

# **Blackbird Times**

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## **Bi-Monthly Newsletter**

**So you can follow the antics of your favorite Blackbird**

**Anglo Saxon Season Report**

**September: *Haligmonað***

### **Who is submitting, what is being submitted:**

We welcome to all our new authors, artists and designers:

Ali Skullboy of Morocco

J.G. O'Donoghue of England

Kat Taylor of Osceola

Moses Eckstein of Ankeny

Lëaf of Ankeny

Джорджіана Пісок from Osceola

Kasey Jones of New Virginia  
and Jenna Henry of California.

Submissions for the September Issue include poetry, photography,  
comics, articles and various pieces of artwork.

This issue is also our very first issue containing ads.

### **Magazine plans for the future, changes being made and why:**

#### **Change to Bi-Monthly!**

Black Bird is scheduled to become bi-monthly instead of monthly  
as of January, 2013, so enjoy the monthly issues while they last!



### **Website updates**

Our website is being updated weekly by our webmaster, the great Moses.  
Please bear with us as the site is currently still under major construction.

### **Misc. Updates:**

Bills were sent out on Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> to the Ankeny and Clive public libraries for bi-monthly subscriptions of Black Bird.

Our new Black Bird logo is in use on our social media sites  
and soon to be available on our website.

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As of September, 2012 we are offering your first month of Black Bird free  
if you order an online bi-monthly subscription, so sign up today!

For questions call Paige Rothfus at 515-943-2131

### **Social Media Updates**

Check out Black Bird on Twitter, Facebook, Tumblr, Googleplus,  
and Pintrest for art, photos, poetry tidbits, tips,  
and exciting newthey are updated on a daily basis!  
We are also currently considering a Myspace account.



## **Black Bird Network**

We still need musicians, fashion designers, models, actors and other performers who are interested in being aired on our internet radio station.

We are currently accepting submissions for Black Bird Radio.

To submit or ask Kristina a question, email [Kristinablackbird@gmail.com](mailto:Kristinablackbird@gmail.com).

### **Word on the next upcoming club meeting:**

There is currently no planned upcoming meeting for the Creative Writing Guild as our members have dropped to very low numbers.

A meeting will be scheduled as soon as there are members to merit it.

### **News on upcoming events and how to get involved**

#### **Upcoming events:**

A meeting was had with CWG advisor Marc Dickonson last week and his discussion with Tonya Wheeler is still pending regarding how to create awareness and buzz about Black 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 coming due for October Issue***

of Black Bird September 20<sup>th</sup> by 12 AM



## On the agenda:

Adding Corey Cook to our Black Bird team, Moses Eckstein and Paige Rothfus are meeting with him on September 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss his joining. A meeting was held last week between Paige Rothfus and a Marketing advisor of DMAACC to gain some insight for marketing and staff management.

The tools learned are still being put into practice.

Revamping the website is now in session: **Sneak Peek!** Here are just a few of the pages and features you can expect in the upcoming weeks and months:

- Submission guidelines page
- Visitor/Subscriber suggestion page
- Events page (that highlights all the holidays and how Black Bird will be celebrating them, by festivals, contests, and giveaways)
  - FAQ page
  - A mobile app for Black Bird

Black Bird e-mag available for download into kindle, nook, ipads, etc.

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**If you have submissions or questions regarding Black Bird Network Radio,**

**contact Kristina McCormick at [Kristinamblackbird@gmail.com](mailto:Kristinamblackbird@gmail.com)**

**We always need volunteers for website and social media, community promotion,  
managing emails to remind people about submissions, redeeming pop cans  
and replacing plastic bags in the donation containers and various other tasks.**

**If you prefer to speak to someone on the phone call 515-943-2131**

*What's in it for me?*

**Benefits of helping out:**

**Opportunity to serve and help Black Bird promote  
fine art and design and share it with the community**

**Meeting new friends and contacts**

**It looks fantastic on a resume! (We usually give out titles  
for our volunteers so you can stick that on your resume)**



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