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The Pen & Press

June's a busy month – we have 2 meetings in June with 4 different events

Sun 5 JUNE 2022 SPECIAL EVENT

NCPA's 28th Book Awards Banquet & Anthology LAUNCH

5pm – 9pm

Cherry Island Golf Course, Elverta

Full information on Banquet can be found on our website at norcalpa.org

Regular 2nd Sun meeting

Sun 12 JUNE * 1pm-3:30pm

Chrissi Villa speaks on Writing & Publishing Children's Books & More
at our new location **BROOKFIELDS Restaurant**
4343 Madison Av Sacto, CA 95842

Sunday 5 JUNE – 28th BOOK AWARDS BANQUET (for books pub'd 1 Jan 2021-31 Dec 2021)

PLUS: 3rd Annual Anthology Risk Takers Award

AND: Anthology BOOK Launch for ALL Holidays Vol 2 * (NCPA's 6th Anthology)

5pm-9pm SUNDAY 5 JUNE 2022

Cherry Island Golf Course,
2360 Elverta Rd, Elverta, CA

GUEST JOURNALIST for June 2022 Newsletter is **Danita Moon**, NCPA's newly appointed Secretary.

JULY 10 Meeting – (BOOK EXCHANGE * usually held in Dec, we bring back an oldie, but goodie!)
Gone when we started having our Holiday Luncheon at the Black Angus, but not forgotten, we bring back the ever-popular Book Exchange / Network & Schmooze. All NCPA MEMBERS (only) who have published books, no matter when, bring them in to brag about, share, sell &/or barter, with others. Everyone is welcome to attend but ONLY NCPA MEMBERS may bring and sell their books

GUEST JOURNALISTS for July 2022 newsletter will be NCPA member & author Roberta "Bert" Davis and her once-feral cat-turned co-author, Nacht (probably lots of cat pictures!)

September 11 meeting: **Linda Joy Singleton** --- details to come

DEC 11 Meeting CHANGE IN TIME & LOCATION: will be our Holiday Luncheon 12Noon Black Angus

ZOOM MEETINGS: Instructions on how to ZOOM connect inside this newsletter, top of Page 3

President's Message

Teaching is an interesting profession, different from many others. There are a lot of things I like about it, but probably one of my favorites is the goals. There is a distinct and clear goal. Get a group of squirrely teens, in my case, to the end of the year and if they are a little more educated, hey, that's a bonus.

I view the year in two halves. The first half is the grind. You teach them how to behave in your class (this year was a real challenge because they've apparently forgotten all the ten previous years they were in a classroom), you introduce new concepts, and you fight them to actually take anything you're saying seriously. It's the push and pull time.

The second half, spring semester, is the sweet season. Mostly you're reinforcing the concepts you shoved into their brains the first semester, refining them, and trying to prepare them for the next level of their education. Something happens in December that helps immensely in January. They suddenly get the dance steps and you glide in beautiful harmony until June. Well, mostly. Of course, there are those outliers that never seem to gain any grace. (I'm looking at you, Ethan.)

This year, we had a number of big-name retirements. If you work in a school for even a year, you know who the good teachers are and who struggle. It's inevitable. And every so often, a year comes around when a whole raft of really stellar teachers retire. This is the first time for me that one of my closest friends retired. He and I have partnered on the newsmagazine for over twenty years, so this one was hard. No one in that school was a bigger cheerleader for kids or influenced so many students than this man. When half of his retirement party consisted of past full-grown adult students, you know that person made a difference. We spent a week celebrating all the types of graduations, marking these major milestones in people's lives. And when I finished on Thursday with my final grades, I left this very difficult, very long year with a glow of a job well done.

What does this all have to do with writing, you might ask yourself?

It's about goal setting.

It's about milestones.

It's about having smaller steps to complete any task, so that you feel a true sense of accomplishment when you finish.

For teaching, my first goal is completing the first month of a new year.

For writing, it's completing the first chapter.

The second goal in teaching is finishing our first unit.

For writing, it's getting to the sticky middle of a book.

Third goal in teaching—completing a semester.

Third goal in writing—completing the first draft.

Now, every writer attacks a project differently. I'm not telling you to use my goals. They work for me. Maybe they won't work for you, but something will. Write down your milestones. Keep a goal chart. And physically check off the goals as they're completed. You'll get a burst of endorphins when you do that. It's like a mini celebration.

Then, when you reach graduation, celebrate. Give yourself a launch party. Or if that is not in your comfort zone, go out to dinner. Have a glass of champagne. Buy yourself a chocolate treat. Just do something to mark the occasion, because, let me tell you, having those clearly delineated milestones, and a ribbon across the finish line to run through, lets you get back on the starting block the next time.

ML Hamilton

authormlhamilton.net



Permanent link for monthly ZOOM NCPA meetings:
 Author ML Hamilton is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: NCPA Monthly Meeting
 Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime
 (I'm not sure what this means: ask Michelle)

Join Zoom Meeting

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CONDOLENCES to the family of longtime NCPA member Sam Ortega

Samuel Ortega Obituary (1935 - 2022) - Sacramento, CA - The Sacramento Bee

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/sacbee/name/samuel-ortega-obituary?id=34546492>

SPECIAL 10 JULY 2022 MEETING * ANOTHER NCPA PERK FOR MEMBERS ONLY

For our **10 July meeting**, we bring back the ever-popular **NCPA BOOK EXCHANGE**, previously held every December, until we started going to Black Angus for our Holiday Luncheon. Another NCPA perk, ***ONLY* CURRENT-PAID NCPA MEMBERS** are **welcome to bring your published books** to brag about, share, sell or barter with others. As many books as you want; set them on the tables at Brookfields. **NO CHARGE**, only for food or drink purchases. Bring change for your book sales & be prepared to network & Schmoose

Everyone is welcome to attend but **ONLY NCPA MEMBERS are welcome to bring their books.**

TWISTED WORDS

I proudly showed my son: "Check this out! I bought a new shrub trimmer today!" He shrugged and replied, "That's great, dad." I continued... "It's cutting hedge technology!"

Scissors are a beautifully simplistic piece of technology. Their invention was nothing but shear genius.



DANITA MOON
NCPA'S NEWLY ELECTED SECRETARY
NCPA GUEST JOURNALIST FOR THE JUNE 2022

My name's Danita Moon and I'm the new secretary for NCPA. I've been an avid reader since I can remember. The first series I ever read was Laura Ingalls Wilder's Little House on The Prairie.

I kind of fell into the writing world by accident. I was looking for something to do in my free time as I had been on disability for a while and was used to working long hours and I started volunteering with a well-known author. This led to me becoming an assistant and the rest is history.

I've met quite a few authors through my work as an assistant and as a volunteer in the author booth at the California State Fair. I look forward to this every year and so excited it's back after a 2-year hiatus due to COVID.

I'm also a certified proofreader and have edited several books including a few from authors I've met at the fair.

I'm a big advocate for mental illness and stopping the stigma as I suffer from bipolar disorder and am in the process of finishing a book on my journey from diagnosis to where I'm at now titled Through the Looking Glass.

On the family side, I'm the middle child with an older brother and younger sister. My brother provided our mom with the 3 grandkids and now there are 8 great-grandkids which means I have 3 great-nephews and 5 great-nieces. I'm the proud dog mom of 2. Shiloh and Jet are my buddies but Shiloh is my shadow.

Let's keep the words flowing and the imagination alive.

I became a certified proofreader three years ago and have edited several manuscripts.

Danita's PROOFREADING PET PEEVES

1. Double word - is it grammatically correct or is it an error? There are times when it is necessary to use a word twice.
2. Consistency - are the same character names being used throughout
3. Timeframe - is the timing of the story flowing correctly. Do the events fall within the timeline?
4. Spelling - is the correct spelling being used, any typos in the word or is the word misspelled.
5. Missing words

If I know I'm going to edit a book that will have characters from previous books then I'll read the books that preceded the one I'll be editing

Danita's Tips: When proofreading a book that is in a series.

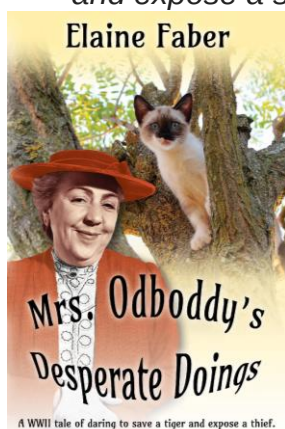
1. Character names - are they consistent throughout the series? *(I just finished listening to a trilogy and the name of a minor character was different from the first book. It started with the same letter but wrong name.)*
2. History - when recapping the characters history does it mesh with what was told in previous books.
3. Ages - does the age of the character match up with the timeframe of the books.
4. Character description - is the description of the character the same. (If they have blue eyes and blonde hair does that flow through.)
5. Chapter headings - if you are using headings with time of day, day of the week etc. is it consistent throughout the book?

CONGRATULATIONS NCPA member ELAINE FABER

Mrs. Odboddy's Desperate Doings, Elaine's 4th Mrs. Odboddy book, will be available for sale in e-book and paperback soon. Folks can order a book directly from Elaine, or they'll be available at the NCPA banquet in June.

After falling from a tree, Agnes's behavior and delusions escalate from 'merely eccentric,' to 'near mayhem.' Still seeking a permanent home for a displaced carnival tiger, she goes to unthinkable extremes in an effort to prevent city hall from destroying the big cat. When Agnes witnesses a well-known citizen commit burglary, and the church's beloved Good Shepherd painting goes missing, she becomes obsessed with exposing the art thief. But questions arise whether the extent of her bizarre behavior is due to a 'brain bleed' from her head injury, or is something amiss in her medical treatment?

As WWII rages across the Pacific, dealing with victory gardens and rationing at home doesn't stop Agnes from fighting the war from the home front. From city hall, to the hot seat at Newbury's Police Department, and finally to a San Francisco mansion, Agnes pursues injustice to save a tiger and expose a shocking conspiracy at the highest levels of Newbury's elite society.



Congratulations to both Elaine & Joan!



CONGRATULATIONS NCPA member JOAN MERRIAM

Joan was notified by the Eric Hoffer Award committee that her latest book, *A Cruel Oblivion*, was on the "short list" for their 2022 grand prize award, and another email from the Award Committee informed her that *A Cruel Oblivion* is the 2022 winner in their E-book Fiction category! *A Cruel Oblivion* will also go on record as a finalist for the Grand Prize.

The judges' commentary reads: "A crime story that centers on deeds committed by an "above-the-law" family and the investigative reporter who won't give up on the truth, even when it puts her in peril. The reporter's investigation is helped and then hindered by an inside source in an unexpected plot twist. The machinations of the rich and powerful are on display in this hard-to-put-down book, as a sitting state senator, who is accused of everything from child molestation to murder, attempts to bring down the protagonist with a hand of friendship. Sex, power, and murder give this story an action-packed field of play."

Joan wrote:

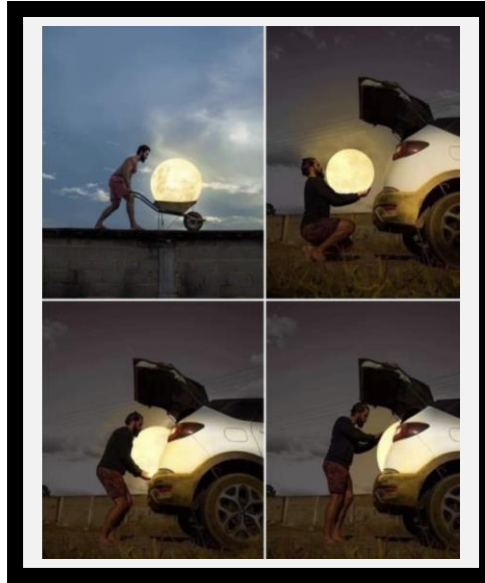
I don't know quite where to go from here, but because of your own kind comments after I submitted the book for the NCPA award, I wanted to at least share the news with you.

And signs off as "thunderstruck Joan"

Editor's note: Necessarily edited for space: Joan's *A Cruel Oblivion* is also entered in this year's NCPA Book Awards. Good luck Joan!

CAPTURING THE MOON

photographer unknown but too gorgeous to not share



Danita's Tips: **Homophones** - words that sound the same but have distinctly different spelling and meaning. These have always intrigued me and something I've had to keep in mind when proofreading. One example:
bail - bail - bale (did you know that bail has two different meanings?)

Bail used when describing something/or someone bailing water.

Bail - when an inmate is being released from jail

Bale - relates to hay

Some Nifty URLs for Authors

» [5 Ways to Increase Your Poem's Chance of Publication \(authorspublish.com\)](https://authorspublish.com) by Stephanie KATZ

[Free Book: The 2022 Guide to Manuscript Publishers \(authorspublish.com\)](https://authorspublish.com)

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Book Award Contests: Are they worthwhile?

<https://www.bookdesignmadesimple.com/book-award-contests-are-they-worthwhile/>

Medicine In the news

FDA approved in vitro diagnostic test for Alzheimer's - Google Search

https://www.google.com/search?q=fda+approved+in+vivo+diagnostic+test+for+alzheimer%27s&client=safari&channel=ipad_bm&sxsrf=ALiCzsb3moywXQmC977yIHwyVLsWnLiuHg%3A1651763073762&source=hp&ei=gedzYt_1Kv7HkPIPvaejMA&og=FDA+Approved+invitro+diagnostic+test+for+alz&gs_lcp=ChFtb2JpbGUtZ3dzLXdpei1ocBABGAAYBwghEAoQoAEyBwghEAoQoAEyBwghEAoQoAEyBwghEAoQqwl6BwgjEOoCECc6BAqjECc6EQguEIAEELEDEIMBEMcBENEDoQUIABCABDoLCAAQgAQQsQMqgwE6CwquEIAEELEDEIMBOq4ILhCABBCxAXDHARCjAjoOCC4QsQMqgwEQxwEQ0QM6CAqAELEDEIMBOqUIABCxAzoECAAQAzolCAAQgAQQyQM6BggAEBYQHjofCAAQhgM6BQghEKABOqQIABANOqYIABANEb46BQghEKsCOggIIRAWEB0QHjoKCCEQFhAKEB0QHIDCEFiN3QNg5vsDaANwAHgAqAGQA4gB30uSAQswLjE2LjI3LjluMzqBAKABAbABDw&scient=mobile-gws-wiz-hp

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Erma Bombeck WRITERS' WORKSHOP rescheduled to October 20-22 2022

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Programs & Exhibits - Cal Expo & State Fair: calexpostatefair.com

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We combined the Book Awards Banquet with the Anthology Book Launch because the anthology came in at this time, and it was a matter of convenience. If you'd like to just pick up your anthology, and/or purchase more books, you don't have to also purchase a ticket for the Banquet, unless once you get there, you intend to stay, and tickets are available at the time. Likewise, you do NOT have to pay for the Awards presentations, etc., if you want to stay, only the food if you also eat.

NCPA BOOK LAUNCH FOR 6TH ANTHOLOGY: *All Holidays Vol 2 Sunday 5 June 2022*

IF YOU'RE ONLY THERE FOR THE BOOK LAUNCH, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO PURCHASE A TICKET --- IF YOU JUST WANT TO COME BY AND PICK UP YOUR ANTHOLOGY BOOK, THAT'S FINE -- HOWEVER, IF YOU DECIDE TO STAY FOR THE BUFFET, THEN YOU CAN PURCHASE A \$30 TICKET AT THE DOOR IF ANY ARE AVAILABLE.

ANTHOLOGY AUTHORS – if you're an author in the anthology and only want to pick up your copy of the anthology, you do NOT have to attend the banquet, nor pay for a ticket --- however, if once you get there, you decide to eat, then you pay, if there's an availability. We've had a couple of unexpected cancelations, so there will be a few available.

WORDS IN THE NEWS

New Dating Terms You Need to Know

<https://www.newsweek.com/new-dating-terms-trends-relationships-love-romance-1695489>

14 MORE Dating Terms to Know In 2022

<https://www.refinery29.com/en-gb/modern-dating-terms>

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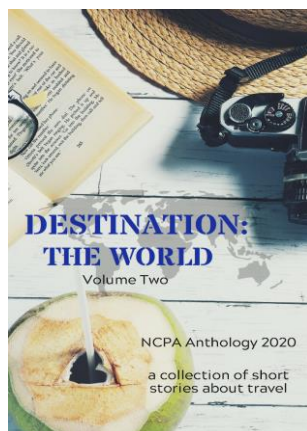
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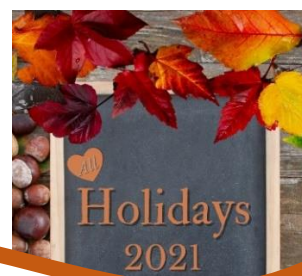
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COVER FOR Beautiful Americas Vol 1



**ALL Holidays 2021 had a name change –
it's now ALL Holidays Vol 2**

ALL Holidays Vol 2 IS HERE & will LAUNCH during the 28th Book Awards Banquet Sun 5 June

So, we're preparing for a 3-FER! Anthology Authors, we also have a Risk Taker Award for one author in this anthology, so join us at the AWARDS Banquet/Launch Sun 5 June, for fun & get your books!

Only \$30 per buffet ticket for all you can eat chicken, tri-tip and all the fixin's, plus a vegan pasta dish!

There are 5 spaces left for the Beautiful Americas Vol 1, and we'll get back to work on it after the Banquet

We're hoping to launch Beautiful Americas during our Holiday Luncheon on 11 Dec 2022.

After that it will be Beautiful World Vol 2 in 2023, so get your thinking caps on and start writing for those two!

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Special thanks also to Elaine Faber for the Vintage Thomas Round Wood Radio/ Cassette Player reproduction, Barbara Barrett for the pair of cut-glass Hurricane Lamp-shaped Candle Holders, Kathy "Kanika" Marshall for her Kanika creations, Bob Irelan and Michelle Hamilton for their great baskets, and the EGWG for the donation of one ticket to the October 2021 Elk Grove Writers Conference

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Go to www.saclibrary.org and click on Books & Media – Special Collections – Genealogy Collection – Have Questions (at bottom of screen) – click on "Learn More" under "Do you have other genealogy services available?" (or just click on this link as a shortcut - <https://www.saclibrary.org/Education/History/Genealogy>). (Other Genealogy sites free also)

Once there, you'll see the links to the websites in green. Once you click on the website, you'll be asked to enter your library card and PIN. If you don't know your PIN, click on Reset My PIN in blue and enter a new PIN. **THIS MAY NOT WORK NOW THAT LIBRARIES ARE OPENING**

2021 Genealogy Presentations at Sacramento Central Library

For information, please contact Beth Daugherty, Librarian, at bdaugherty@saclibrary.org Sacramento Central Library, 828 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, Phone: 916-264-2920. <http://www.saclibrary.org>

Check out all organizations for ZOOM meetings ~ contact info for each is on following page

FREE MEETINGS
3rd Sat monthly 1pm-3pm
Capitolcrimes.org for more info
ZOOM MEETING FREE

Gold Country Writers meetings (FREE)
3rd Wed 10am-12Noon each month
Goldcountrywriters.com **CONTACT** for more information

CWC meeting 3rd Sat monthly 11am-1pm
CWCSacramentowriters.org
\$20-member \$25 Non-member lunch included
ZOOM MEETINGS FREE
1st Fri each month Perko's 6215 Sunrise
3rd Sat each month at Cattleman's on Folsom

**28th NCPA
BOOK AWARDS
BANQUET**
5pm-9pm
Sun 5 JUNE 2022

***Sacramento Suburban Writers Club (SSWC) 2nd Mon ea/mo**
7pm-9pm * Sactowriters.org * ZOOM MEETINGS FREE
Crossroads Fellowship Christian Church, **5501 Dewey Dr**, Fair Oaks.

COVID RULES WILL APPLY

Sun 11 Dec 2022 ~ 12Noon-?
Citrus Heights' Black Angus on Greenback
NCPA's 5th Holiday Luncheon - 2022
Email me: NCPAAnthologyLuncheon@gmail.com

FREE MEETINGS 2nd Sat monthly 12Noon – 2:30 pm
San Joaquin Valley Writers CWC ZOOM Meetings
<https://junegillam.com> <https://www.sjvalleywriters.org>

YOUR Writing Club/ Organization INFO
CAN GO HERE – JUST LET US KNOW

MAKING CONNECTIONS CORNER with our Local Sister Writing Organizations

➤ **California Writers Club (CWC) (Sacramento Branch)**

Monthly Luncheon Meetings generally **3rd Saturday** of each month ~ 11am – 1pm
\$15 members, \$25 non-members, includes lunch **Rancho Cordova Cattlemen's**

Writers Network 9-11am 1st Fri monthly Perko's 6215 Sunrise, Citrus Heights

Open to public, pay for your own breakfast (**NEW LOCATION**)

For information & prices on joining, go to: cwcsacramentowriters.org

➤ **Capitol Crimes (Cap Crimes) (Sacramento Chapter of Sisters in Crime)**

If you write anything crime-related, or want to, then check out Cap Crimes.

FREE monthly meetings, generally the **3rd Saturday** of each month, generally with guest speakers, generally crime-related. They normally meet at **1pm** at the

Rancho Cordova Library 9845 Folsom Blvd in Rancho Cordova

No-Host lunch 11:30am prior to meetings usually at Perko's 9647 Micron Av

Must be a member of Sisters in Crime (\$50) to join Cap Crimes (\$20) Capitolcrimes.org

➤ **Elk Grove Writers Guild (EGWG) [Elk Grove Writers Guild \(egweg.org\)](http://ElkGroveWritersGuild.org)**

Meets the 1st Fri of each month in Elk Grove - **BY ZOOM RIGHT NOW**

No further info, but go to the following for more:

* Email egwg2020@egweg.org

➤ **Gold Country Writers (GCW) <http://goldcountrywriters.com/>**

3rd Wed Monthly Speaker Programs ~ 10am-12Noon: FREE & open to Public

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1279 High St, Auburn, CA 95603

"Writers Working Together to Promote and Improve their Work" Questions contact Margie

Yee Webb mywebb@sbcglobal.net

➤ **Sacramento Suburban Writers (SSW)**

Meets 2nd Mon of each month 7pm- 9pm

Crossroads Fellowship Christian Church, 5501 Dewey Dr, Fair Oaks, CA

Meetings, generally with guest speakers, are **FREE** ~ (\$40 membership fee)

Like with NCPA, you don't have to be a member to attend Sactowriters.org

➤ **Sacramento Valley Rose (SVR)**

(Sacramento Chapter of Romance Writers of America {RWA})

If you write Romance, or want to, then check out SVR ~ they generally meet at 10am at the

White Rock Community Clubhouse, 10488 White Rock Rd, Rancho Cordova

4th Saturday of each month \$20 for members \$30 for non-members

Contact: Deb at debjulienne@gmail.com for RSVP information & directions

Debbie Putnam, President: DebbiePutnam.SVR@gmail.com

Suggest you go to their site for their rules & stipulations Must be a member of Romance Writers of America (\$99+) before joining SVR (\$30) Sacramentovalleyrose.com

➤ **San Joaquin Valley Writers (SJVW Branch CWC) **FREE** Monthly Meetings generally 2nd Saturday of each month 12Noon-2:30pm UOP in Stockton - Questions? June Gillam**

President SJVW-CWC <https://juneigillam.com> Dues Info unknown at this time

➤ **Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators (SCBWI) (CA North/Central)**

If you're interested in writing ... or illustrating ... for kids of any age, this is the premiere INTERNATIONAL organization to belong to! **Your first year of SCBWI membership is \$95, with an ongoing annual renewal fee of \$80.** No monthly meetings, but there are occasional Schmoozes, Workshops, Intensive-Events, Special Events, and Critique Groups, as well as a great Holiday Party in December, and a discounted Spring Spirit Conference ... plus more ... Go to their website for full information: <https://canorthcentral.scbwi.org/>*

All info may be outdated. Suggest you contact prior to attending any.

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In Person 1pm-?* New Location: Brookfields Restaurant 4343 Madison Av 95842

No purchase necessary but at least a soda would be appreciated * By ZOOM 1pm- ???

Daytime meetings with NO guest speakers are the 3rd Wednesday of each month

ON HOLD 12 Noon to 2pm Denny's 3520 Auburn Blvd RSVP's REQUIRED COVID

Meetings are always FREE ~ Visitors are always welcome.

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