Welcome to Leapfest!

Leapfest is a few days away and if you've signed up to receive emailed Event announcements, you've likely already received the test email. We are only sending emailed announcements to registered participants who opted in. Events begin February 9/10 at **midnight**, **UTC** and run 72 hours each.

Feedback for Leapfest will be delivered at the end of March, after our <u>conference</u> (March 15-17). Our volunteer judges are working hard to provide you the very best experience with this free competition; we appreciate your patience.

This year, we've made some changes to how we communicate: this welcome letter is one example. In an effort to reduce the number of our emails flagged as spam (this happens because I send *so many* at the same time with similar wording), we're sending a "forever link" to everyone who's ever received feedback from us. As a registered Leapfest participant, you're in the first group to receive this link—delivered in batches, **February 5-9**. Bookmark it; all of your past and future feedback for everything you do at The Writer's Workout will be available at this one link.

As an added bonus, each time we publish your work, we'll add a digital copy of the publication to this link. Please understand we have thousands of files—ten years' worth—and the reformatting and conversion processes are taking longer than I expected. I will be adding files to your link as I go.

You're encouraged to familiarize yourself with the Fest Rules in the middle of the <u>Leapfest page</u>. Correct Title Information is the difference between earning a score or a zero. Use the *Event*Name on your third line each week. You'll find this under the picture on the Leapfest page in the space where it currently says "Event 1: TBA" and in the mailer. Our amazing judges have created three brand new Events for this competition.

Leapfest is open-genre. Non-identifying questions can be addressed in <u>Discord</u> in the #fests channel or via <u>email</u>. Please reserve identifying questions for email to protect your anonymity. We will not accept fanfiction, religion, politics, erotica, or Al-copied/generated content. I'm happy to help if you need anything.

Best of luck with Leapfest!!
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