

GOTHIC Blackbird Times

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Bi-Monthly Newsletter

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Moon Report

Last Quarter

Anglo Saxon Season Report

June: Aerra Litha the season of gentle winds.

News and Submissions:

Our authors and artists for this month include Ethan Polson of Ankeny, Benjamin Spick of Chariton, Moses Eckstein of Ankeny, Paige Rothfus of Ankeny, and Charlie Cheek of Mt. Pleasant. Submissions for the June Issue include poetry and various pieces of artwork.

Future Magazine Plans:

Gothic Blackbird is currently embracing work with a darker, gothic flavor to it and includes art and graphic design, typography, manga, collage, graffiti, fashion, photography, poetry, short and long stories, plays, how-to articles on topics such as secret writing, graffiti, glow lamps, herbs, music, Anglo Saxon gothic culture, etc. Whoever submits art each month has a chance of their artwork being chosen for the cover page of Gothic Blackbird. We are currently looking for more variety in our submissions in order to expand and cover all the desired categories in each and every issue we put out.

Website updates:

The website is currently still under construction. It was our intention to launch it some time ago but we ran into difficulties with the domain name and the hosting service, which is why it has taken so long to get up and running. We should soon be on the web at the address of www.gothicblackbird.com and as soon as the website is live, all the members will be notified.

Moses Eckstein is currently in charge of the website production.

Paige Rothfus has been temporarily assigned as President of the CWG for the Summer, appointed by Moses Eckstein, former president.

The CWG constitution, written by Moses Eckstein, founder of the club, was submitted to the head of the Student Activities Council this past month.

Plans for Twitter and Facebook, blogs, etc.

Gothic Blackbird plans to use Facebook and Twitter as platforms for news and what is going on with Blackbird, and to communicate with the submitters and subscribers regarding submissions and events.

bird on the DMACC website and by creating a blog, a blurb in the DMACC Daily and the Stall Street Times, and making a link to the Gothic Blackbird website from DMACC's homepage.

CWG meeting. (See above)

Submissions due for July Issue of Gothic Blackbird

Launching of the official Creative Writing Guild website (www.gothicblackbird.com)

On the agenda:

Creating awareness and interest in Gothic Blackbird around campus and online through posts on social media platforms, word of mouth, and creating buzz through posters and bulletins around campus.

Building submitters and subscribers to the magazine

Upcoming and previous club meetings:

The next upcoming meeting for the Creative Writing Guild is Friday, June 22nd at DMAcc in Ankeny, building 5 at 5:30 PM, where we will be discussing the CWG website and Gothic Blackbird, and the group's latest writing and art projects. Also about a possible art and writing contest and the prize for the winner of the contest.

News on upcoming events and how to get involved

Upcoming events:

Discussion with Tonya Wheeler regarding how to create awareness and buzz about Gothic Blackbird.

Want to get more involved? Contact Paige or Moses for information about how you can help. We always need volunteers to manage emails to remind people about submissions, redeeming pop cans and replacing plastic bags in the donation containers and various other tasks.