



August 2022 Dispatch

Gold Country Writers is a non-profit volunteer organization of writers that meets every Wednesday at the Auburn City Hall Rose Room from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Please email goldcountrywriters1849@gmail.com to join or find out more. Website: goldcountrywriters.com. Facebook: Gold Country Writers. Mailing address: P.O. Box 5991, Auburn, CA 95604.

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President's Message

The summer heat is upon us. Our time, already crowded with chores and commitments, is further divided by the desire to get away to the lake, put the boat in the water, or visit a special place we've always wanted to see.

But even though we may be spending less time at the keyboard, waiting for our muse to hand us the perfect adjective, or hunting down stray commas, we can, no matter where we are, hone our observational skills.

If you're at the beach, say, you're looking around anyway; look a little more carefully. Pick out which people are truly relaxed, and which are restive or unsettled in some way. What about their body language—their attitude, their movements—is giving you that information?

You will have all kinds of telling treasures to draw from when you *do* get back to the keyboard.

Have a good summer.

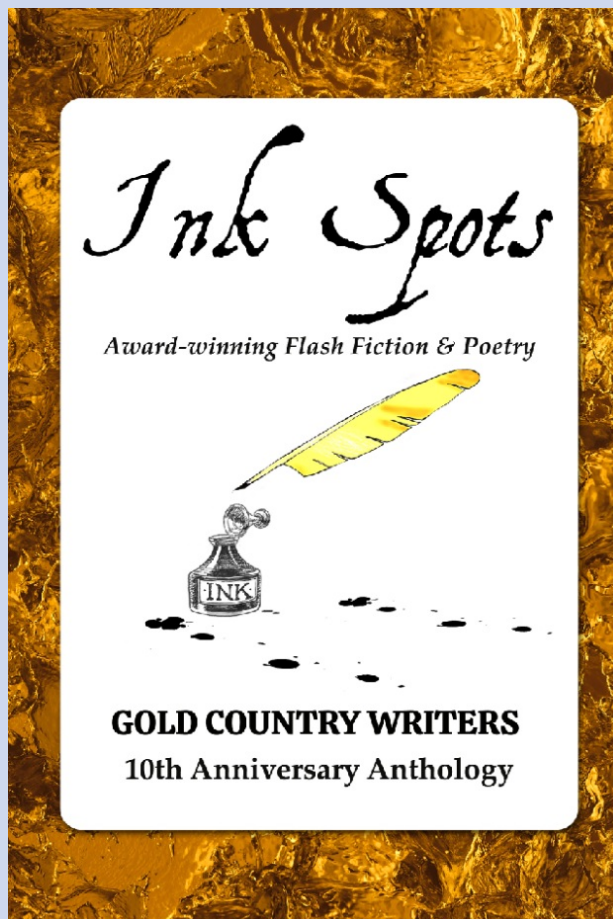
~ Frank Nissen

10th ANNIVERSARY ANTHOLOGY

Our 10th Anniversary Anthology, whimsically named *Ink Spots*, is finished, Chery Anderson announced at the July Speaker's Meeting. We are celebrating ten years of Gold Country Writers helping and supporting local authors. The content is made up of the entries of winners of several years worth of our 100 word story contests and also of our poetry contests.

A number of our members have expended *many* hours collecting, coordinating, confirming, designing, and formatting the contents of this anthology. As well as all the members represented it its pages, let's salute Chery Anderson, Rebecca Partridge, Margie Lee Webb, Robin DeLey, and Steve Deley for their generosity and their perseverance in bringing this publication to us.

May there be many more anthologies in the years to come.





Chery Anderson announces the completion of *Inkspots*.

AUGUST SPEAKERS

On Wednesday, August 17, there will be two presenters. Keep reading for the details.

Our very own Susan Korn, MSHSA, GCW Mentor Coordinator and GCW Past President 2020, will be presenting an informational workshop from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. that she has titled "Kick-Off on Becoming a GCW Mentor or Mentee." At this workshop you will learn what you can achieve through the GCW Mentoring Process. Who are Mentors in GCW? Who have been Mentees in GCW? What was their experience? How has the mentoring program helped them to be successful in their writing?

Each GCW member interested in the program will receive a hard-copy packet of the GCW Mentoring Program process for 2022. It will contain everything you need to enter the program, including how to meet up with a Mentor and will answer the important questions pertaining to a successful GCW Mentor Program Relationship.

There will be a Q&A portion after the workshop and time for networking, so let's bring it on with a big crowd of attendees!

Frank Nissen, President of Gold Country Writers, will give a workshop from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., "From Mulan to Pegg: Similarities of Story Creation." Frank worked as an animator for forty years with various studios, including Disney. He will discuss the similarities he sees between film-making and prose writing. Both build on the common denominators of characters, settings and plot. Bring your tablet, laptop, or paper and pencil.



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Successful people never reach
their goals alone

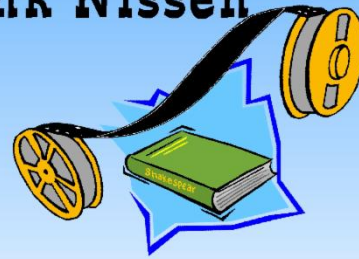
Susan Korn
Mentor Program Kick-off

WHAT IS A MENTEE?

A person trained, advised or
counseled by a mentor - a
coach, a tutor, a friend.

AUGUST 17, 2022

Frank Nissen



**FROM MULAN TO ... PEGG:
SIMILARITIES OF
STORY CREATION**

workshop - bring writing materials

ENJOY BOTH PROGRAMS

**10 AM to Noon
VISITORS WELCOME**

In the Rose Room
Auburn City Hall
1225 Lincoln Way
Auburn CA 95603

Thanks to Dierdre Wolownick

Our July speaker inspired us with a thrilling narrative of her accomplishments and a touching description of her relationship with noted climber and Oscar-winning son Alex Hannold. Her newly published book about her record-breaking climb of El Capitan is titled, *The Sharp End of Life*.

She runs marathons, taught five foreign languages, climbs high cliffs, started her own publishing company, and wrote a book while raising two athletic children. The audience was inspired by her exhortations to overcome our limitations and fears with baby steps and learning in the direction of your goals. We were treated to a fantastic slide show. We who are afraid of heights salute you, Dierdre!

The oldest woman to climb Yosemite's El Capitan at 70, Dierdre Wolownick's remarkable life story is featured in an upcoming film, *Climbing Into Life*.

Climbing into Life-Trailer on Vimeo:

<https://vimeo.com/729298002>

Blog: <http://dierdrew.us/>

Dierdre's son, Alex Hannold's foundation, dedicated to renewable energy for marginalized communities:

<https://www.honnoldfoundation.org/>



Above: Dierdre Wolownick presents her talk and slide show.



Below: A jumar (climbing equipment) is passed around.



Speaker Lunch

Every monthly speaker is treated to lunch afterward by Gold Country Writers. All are welcome to join us at the Old Town Grill on Sacramento Street. From left to right are Catharine Bramkamp, guest speaker Dierdre Wolownick, and Chery Anderson.

A PLEA FOR A SECRETARY

Gold Country Writers is a healthy non-profit organization with 76 members. It takes a lot of work to keep the club in motion. We boast 36 authors, who have published 99 books. More than 30 of us write fiction, nearly 20 write memoir and about a dozen are primarily interested in poetry.

But we have no one to record our minutes, no one to build our agendas. Eight of us act as voting members of the board, and approximately ten more fill non-voting positions, such as librarian, mentor program coordinator, critique group leaders or webmaster. Others serve on special committees formed for special events or club initiatives. A lot needs to be done.

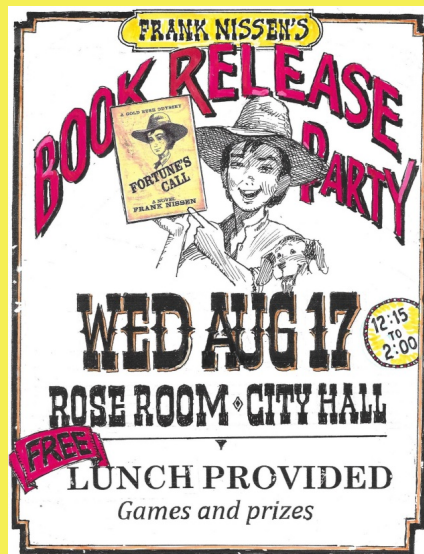
Yet the position of secretary has been vacant for months. It's the perfect office to learn how GCW operates. It's the perfect way to step up and help.

We urgently need a volunteer to take on these duties.

~ Bill Baynes, Membership Chairman

Book Launch Party for Frank!

Frank Nissen's Book Release Party for his historical novel, *Fortune's Call*, will be held Wednesday, August 17th in the Rose room of City Hall from 12:15 to 2:00 PM. Come help Frank celebrate! There will be games and prizes. Lunch will be provided. No purchase necessary. Just come have fun!



SAVE THE DATE . . .

We are... GOLD COUNTRY WRITERS



We are... Celebrating 10-year anniversary
Saturday, September 24, 2022

We are... At the Auburn City Hall
in the Rose Room

We are... Wearing semi-formal or Western wear

We are... Looking forward to seeing you

goldcountrywriters1849@gmail.com

Sell Your Books at the Gold Country Fair

Members who want to sell their books at the Gold Country Fair on September 8-11 can contact Bill Baynes (bbaynes303@aol.com) before August 31st to reserve their space and to provide book titles. Authors can supply up to one dozen books total for all their titles. Books must be delivered to the Rose Room at Auburn City Hall on any Wednesday from 10 a.m. until noon up to September 7. They can be delivered to our booth at the fair on the afternoon of September 8 .

Authors must provide pricing information for each title, including sales tax, rounded off to the nearest whole dollar amount. GCW volunteers will not make any sales (\$12.95, for example) that require coins for change. Gold Country Writers will pay each author for each book recorded as sold. At the end of the fair, we will return remaining copies to members. We are not responsible for missing copies.

Authors are responsible for obtaining their own sellers' permits and for making their own sales tax payments to the state.



Volunteer at the Gold Country Fair

Authors who want to sell their books are encouraged to donate a couple of shifts over the course of the fair to staff the GCW booth. GCW will have an outside booth on Armory Road. Fair hours are listed below. The booth must be manned each hour the fair is open. There will be a sign-up sheet at the regular Wednesday GCW meetings. You don't need a book to sell to volunteer. Vendors receive the following for admissions and parking: 8 one-day admission passes (one-time entrance), and 2 four-day parking passes.

Fair Hours:

September 8th, 4 p.m. – 11 p.m.

September 9th, 4 p.m. – Midnight

September 10th, 11 a.m. – Midnight

September 11th, 11 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Placer Building and all indoor vendors close at 9 p.m. each night. This is a limited 4-day event with all vendor booths required to be open and staffed for all four days from open to close. Any vendor choosing to leave early, arrive late, or leave their booth unmanned during Fair hours will not be allowed back next year.

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, August 2

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Memoir Group at Round Table Pizza, 370 Elm Avenue, Auburn

Wednesday, August 3

10:00 a.m. - noon Combined Executive and General Business Meeting

5:45 p.m. - Evening mixed genre Round Table Pizza, 370 Elm Avenue, Auburn

5:45 p.m. - Children's Lit at Round

Saturday, August 13

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Novel Group

Wednesday, August 17

10:00 a.m. - noon Speaker Meeting with Susan Korn and Frank Nissen.

12:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Book Launch Party for Frank Nissen

Wednesday, August 24

10:00 a.m. Drop-in Critique

12:00 p.m. Poetry Group

2:30 p.m. Science Fiction Group at

Table Pizza

Tuesday, August 9

1:00 p.m. - Memoir Share at Max's,
110 Grass Valley Hwy, Auburn

Wednesday, August 10

10:00 a.m. - noon Drop-in Critique

12:00 p.m. Inspirational Group

12:00 p.m. - Poetry Group

2:30 p.m. - Science Fiction Group at
new location TBA

new location TBA

Wednesday, August 31

5th Wednesday: Prep for Gold
Country Fair booth and Gala event

***All events take place at the Rose
Room of Auburn City Hall, 1225
Lincoln Way, unless otherwise
indicated.**

***See Critique Group List in this
newsletter for group leader,
contact person and more details.**



**Congratulations to Barbara Young
and Betsy Schwarzentraub** for receiving
special awards from the Northern California
Publishers and Authors. Barbara's
book, *The Heart That Rocks Health
Care*, received the NCPA Silver Award for
Nonfiction. In addition, both her book and
Betsy's book, *Tossed In Time: Steering by
the Christian Seasons*, received an NCPA
Silver Award for Cove/ Interior Formatting.
Way to go!

GCW SPEAKER PROGRAMS ON ACTV

Mary Helen Fein, "Writing Family History ~ A Process," March 16, 2022.
<https://youtu.be/P1jiaqQ0mPo>

James L'Etoile, "Exploring Character," May 18, 2022.
<https://youtu.be/rgB4jBclBvk>

Joan Griffin, "Spice Up Your Writing With Sensory Details," June 15, 2022.
<https://youtu.be/F5m34xaTWOo>

Spin-Off Group Announcements

The Inspirational Group will be resuming after a hiatus. Please check with Betsy Schwarzentraub, contact person of the group. This group is looking for a new leader. Check the Calendar for time and location. Bring a lunch.

The Science Fiction Group is homeless due to closure of Leaf and Bean, but will find a place by the second Wednesday, TBA.

The Mystery Group has an opening. Contact Robin DeLey. This group will not be meeting in August, but will resume in September. It's via zoom, third Wednesday at 1 p.m., and will be going hybrid.

Specialty Spin-off Critique Groups Coordinator: Rebecca Inch-Partridge

Contact group leaders, on your latest club roster to learn the current schedule for your group.

Children's Lit: Contact Sarah Pressler. Meets at Round Table Pizza in Auburn the first Wed. of the month. New members welcome.

Science Fiction/Fantasy: Contact Rebecca Inch-Partridge. Meets the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month at 2:30 p.m. at the Leaf and Bean (across from the Court House) Open to new members.

Memoir: NEW GROUP Contact Philip Jacques. The group meets on the first Tuesday of the month at Elm Street Round Table Pizza. Meeting time is 12 noon to 2 p.m. Open to new members.

Memoir Share: Old Group Revived. Contact Terry Wicks. Meets 2nd Tues each month at 1 p.m. at Allan Brigham's, 12420 Leeds Drive, Auburn; emphasizes sharing & caring, not in-depth critiquing. Open to new members.

Novel: Contact Mary Helen Fein. Meets 2nd Saturday each month at private home from 1—4 p.m. Closed to new members.

Evening Mixed Genre: Contact Rebecca Inch-Partridge. Drop in at Round Table Pizza, 1st Wed. of the month, 5:45 p.m.

Flash Fiction: Meetings resume. Contact Chery Anderson. Meets via e-mail.

Poetry: Contact Georgette Unis. Meets 2nd &

GCW OFFICERS, BOARD MEMBERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

PRESIDENT: Frank Nissen

V P - INTERNAL AFFAIRS: Barbara Young

V P - EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, MARKETING & EVENTS: Michael O'Haver

TREASURER & MEMBERSHIP: Bill Baynes

SECRETARY: VACANT

GUEST SPEAKERS: Margie Yee Webb

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Chery Anderson

WEB MASTER: Mary Helen Fein

GROUPS COORDINATOR: Rebecca Inch-Partridge

READ & REVIEW COORDINATOR: Kelly Lardner

DISPATCH NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Lisa Schliff

DISPATCH NEWSLETTER PROOFREADER: Cathy Cassady

4th Wed. @ 12 noon. Sharing poems in the

Rose Room. Open to new members.

Mystery: Contact Robin DeLey. Meets 3rd Wed.

at 1:00 p.m. in the park across from Robin's

place & via Zoom. Open to new members.

Inspirational, Spiritual Revived: needs a leader,
contact Rebecca.

Out of Town Happenings

Great Valley Bookfest Manteca

Date: October 8

Place: Bass Pro Shopping Center, Highway 120, @ Union Road exit 280 Lifestyle Rd.,
Manteca

Up to four panelists are needed to participate in a writers panel. Participants have an opportunity to sell their books at the Bookfest. Contact Michael O'Haver at godsscribemike@gmail.com if you are interested.

Writers Panel Topics:

1. Choosing your genre as a writer
2. Writing research today
3. Publishing Today – Traditional, Vanity, Self-Publishing, or Hybrid?
4. Finding the time to write

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