



March 2023 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

Dear fellow GCW members,

We were hoping for a better turnout for our February business meeting. We had a very important matter to discuss, and we were hoping for more member input on the issue. In short, we are running a champagne club on a beer budget. Some things we cannot forego: rent for a place to meet, insurance, post office box. Other expenses have grown exponentially for items such as parties and prizes, for instance.

After much discussion of alternatives, the board voted to RAISE MEMBERSHIP DUES TO \$60 AFTER APRIL 1, 2023. Those of you who have already paid your dues for 2023 are covered until next year. Members who live out of state will remain at \$48 a year.

Between now and April 1, members can pay \$48 for 2023. Please make your check out to Gold Country Writers and bring it to the next meeting or mail it to: Gold Country Writers, P.O. Box 5991, Auburn, CA 95604.

GCW is a very active club. If we want to stay that way, we have to fund it. Thanks for your understanding.

~ Frank Nissen

You Can Manifest Your Book!

by Margie Yee Webb

We are thrilled to welcome Barbara Young for a presentation to Gold Country Writers! On Wednesday, March 15, she will present “Manifesting Your Book.”

What is that feeling like knowing that you are going to write a book? And *how* do you get your thoughts and vision from *in there* to *out here*? Could writer’s block actually be a manifestation block? How can understanding this and yourself more empower you to move past such blocks?

Barbara will address those points and more, including the difference between manifestation and creation — both foundational to success — and how they interplay in the manifestation of your book. Once it’s *out here*, there are many resources to help develop what you have written, and create your book.

Additionally, Barbara will share the story of manifesting her first book — *The Heart That Rocks Health Care: Nurses—Move from stress to success, empowerment and influence* — and how her 35+ years as a health conscious registered nurse, well being consultant and glass artist contributed to her award-winning nonfiction book. Barbara will explain the concepts within her AH SUCCESS Process for manifesting success that can help you manifest your book.

Barbara holds Board Certifications in Holistic Nursing, and Vascular Access, and degrees in nursing, psychology, and metaphysics. A member of Gold Country Writers, she currently serves as Vice President of Internal Affairs and previously served as Secretary. For more, visit her website:
BYoungBooks.com

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MANIFESTING YOUR BOOK

Barbara Young

Maya Angelou said, "There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside you."

But how do you get your vision from *in there* to *out here*? Bringing the unseen forth involves the processes of manifestation and creation. The interplay of both is foundational to success. Barbara Young will share the story of manifesting her first book, *The Heart That Rocks Health Care*, and how her 35+ years as a health conscious registered nurse, well being consultant and glass artist contributed to her award-winning non-fiction book. Barbara will explain the concepts within her AH SUCCESS Process for manifesting success that can help you manifest your book.

Barbara Young holds Board Certifications in Holistic Nursing and Vascular Access, and degrees in nursing, psychology, and metaphysics. Barbara is the GCW Vice President of Internal Affairs.

Connect with her at BYoungBooks.com



March 15, 2023 10 am to noon

AUBURN AIRPORT BARNSTORMER ROOM
13626 NEW AIRPORT ROAD AUBURN CA 95602

Public Invited

Free

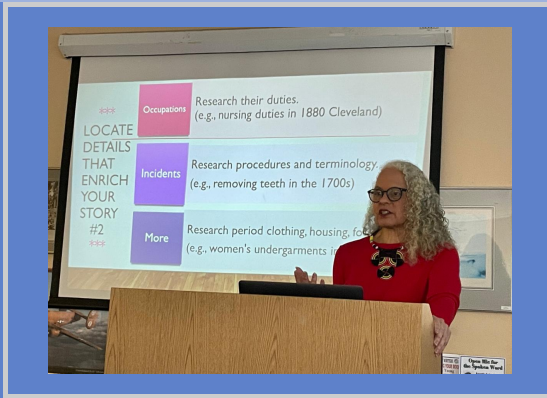
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Thanks to Kathy Lynne Marshall

by Lisa Schliff

Ms. Marshall inundated Gold Country Writers with a flood of valuable information about researching her ancestors. Equally important, she discussed organizing it so that it's readily accessible. She even had a chart that can aid the writer in making important connections between one fact, event or person and another. She covered setting goals, using Google Search, taking a research trip, developing a timeline of events, making a photo book, and more. So much, you just had to be there. Her latest book is *Finding Marshalls: A Genealogy Trip with a Black and White Twist*. We wish her well-deserved success!

You can learn more about Kathy at: <https://kathylynmarshall.com>



Kathy Lynne Marshall



Kathy autographs her book for Terry Wicks.

Rebecca Inch-Partridge To Host Book Launch Party

by Rebecca Inch-Partridge

“When you worked on the same book for thirty years, and it finally gets published, you want to celebrate,” says Rebecca. So she is throwing a launch party on Saturday, March 18th from 2:00 to 4 PM. The event will be held at the Oddfellow’s Lodge, 1226 1/2 Lincoln Way, Auburn, CA 95603. It is located across from Auburn City Hall.

The party will be sci-fi themed: costumes and/or hats are encouraged, and prizes will be awarded. Refreshments will include a dessert bar, Space Café, and astronaut food tasting. There will also be a mini-science fiction museum, games and prizes, and a photo booth. The event will include a short reading from Rebecca's novel, *Escaping the Dashia*, as well as a question-and-answer period.

Rebecca Inch-Partridge's first novel, *Escaping the Dashia*, is a young adult (YA) science fiction novel that explores the complexities of family and betrayal against the backdrop of a Star Wars-style universe. Young telepath Twyla is abducted from Earth by her mother and forced into her family's criminal enterprise. Twyla must navigate the blurred lines between right and wrong, and outwit her mother before she is forced to become the very thing she despises, a Dashia.

The novel will be available for purchase at the event; however, it can also be ordered through Amazon, Barnes and Noble, or your local bookstore.



Recent Updates on GCW Website

by Margie Yee Webb

Looking for speaker events or videos on the Gold Country Writers website? Recent updates by GCW Webmaster Mary Helen Fein will make those and other items easier to find — take a look! <https://goldcountrywriters.com>

Regarding events, Mary Helen said, “When someone clicks on EVENTS, they will now see a submenu with 2 options: CURRENT EVENTS and PAST EVENTS. These are now 2 separate pages.” She added, “Each of these pages has a convenient link to the other.”

CURRENT EVENTS — <https://goldcountrywriters.com/upcoming-events/>

PAST EVENTS — <https://goldcountrywriters.com/past-events/>

Regarding videos, Mary Helen said, “Please take a look by clicking GCW VIDEOS ON YOUTUBE on our website’s main menu. You will see the new drop down list with two different pages.” Those pages are GCW VIDEOS (sponsored by GCW) and MEMBER VIDEOS (not sponsored by GCW).

GCW VIDEOS — <https://goldcountrywriters.com/gcw-videos/>

MEMBER VIDEOS — <https://goldcountrywriters.com/membervideos/>

The GCW VIDEOS page presents videos created about Gold Country Writers and Events that are sponsored by the GCW organization. These include videos of some of our Speaker meetings filmed by GCW member Phil Jacques, who is the Studio Manager for Auburn Community Television (ACTV).

The MEMBER VIDEOS page presents videos created by and about GCW Members that are not sponsored by the GCW organization.

KUDOS!

To Mary Helen Fein for her excellent work on the website!

To Karen Clay, whose story *Massage Parlor and Musical Tourette's* was published in Grandedameliterary.com February Journal.

Dues to go up April 1

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ALL GCW MEMBERS: Please send news of your writing milestones and accomplishments to Lisa Schliff, Dispatch Editor, for recognition in the newsletter: onthbeamalisa@gmail.com. We want to hear from you!

Kato and Jacques Stage the Third Act

Gold Country Writer Jeaninne Escallier Kato is producing a program series called "Staging the Third Act" for Auburn Community Television (ACTV). Gold Country Writer, and ACTV General Manager Philip Jacques is filming it. "Staging the Third Act" is by, for, and about Boomers navigating their legacies without progeny, creating universal connections. Each show is 40 minutes long. Two Gold Country Writers were featured in the second and third shows: Kathryn Shields and Frank Nissen.

Here is the link to Kathryn's interview:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=gf0Z91RpN8o>

Here is the link to Frank's interview:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=DWvcK0mLpgo>

*Note from Jeaninne: You can access ACTV via the internet as its own site, on facebook.com, or on youtube.com. My program, "Staging the Third Act", is filmed once a month, usually mid or end of the month. There is no set date or time on the ACTV schedule. If you search the name of my program on youtube.com, all the shows appear. You can also find my shows directly on the ACTV website.

Possible New Critique Groups

by Jody Brady

Several people have voiced interest in forming a new group of members working on

memoirs or full-length books. When working on an on-going story, it works better if the readers are familiar with the story up to that point. If you are interested, email a note to Jody Brady at: jodyjojody@aol.com.

Word of the Month

Words are our tools. Lets have some fun with them! Submit an unusual word of the month to Dispatch Editor Lisa Schliff at onthebeamalisa@gmail.com.

Orographic is an adjective that means relating to mountains, especially with regard to their position and form. I came across this word in a novel I read last month, *The Trail* by Ethan Gallogly.

Submitted by Lisa Schliff

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, March 1

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

Tuesday, March 7

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

Wednesday, March 8

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

noon - 2:00 p.m. - Poetry Group

noon - 2:00 p.m. - Inspirational Group

12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Children's Lit Group

2:30 p.m. - Sci Fi and Fantasy Group, Rebecca Inch-Partridge's home.

Saturday, March 11

1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Novel Group, Mary Helen Fein's home. Currently full.

Wednesday, March 15

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Speaker Meeting: Barbara Young

1:00 p.m. - Mystery/Thriller Group

Saturday, March 18

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Book Launch Party for Rebecca Inch-Partridge, Oddfellows Hall, 1226 1/2 Lincoln Way, Auburn

Wednesday, March 22

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

noon - 2:00 p.m. - Poetry Group

noon - 2:00 p.m. - Inspirational Group

12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Children's Lit

1:00 p.m. - Memoir Share Group, currently full.

2:30 p.m. - Sci Fi and Fantasy Group, Rebecca Inch-Partridge's home.

Flash Fiction - Via e-mail only.

***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

Georgette Unis, "Sounding the Metaphor," January 18, 2023.

<https://youtu.be/STtdiepCfa4>

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 Critique Members: It would be great to see you at the Wednesday drop-in critique meetings once in awhile, as readers and/or listeners.

Specialty Spin-off Critique Groups

Coordinators: Jody Brady and Sarah Pressler

Contact group leaders, on your latest club roster 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: Contact Karen Clay, karen@karenclay.com. Meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 5:45 at Round Table Pizza.

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

GCW OFFICERS, BOARD MEMBERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

PRESIDENT: Frank Nissen

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Margie Yee Webb

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Chery Anderson

WEB MASTER: Mary Helen Fein
GROUPS COORDINATORS: Jody Brady and Sarah Pressler
READ & REVIEW COORDINATOR: Kelly Lardner

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.

Memoir Share: Contact Terry Wicks, terryshenhouse@gmail.com. Meets 4th Wednesday each month at 1 p.m. at Max's, 110 Grass Valley Hwy, Auburn. Emphasizes sharing & caring, not in-depth critiquing.

Mystery & Thriller: Meetings are via zoom at 1 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Contact Robin Deley: robindeley@gmail.com.

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 Bill Baynes, bbaynes303@aol.com or Frank Nissen, f.j.nissen@icloud.com. Meets the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month at 2:30 p.m. Meet at Rebecca Inch-Partridge's house..

DISPATCH NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Lisa Schliff

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Sarah Pressler



Out of Town Happenings

Writing Classes in Grass Valley

Rebecca Inch-Partridge will teach three writing classes at Sierra College's Grass Valley Campus.

"Write That Book! The First Half." Tuesdays 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM from 2/7/23 - 3/05/23,

"Write That Book! The Second Half Unlocked." Tuesdays 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM from 3/21/23 - 5/02/23

"Rewrite that Book! The Next Draft" Thursdays 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM from 3/23/23 - 4/27/23

For more information on this, and all the other writing courses offered through the OLLI program, visit www.campusce.net/sierraolli.

Contact Rebecca at rebeccapartridge@att.net if you have any questions.



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