deadlines. Decide to write so many words each and every day, whether this is a story, your journal, or something you intend on publishing. Number counts should be challenging enough to push your limits, but not discourage you. See if you can write at least a page a day, and more than that if you're an experienced writer.
- Silence your inner editor for the first draft. Too often writers hold themselves back due to wanting things to be 'just perfect'. Writing isn't perfect; it's a mess of grammar mistakes, irksome dialogue, and broken thought. And first drafts are supposed to be a mess. THEN you edit and transform the chaos into order.

Markets:

 www.associatedcontent.com – Accepts informative articles and video, with pay scales ranging from \$3 to \$15 per piece. Average article should be around 500 words and of some quality.

www.prologger.com is a wonderful resource for those who have online blogs and want to learn more to earn money and write effectively.

<http://zmagsite.zmag.org> Keep articles between 800 and 4,000 words. Articles are reviewed by the first of each month for the following issue.

www.momwriterslitmag.com accepts stories, articles, and even poems.

www.writersmarket.com A writer's online market. There is a fee to join.

www.lulu.com is a Print-on-demand service that costs nothing to use. You upload your work in PDF format, and they will create books people can order through a web site. Includes ebooks as well.

www.commonities.com offers \$200 per articles on true stories that are moving and inspirational.

www.helpyourmoney.com \$5 to \$10+ per 500 word article about money and investing.