



November 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. **At this time we are meeting in the Barnstormer Event Center, Auburn Airport, 13626 New Airport Road.** 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

Last month on October 8th, some of us GCW folks did a panel at the Great Valley Bookfest in Manteca. Many good thoughts were offered by Kathryn Shields, Barbara Young, Betsy Schwarzentraub, Rebecca Inch-Partridge (our moderator), and yours truly. Taking into account the porousness of my memory, may I offer this distillation?

Inspiration is everywhere. Be an omnivore.

Be open.

Be questioning.

Listen carefully.

Watch carefully.

Always keep “Why?” and “What if?” close at hand.

~ Frank Nissen

NOVEMBER SPEAKER



GOLD COUNTRY WRITERS



"FINDING INSPIRATION AND STAYING INSPIRED"

Finding inspiration is challenging, but once you find it, how do you stay motivated and inspired?

Brian Wallace, an award-winning artist, will relate his experience with a family of ducks that took up residence in his backyard. This unexpected event became the inspiration for his first children's book, *Daisy and the Dirty Dozen*. Brian will provide his perspective on the four things that helped him stay motivated and inspired to write, illustrate, and finish his book. To accompany the award-winning book, he created *Daisy and the Dirty Dozen Coloring and Activity Book*. His newest book, published in 2022, is *Winnie & Ruby's Folsom ABC Adventure*. Visit his website at www.brianwallaceart.com.

BRIAN WALLACE

NOVEMBER 16, 2022, 10 AM TO NOON

Auburn Airport Barnstormer Room, 13626 New Airport, Auburn, CA 95602

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Presenter Joey Garcia, Thank You

by Margie Yee Webb

Our thanks to Joey Garcia, our October speaker, who gave an illuminating presentation on writing author bios and shared valuable insights on what to do and what not to do to get media attention. One of the many takeaways is that authors should have only one website and it should be their name, not the name of a book. If the name is not available, they can add "writer" to the name. Everything on one website will help drive traffic to the site.

Joey is an editor, author platform coach, and author of *The Wise Author's Guide to Book Publicity*. She is also a relationship expert and author of *When Your Heart Breaks, It's Opening to Love*. Additionally, she is a keynote speaker and presenter at writers conferences, writers groups, and other events. In December, she will host a "Write in Belize" retreat. Visit her website:

<https://www.joeygarcia.com>, to see how she incorporates everything, and sign up for her newsletter.



In Sympathy:



Services for Alan Bingham will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at Lassila Funeral Home on 551 Grass Valley Hwy, Auburn. A reception will be catered at the location after the service.

Info: Beverley 530-305-1734

**Please notify Chery Anderson if you plan on attending the reception:
taleteller2@gmail.com**

Read and Review at Depoe Bay

In January, we'll be reviewing Kathryn Shield's book, *On the Point of a Star*. Kathryn's book targets young readers, and we're looking to pair it with a book of children's poetry. Get a copy of the book and mark your calendars for January.

Next year Read & Review will continue to meet Fridays at Depoe Bay, from 10-12 noon in downtown Auburn. At least one copy of each selection will available in our

GCW library. See Kathryn Shields for details and check-out. Note to our poets:
Please let me know if you will be publishing a book of poetry and would like your
book to be paired with either July or October's selection.

The schedule for 2023 is as follows:

January 13

On the Point of a Stay, YA fiction by Kathryn Shields - 2022

What Was Within, poetry by David Anderson - 2022

April 7

The Keeper of All Good Things, historical fiction by Kelly Lardner - 2022

Poetry, by Michael O'Haver - 2022

July 14

Stitching a Life: An Immigration Story, young adult historical fiction
by Mary Helen Fein - 2020

Poetry, to be announced

October 13

Tear in a Bottle, historical fiction by Kristin Wall - 2018

Poetry, to be announced

Thank you,

Kelly Lardner

Read & Review Coordinator

Photo gallery



New GCW Secretary Dora Cividino at the September Gala. Dora observed, "I had no idea of the devotion and constancy which founding members and those currently involved have worked to make this Gold Country Writers group a success. I'm amazed at the level of commitment by all and how, after ten years, they are still forging ahead."



Kathryn Shields and Susan Korn at the September Gala.



Susan Korn setting up the Gala tables for GCW attendees.



Poolside at Host Terry Wicks' August 31st retreat.

New Proofreader for The Dispatch

Sarah Pressler will be catching our mistakes and typos in the Dispatch as of this issue. Gold Country Writers is grateful for her volunteerism!.

Order New GCW Polo Shirts

Wear a Gold Country Writers polo shirt proudly with our logo on the front left from Vista Print. Order them on Vista Print.com, which already has the template for our logo. The price is \$39 plus tax and shipping.

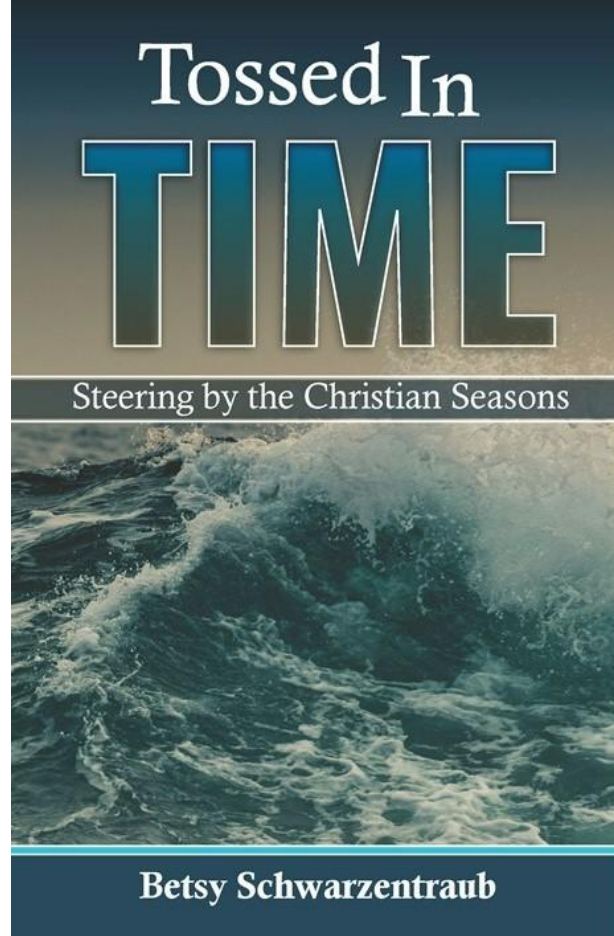
The shirts are Sport-Tek Micropique Sport-Wick Polo or Jerzees Pique Polo Shirt, which means you have two types to choose from.



It's a Book Launch Party!

For *Tossed In Time: Steering by the Christian Seasons*





November 2, 2022 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

At the Auburn Municipal Airport
Barnstormer Room,
13626 New Airport Road, Auburn
(off Bell Road, Hwy 80, Exit 123)

After years of pandemic and uncertain re-openings, millions of people have felt “tossed in time.” With their social markers disrupted, what do they want to let go of or hold onto at this stage? Where can they find an anchor to regain their sense of place?

Tossed in Time: Steering by the Christian Seasons introduces people to the ancient Christian worship seasons – Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost. It helps readers reshape their sense of time and find their place in a larger story. The book looks through the eyes of the apostle Peter, who dared to climb out of the boat during a storm and walk on the wild waves. In our own turbulent times, this book helps people explore a framework that infuses each day with meaning.

KUDOS!

To Sarah Pressler for stepping up as new Dispatch proofreader.

To Betsy Schwarzentraub for throwing two Book Launch Parties for her new book,

Tossed In Time: *Steering by the Christian Seasons*: one at the Barnstormer Event Center on November 2 and another at the Elk Grove United Methodist Church on Saturday, November 19 from 2 to 4 p.m.

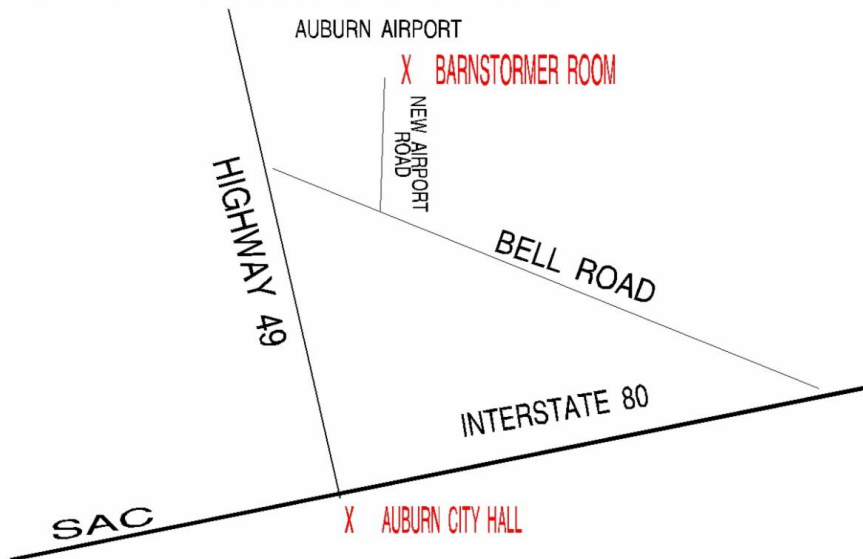
To Lisa Schliff for publishing her first historical fiction novel, *Fire in the Springs*, on October 2.

To Michael O' Haver for being asked to publish a memoir for the founder of Foothills Christian Writers. This is his first effort as a publisher other than self-publishing his own work.

GOLD COUNTRY WRITERS ON THE MOVE AGAIN



Gold Country Writers meetings in the Auburn City Hall Rose Room have been relocated for September (and possibly beyond) while work is done on the floor. We will be meeting on Wednesdays at the Barnstormer Event Center at 13626 New Airport at the Auburn Airport. Coming from Sacramento on 80 take Bell Road exit and turn right on New Airport. From Grass Valley on 49 turn left on Bell and left on New Airport Road. From Colfax on Highway 80 take the Bell Road exit and turn right on New Airport Road. All roads are well marked with traffic lights. Drive to the end of New Airport, park in lots to left or right. Call Bill on his cell if you have a problem: 650-595-8667.



Gold Country Writers



Holiday Pot Luck & Membership Kick-off

December 14, 2022

Auburn Airport Barnstormer Room, 13626 New Airport,
Auburn, CA 95602 www.goldcountrywriters.com

GCS approved for Victorian X-mas Fair

by Michael O'Haver

Gold Country Writers has been approved as a vendor at the Nevada City Victorian Christmas Fair. Although the GCW Board turned this selling opportunity down, as far as paying the entry fee, we received word today that our initial application has been approved. We just have to come up with the \$150 entry fee. Anyone willing to participate should contact Michael O'Haver ASAP. Below are the dates and the hours of the fair:

The Fair runs 5 days in December:

Sundays, December 4, 11, and 18 from 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Wednesdays, December 7 and 14 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, November 1

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

Wednesday, November 2

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

12:30 pm. - 2:30 p.m. Book launch party for Betsy Schwarzentraub

5:45 p.m. - Evening mixed genre

Saturday, November 12

1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Novel group

Wednesday, November 16

10:00 a.m. - noon Speaker Meeting with Bruce Wallace

1:00 p.m. - Mystery Group by hybrid (Zoom and Robin's park)

Wednesday, November 23

No Drop-In Critique (Thanksgiving)

12:00 p.m. - Poetry Group

Round Table Pizza, 370 Elm
Avenue, Auburn

Saturday, November 5

11:00 a.m. - Memorial Service for
Alan Brigham, Lassila Funeral
Home, 551 Grass Valley Highway,
Auburn

12:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. - Elk Grove
Writers Guild Holiday Seminar

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

Tuesday, November 8

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

Wednesday, November 9

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

noon Poetry Group

noon - 2:00 p.m. - Children's Lit
Group

2:30 p.m. - Science Fiction &
Fantasy Group

12:00 p.m. - 2:00

p.m. - Inspirational Group

2:30 p.m. - Science Fiction &
Fantasy Group

Wednesday, November 30

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Drop-in
Critique

***All events take place at the
Barnstormer Event Center,
Auburn Airport, 13626 New
Airport Road, unless otherwise
indicated.**

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



GCW SPEAKER PROGRAMS ON ACTV

Amy Rogers, "Write a Thriller Novel Using Craft Tips From the Pros," September 21, 2022.

<https://youtu.be/VmJ4wBKLrA0>

Dierdre Wolownick, "How to Succeed at Anything," July 20, 2022.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=8e9EiQksIVQ>

Joan Griffin, "Spice Up Your Writing With Sensory Details," June 15, 2022.

<https://youtu.be/F5m34xaTWOo>

James L'Etoile, "Exploring Character," May 18, 2022.

<https://youtu.be/rgB4jBclBvk>

Mary Helen Fein, "Writing Family History ~ A Process," March 16, 2022.

<https://youtu.be/P1jiaqQ0mPo>

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

Contact group leaders, on your latest club roster

**GCW OFFICERS, BOARD MEMBERS &
COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

to learn the current schedule for your group.

Children's Lit: Contact Sarah Pressler: sarahpressler2@gmail.com. Meets at 12:30 p.m. at the Barnstormer Event Center, Auburn Airport the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. New members welcome.

Evening Critique: Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 5:45 at Round Table Pizza. Karen Clay is the contact person.

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

Flash Fiction: Meets once a month via e-mail. 100-word stories in response to writing prompts. Contact Chery Anderson: goldcountrywriters1849@gmail.com. New members welcome.

Inspirational Group: Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month after drop-in critique in same location as the general meeting. The group uses the opposite side of room from the Poetry Group. Bring your own lunch. Betsy is the contact person: betsy@generousstewards.com.

Memoir Critique: 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. Closed to new members.

Memoir Share: Contact Terry Wicks. Meets 2nd Tues each month at 1 p.m. at Max's, 110 Grass Valley Hwy, Auburn. Emphasizes sharing & caring, not in-depth critiquing. Open to new members.

Mystery & Thriller: Meetings are via zoom at 1 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Contact Robin Deley: robindeley@gmail.com. No meeting in December.

Novel Group: Mary Helen Fein is the leader. Meets 2nd Saturday each month at Mary Helen's home from 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Closed to new members.

Poetry: Contact Georgette Unis: georgetteunis@gmail.com. Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday from noon to 2:00 p.m. Sharing poems after the Drop-In Critique. Open to new members.

Science Fiction & Fantasy: Contact Rebecca Inch-Partridge, rebeccapartridge@att.net. Meets the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month at 2:30 p.m at Rebecca's house. No meeting in December.

PRESIDENT: Frank Nissen

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DISPATCH NEWSLETTER PROOFREADER: Sarah Pressler



Retrospective on Great Valley Bookfest

by Rebecca Inch-Partridge

For the second year in a row, Gold Country Writers was invited to send a few members to the Great Valley Bookfest in Manteca as panelists. This year Barbara Young, Kathy Shields, Betsy Schwarzentraub, Frank Nissen, and Rebecca Inch-Partridge answered the call. Their topic this year: "Where Inspiration Comes From." The consensus: "There is wonder all around us, if we just take the time to let it inspire you." The group also operated a booth at the Bookfest. This allowed the authors to not only sell their books, but to do a great deal of networking. We come from a small town, and this was a wonderful experience because it widened my cultural perspective of my potential readership. And it was great fun!

Out of Town Happenings

Elk Grove Writers Guild Holiday Seminar

by Betsy Schwarzentraub

On Nov. 5 from noon to 4:45 p.m. EGWG will host a Holiday Seminar with three speakers whom you'll recognize as expert writers:

- + Elaine Faber on "The Do's and Don'ts of Writing"
- + Gini Grossenbacher on "Descriptive, Dynamic Settings"
- + Judith Starkston on "Writing Better Dialog"

To register for the event, click **on: <https://egweg.org/holiday/>**

All fiction writers could get a lot out of it. And, as always, there's the strengthened motivation and sense of community. See the poster below.

A Holiday Seminar

Presented by the Elk Grove Writers Guild

Featuring



Elaine Faber, an award winning author, lives in Elk Grove, CA with her husband and feline companions. She's published nine cozy mystery novels, an anthology of cat stories, and multiple short stories in twenty-one independent anthologies.

"Do's and Don'ts of Writing"



Gini Grossenbacher, novelist, poet, certified editor, educator, and publisher, founded Elk Grove Writers and Artists and JGKS Press in Sacramento County, and has thirty-six years of experience teaching English/Language Arts to adolescents and adults. Her latest novel, "Madam in Lace" was published in December 2021, and Kirkus Reviews calls it "a gripping trip through Napoleonic France. Details about the revolutionary plot are revealed in tiny parcels, creating a strong sense of suspense that will keep readers turning pages." In addition to writing award-winning novels, Gini also offers weekly virtual fiction and poetry and workshops and provides developmental, copyediting, and collaborative publishing services to novelists and poets.

"Descriptive, Dynamic Settings"



Judith Starkston has degrees in Classics from the University of California and Cornell and has written fantasy and magic in a Bronze Age world. Her novel set in the "Trojan War, Hand of Fire" was a semi-finalist for the M.M. Bennet's Award for Historical Fiction. The first book in her Teshia Series, "Priestess of Ishana" won the San Diego State University Conference Choice Award.

"Writing Better Dialog"

November 5th, 2022

12:00 Noon – 4:45 PM

City of Elk Grove, District 56
8230 Civic Center Dr., Suite 140
Elk Grove, CA 95757

Space is limited. Register today!

<https://egweg.org/holiday/>

Questions?

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