

## SCBWI ILLUSTRATORS MEETING

Jim Haynes

The SCBWI illustrators conducted their July 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting at Bobbie Dacus' home. It was well attended with fifteen people present.

Debbie Meyer, who works for a graphic design firm in Dallas, which processes illustrations for Harcourt, gave a presentation on what Harcourt expects and other aspects of getting your work published. Among the things she presented were examples of submissions on sheets and postcards, along with clear velum envelopes which may better showcase the artwork. She also recommended developing a personal logo and letterhead and sending samples to publishers every few months. Personal websites, on which you post samples of your art, is also a good way of showcasing your work.

Debbie is also art director for several contracts with Harcourt Educational in Orlando, FL, working on K-2 books that are phonics-based with short stories and literal illustrations. Her presentation was much enjoyed.

The illustrators of the North Central/Northeast Chapter of SCBWI have been meeting monthly at members' homes but are now in the process of finding a public facility, convenient to all, where they can meet regularly. The dates and locations of their meetings are posted on their website at [//groups.yahoo.com/group/Norhtexaschildreillustrators](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Norhtexaschildreillustrators). If you have an interest in illustrating, you're welcome to join them.