



Forging Better Writers

October 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. 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 GCW Membership,

My birthday was September 16th, and I just celebrated my seventy-seventh, at St. Patrick's Church in Placerville. It was a fun time as I listened to the festive music that celebrated Mexican Independence Day. I also enjoyed an authentic, delicious dinner with my loving son, Joe.

On a more serious note, I'm under the medical care for and treatment of Stage 1 Breast Cancer. Please know this is a difficult message for me to convey. As I type this message, it is even hard for me to believe. All of a sudden, the medical profession owns your body, your calendar dates, and the treatment of your future health care. At first it was a nightmare, but not anymore. I think I'm finally waking up.

Now I'm making it public to the people who should know about my health challenge, and why I may or may not be able to attend GCW functions. Barbara Young, Internal Vice-President, and Michael O'Haver, External Vice-President, will be available to represent me at meetings and events.

Speaking of events, save the date of Saturday, October 7, 2023 for a big one. Details are in this issue of the Dispatch. The Rose Room will be the reception area to meet and greet. We will have a Keynote Speaker, Laurel Anne Hill, and the winners of the GCW Short Story Contest will be announced. This is the first time we have included the public from nearby communities and other counties to participate.

This is an exciting time for Gold Country Writers and our membership to participate in a very successful writers' group. The fall season continues to roll in with cooler weather and light winds. Enjoy the last days before winter blows her storms. Here comes Halloween. Stay strong and healthy.

~ Susan Korn

Food and Fables in Fiction Writing

by Margie Yee Webb

We are pleased to welcome Meera Ekkanath Klein for a presentation to Gold Country Writers! On Wednesday, October 18, she will present "Food and Fables in Fiction Writing."

She says, "Adding food descriptions and fables to your writing makes it more delicious and appealing. Food writing is very descriptive and uses all your senses." Meera will share examples from her two novels with recipes. Participants are encouraged to bring paper and pencil to take part in a sensory writing demonstration.

Award-winning author Meera Ekkanath Klein deftly weaves her love of cooking and storytelling into irresistible tales with *My Mother's Kitchen: A Novel with Recipes* (2014, Homebound Publications) and *Seeing Ceremony: A Novel with Recipes* (2020, Homebound Publications). *My Mother's Kitchen* has won numerous awards and was

selected as a Winner in the 2015 International Book Awards in the Multicultural Fiction category. The book was also selected as Finalist in the 2015 National Indie Excellence Book Awards and in the 2015 Beverly Hills International Book Awards, both in the Multicultural Fiction category. *Seeing Ceremony* was named Grand Prize Winner (Third Place) in Fiction, and Winner in the Second Novel category, in the 2021 Next Generation Indie Book Awards.

Meera mastered the art of Indian cooking in her own mother's kitchen in the beautiful Blue Mountains or Nilgiris of South India. A former newspaper reporter and columnist, she honed her writing skills in a busy newsroom. Her poetry, short stories, and essays have been published in numerous online magazines, including *Zibby Mag*, *The Ethel* (The AARP online magazine), *As/Us: Writers of the World*, and in *Eternal Snow*, an anthology put together by Nepalese poet Yuyutsu Sharma. She is a book reviewer for *New York Journal of Books* and an editor for *FEMASIA magazine*. Meera has participated in the Authors on the Move fundraiser for the Sacramento Literacy Foundation and was featured on Capital Public Radio.

Read about Meera at her website: <https://www.meeraklein.com>

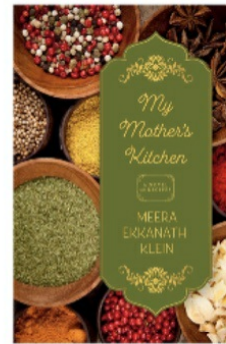
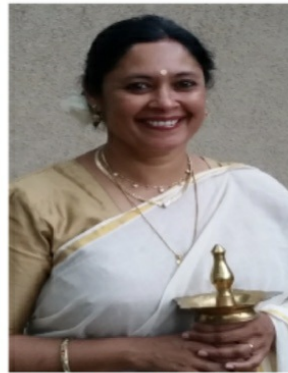


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MEERA EKKANATH KLEIN

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10AM TO NOON FREE

Auburn City Hall - Rose Room
1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, CA 95603
www.goldcountrywriters.com

Thanks to Sands Hall

by Michael O'Haver and Lisa Schliff

Sands Hall presented important overlapping elements in both fiction and memoir writing to help Gold County Writers on our way to success. Some insightful new points were: a narrator who can be you in the present looking back or from the perspective of your past; use of all our writing resources including narration dramatization, show and tell, and scene summary. She presented essential items for creating a scene. We must bear in mind the power of a concept to hold the reader's interest. She recommended reading your work aloud before publishing. All in all, we enjoyed a brilliant and original talk by Sands Hall.

To view the slides for this presentation, go to Sands' website: <https://sandshall.com>. You can also view this presentation via the ACTV link in this newsletter.



Sands Hall autographs her book, *Tools of the Writer's Craft*, for attendees.
(photo by Margie Yee Webb)



Sands Hall launches into her presentation for September Guest Speaker Wednesday.
(photo by Margie Yee Webb)

Gold Country Writers to Honor Short Story Finalists

by Chery Anderson

The first Gold Country Writers Short Story Contest attracted 56 writers who crafted a piece of fiction in 1,500 words or fewer. Twenty-six entries came from Placer County, 11 from Sacramento County and nine from Nevada County, with others from El Dorado, Solano, Yolo, San Joaquin and Yuba counties.

The 10 finalists will be honored with an event from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 7, in the Auburn City Hall City Council Chambers. Stories that win first, second and third place will receive a cash prize in gold coins. The event is free, and the public is invited.

The keynote speaker for the award celebration will be Laurel Anne Hill, an author and teacher. Her talk is "A Short Story Is Not a Very Short Novel." An expert in short-story writing, Ms. Hill will discuss what sets this literary form apart. She will emphasize her points by reading selections from her seven books and 30 published short stories.

"The reason Gold Country Writers hosted this contest was to showcase the amazingly talented authors in our area," Contest Chair Rebecca Inch-Partridge explained. In surveying the entries, Inch-Partridge said, "I love the medium of short stories. It lets the author play with plot, character, and setting in five pages instead of 500, like some novels."

Following the awards ceremony, a reception will be held in the downstairs Rose Room at Auburn City Hall, 1225 Lincoln Way. There will be time for attendees to network with the award winners and keynote speaker. A book signing will allow guests to purchase a signed copy of the speaker's award-winning work, *Plague of Flies: Revolt of the Spirits, 1846*.

The Gold Country Writers Award Celebration is sponsored in part by Poets & Writers Magazine, the Arts Council of Placer County, the Arts Commission of Auburn, and Gold Country Media.



GOLD COUNTRY WRITERS

SHORT STORY CONTEST 2023



KEYNOTE SPEAKER
LAUREL ANNE HILL
"A Short Story Is Not
A Very Short Novel"

AWARDS CELEBRATION

Saturday
October 7
1 – 3:30 PM

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Sponsors of GCW Short Story Contest and Celebration

by Margie Yee Webb

Much appreciation to the sponsors of the Gold Country Writers Short Story Contest and Celebration! The celebration event is set for Saturday, October 7, 2023. See flyer for more details.

The contest and celebration event are supported in part by the Arts Council of Placer County, Auburn Arts Commission, Gold Country Media, and Poets & Writers. Also, with support provided by the City of Auburn, Starbucks Coffee, and Face In A Book Bookstore & Gifts.

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Additional sponsors providing support are: **City of Auburn**, **Starbucks Coffee** (in Auburn), and **Face In A Book Bookstore & Gifts** (in El Dorado Hills Town Center — <https://www.getyourfaceinabook.com>).

Thanks again to all the sponsors for supporting our special event!



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All About Open Mic for the Spoken Word

by Kathryn Shields

Join us for Open Mic for the Spoken Word at the Auburn Library, Beecher Room, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., on September 22. Volunteers who wish to participate have eight minutes for their tale-telling. We really want your stories, talent, and support.

A fun time is had by all, what with superb stories, poems, original writings, and spur-of-the-moment improvisations. Participation in Open Mic stirs one's creative juices, develops oral story-telling poise, and builds presentation techniques which help your creations come alive.

Improvisation is always an exciting challenge. Each person picks two words, quickly invents a story around those words, then acts out the tale before the audience. It is a wonderful learning experience to quickly develop an entire story, beginning, middle, end, and action, then immediately present it to others.

There will be an Open Mic on the fourth Saturday in September and October but no sessions during November and December. Everyone is welcome. So come on down, try something new, and enjoy the action!

Auburn Gold Country Fair Booth Results

by Michael O'Haver

Twelve members participated by having books to sell. Eleven of them helped by manning the booth or assisting in setup or take down.

10 members actually sold books ranging from 1-5, for a total of \$399 in sales. Those selling were: myself, Mary Boyle, Kathryn Shields, Frank Nissen, Dorothe Kress, Rosanne McHenry, Rebecca Inch-Partridge, Bill Baynes, and Cindi Ruth.

Author's Selling Opportunities Available (Pay as You Go)

Auburn Christmas Art & Craft Fair November 25 & 26

Gold Country Fair grounds Indoors & Weather Permitting Outdoor Spaces Sat. 11/25 – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Sun. 11/26 – 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Fee - \$180 for indoor booth, \$160 for outdoor booth.

Great Valley Bookfest October 14, 2023, Bass Pro Center, Highway 120 at Union Rd exit, 280 Lifestyle Road, Manteca, CA 95337. Author's booth - \$50, non-profit booth - \$25.

Maidu X-Mas Artisan Fair - will be held at the Maidu Community Center in Roseville –

November 18, 2023. Fees: indoor - \$125; outdoors - \$100 Hours – 10 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Old Town Auburn Christmas Art & Craft Faire

November 26 - 27, 2022, Hours: Sat. 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Gold Country Fairgrounds, Auburn, CA 95603.

Nevada City Victorian Christmas Fair - Sundays – Dec, 3, 7, &17 hours – 1 - 6 p.m., Wednesdays – Dec. 6 & 13, hours – 5 – 9 p.m. Fee - \$200 – Micro Vendor for 4' X 6' booth on Commercial Street. Deadline – 10/22 Vendors must commit to attend all dates.

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Contact: Michael O'Haver: 209-595-9728 or Godsscribemike@gmail.com.



GCW member Phyllis Kalbach issues a warning via t-shirt message.
(photo by Lisa Schliff)

GCW Secretary Position Open

by Lisa Schliff

The Secretary position will be open starting January 2024. If you want to explore this

wonderful opportunity to contribute to Gold Country Writers, please come to a General Business Meeting. They take place the first Wednesday of every month from 10:00 a.m. to noon. You can talk to the outgoing Secretary, Dora Cividino, about the duties and benefits of this Board position. Duties involve taking minutes of the monthly General Business Meeting, emailing the final version to the Board, and amending corrections. Get to know the Board members and Committee Chairs and learn how Gold Country Writers operates behind the scenes.

October Read & Review

by Kelly Lardner, Coordinator

Our next Read and Review will be Friday, October 13th. Please join us! We'll be discussing *Escaping the Dashia*, a newly published sci-fi fantasy novel by Rebecca Inch-Partridge. Her book is available on Amazon or in our GCW library. Come join us at Depoe Bay Coffee Roasters in Auburn from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

Joining Rebecca will be another of our members, Mary Boyle. Writing as Mariah Clark Skewes, Mary has authored several children's books, *Never Hug a Hedgehog* and *Never Pet a Penguin*, to name a few. Mary will share with us her interest in writing children's books.

Our line-up for 2024 (short stories, children's books, and poetry will be included in these dates and announced later). MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

January 12 *The Risk: Forbidden Love Behind the Iron Curtain* (fiction/memoir), Dorothe Kress

April 12 *Our Angel for Twenty-One Years* (memoir), Terry Wicks

July 12 *Force of Nature* (non-fiction), Joan Griffin

October 11 *Rose Beads* (historical fiction), Kelly Lardner

Poetry Workshop Open

by Georgette Unis

The Poetry Workshop is now open to new members. We share poems, some written by each member and/or some by other poets. If you want to write or simply listen, we welcome you. Our meetings are on the second and fourth Wednesdays in the Rose Room from noon to 2 pm, just after the Critique Groups. Contact Georgette Unis at georgetteunis@gmail.com for more information.

KUDOS!

To Mary Boyle for launching her latest children's picture book, *Never Mimic a Woolly Mammoth*. at her son Tim's second annual Mammoth Trailfest over the weekend. Her book is available on [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and [barnesandnoble.com](https://www.barnesandnoble.com).

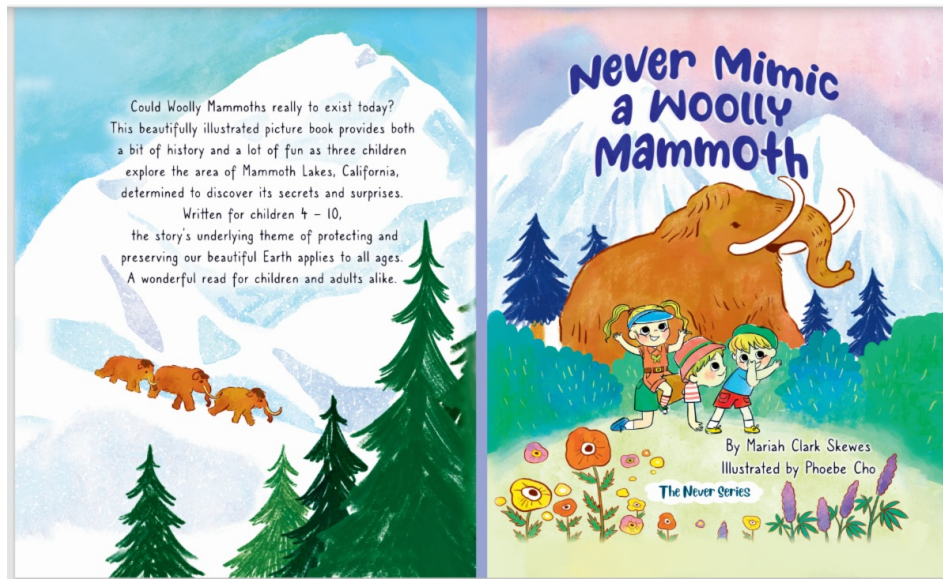
To Barbara Young for publishing her first children's picture book, *Grandma Lost Cuddles!* This is one of five books in her social emotional learning series, "Adventures with Dementia," for ages 4-10. She has received generous positive feedback for this book and a lot of encouragement in anticipation of the full series. Parents, teachers, social workers, nurses, and family members of people with dementia say this is a much needed book for children on a topic that is difficult to discuss. Also, that the story is delightful, the illustrations are colorful, and Emmy, the protagonist is an adorable role model for children who's life is touched by dementia. *Grandma Lost Cuddles!* was awarded a second place ribbon at the Harvest Fair during the Draft Horse Classic at the Nevada County Fairgrounds in September.

To Joy Hemp for publishing two adult coloring books. They are based on her set of "I am" affirmation cards. *I am affirmations coloring book #1* was released in July and *I am affirmations coloring book #2* in August.

To Joan Griffin for publishing her new adventure memoir, *Force of Nature: Three Women Tackle the John Muir Trail*, released on September 28, which has five 5-star reviews on Goodreads. She has two book launch parties planned also: October 21 in Auburn and November 5 in Grass Valley.

To Dorothe Kress for a successful two-hour meeting with a book club in Lincoln. They read her fiction/memoir, *The Risk: Forbidden Love Behind the Iron Curtain*. She also presented and signed her book on September 27 before a theater full of people from the Sun City Lincoln Hills Community. Over 100 people attended.

To Jody Brady for publishing an historical memoir, *Anything But Civil, The True Story of a Civil War Battle*, available on amazon.com. She wrote about her great-grandfather.



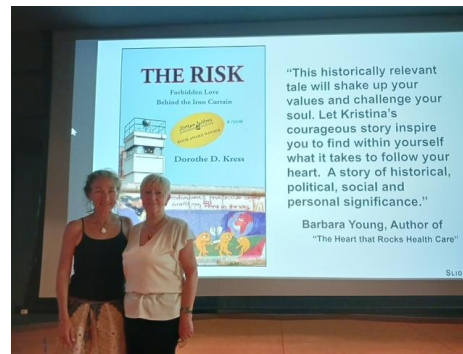
The front and back cover of Mary Boyle's latest children's book.



Barbara Young's newly published book with Nevada County Fair award ribbon.



Dorothe Kress's meeting with Lincoln Book Club.



GCW Internal V.P. Barbara Young attended Dorothe Kress's book reading in Lincoln.

***Correction to September Dispatch:** Pauline Nevins just published her *second* book of essays, not her third. Her first book was a memoir.

INVITATION TO ALL GCW MEMBERS

by Dora Cividino

Please join board members and committee chairs at our monthly general meetings on the first Wednesday of each month. These meetings are open to all members of Gold Country Writers. You will hear and learn about the issues that confront us as an organization such as the budget, updates on location, upcoming events and results of past events. And we



Thinking of becoming a member of Gold Country Writers? It's easy to join. Email your name, address, and telephone number to: goldcountrywriters1849@gmail.com Please put GCW Membership in subject line We will mail you a more comprehensive membership questionnaire.

Gold Country Writers is here to support and encourage writers of all levels and all genres — whether Novels, Poetry, Science Fiction, Fiction or Memoirs or your own creative genre. Whether you are a beginner or an established writer — WELCOME.

Membership gives you: Critique groups, monthly speakers, networking, mentor program, Read and Review quarterly book club, monthly newsletter, website with your bio, and much more!



From left: Susan Osborn, Terry Wicks, and Margie Yee Webb at August 30 Writers Retreat on Terry's beautiful farm and luxury poolside garden. Another perk of membership!
(photo by Lisa Schliff)

Snap Your Critique Group

Critique Group Leaders and participants: Please send photos of your critique groups in action to Sarah Pressler at: sarahpressler2@gmail.com. Also, you can visit the GCW Facebook page, like the posts, and generate more traffic and interest in Gold Country Writers.

KUDOS IN DISPATCH: Blow Your Own Horn

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 read about you!

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, October 3

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Memoir Critique,
Atwood Business Park, 11768
Atwood Rd., Auburn. Currently full.

Wednesday, October 4

10:00 a.m. - noon - General
Business Meeting, open to all.
5:45 p.m. - Evening mixed genre,
Pizza Factory, 13470 Lincoln Way,
Auburn.

Saturday, October 7

1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Short Story
Contest Awards and Celebration.
Auburn City Hall Rose Room and
Chambers, 1225 Lincoln Way.

Wednesday, October 11

10:00 a.m. - noon - Drop-in Critique
10:00 a.m. - noon - Novel/Book
Fast Track
noon - 2:00 p.m. - Poetry Group
noon - 2:00 p.m. - Inspirational
Group

Wednesday, October 18

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Speaker
Meeting:
1:00 p.m. - Mystery/Thriller Group
via Zoom

Tuesday, October 24

noon - 2:00 p.m. Memoir Critique,
Atwood Business Park, 11768
Atwood Rd., Auburn. Currently full.

Wednesday, October 25

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Drop-in
Critique
10:00 a.m. - noon - Novel/Book
Fast Track
noon - 2:00 p.m. - Poetry Group
noon - 2:00 p.m. - Inspirational
Group
noon - 2:00 p.m. - Memoir Share
Group.
2:30 p.m. - Sci Fi and Fantasy

noon - 2:00 p.m. - Children's Lit Group
2:30 p.m. - Sci Fi and Fantasy Group, Flames Restaurant, 13434 Lincoln Way, #3215, Auburn (Raley's Shopping Center).

Friday, October 13

10:00 a.m. - noon - Read and Review at Depoe Bay Coffee Roasters, 893 High Street, Auburn.

Saturday, October 14

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

Tuesday, October 17

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Memoir Critique, Atwood Business Park, 11768 Atwood Rd., Auburn. Currently full.

Group, Rebecca Inch-Partridge's home.

Flash Fiction - Via e-mail only.

Saturday, October 28

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Open Mic for the Spoken Word, Auburn Library, Beecher Room, 350 Nevada Street.

***All meetings take place at the Rose Room, Auburn City Hall, 1226 Lincoln Way, Auburn, unless otherwise indicated.**

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

Save the Dates

by Margie Yee Webb

Even though fall just recently started, the end of the year is fast approaching. Before we get busy with holiday plans, mark your calendars and save the dates for the upcoming Gold Country Writers Speaker Programs and Holiday Party.

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Author **Meera Ekkanath Klein**

"Food and Fables in Fiction Writing" Presentation

<https://goldcountrywriters.com/october-speaker-meera-ekkanath-klein/>

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

Author **James L'Etoile**

"Building Author-Bookstore Relationships" Presentation

<https://goldcountrywriters.com/event/november-speaker-james-letaille/>

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

GCW Holiday Party

(Note: No Speaker Program in December.)

<https://goldcountrywriters.com/event/holiday-party/>

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

El Dorado County Poet Laureate Emeritus **Lara Gularte**

"Is It a Prose Poem or Flash Fiction?" Workshop

<https://goldcountrywriters.com/upcoming-events/>

The Speaker Programs, on the third Wednesday of the month, are free and open to the public. Writers, readers, and guests are invited! The Holiday Party, a social event not to be missed, is always fun and festive! (Details to be announced.) Join in for these engaging events!

GCW SPEAKER PROGRAMS ON ACTV

Sands Hall, "Overlapping Strategies in the Writing of Fiction and Memoir," September 20, 2023. <https://youtu.be/H8rcZ7ve2G4>

Lois Ann Abraham, "Feelings, Nothing More Than Feelings," May 17, 2023.
<https://youtu.be/vIBHahFBang>

Susan M. Osborn, "Creating Flash Fiction," April 19, 2023.
<https://youtu.be/5O3JNYOJi7Q>

Barbara Young, "Manifesting Your Book," March 15, 2023.
<https://youtu.be/tlv972i2ZE0>

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/P1jjaqQ0mPo>

Spin-off Critique Group information can also be accessed on the GCW website:
<https://goldcountrywriters.com/genre-specific-critique-groups/>

Specialty Spin-off Critique Groups Coordinator: 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 noon at the Rose Room, Auburn City Hall, on the 2nd

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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 Pizza Factory, 13470 Lincoln Way, Auburn, 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: Contact Betsy Schwarzentraub at: betsy@generousstewards.com. Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Bring your own lunch.

Memoir Critique: Contact Phillip Jacques. The group meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays at Atwood Business Park, 11768 Atwood Rd. Auburn. Meeting time is 12 noon to 2 p.m.

Memoir Share: Contact Terry Wicks, terryshenhouse@gmail.com. Meets 4th Wednesday each month at 12 noon. 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/Book Fast Track: Contact Libby Taylor-Warden at libbyw@wavetable.com. Meets the second and fourth Wednesdays from 10:00 to noon. We critique already honed writing.

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 Flame Restaurant and Tap Room, 13434 Lincoln Way, #3251, Auburn.

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OUT OF TOWN EVENTS

Gold Country Writers at Elk Grove Writers Conference

by Margie Yee Webb

As one of the sponsors for the Elk Grove Writers Conference on September 23, Gold Country Writers was invited to give a brief presentation and Barbara Young, Vice President - Internal Affairs, represented GCW. Joan Griffin said, "Barbara did an enthusiastic and thorough job of presenting GCW to the crowd." Thanks to Barbara. And thanks also to Betsy Schwarzentraub for her connections and representing GCW at the table with our Speaker flyers and information.



Barbara Young, VP - Internal Affairs, addresses the crowd at the Elk Grove Writers Conference. (Photo by Joan Griffin)

GCW Member Susan Osborn Lectures in Roseville

Susan M. Osborn, Ph.D., M.S.W., will lead a seminar, "Looking at the World with New Eyes," for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Sierra College, Roseville Center. It will convene for six weeks on Tuesdays from October 24th to November 28th. She describes the objective of her seminar as, "Being able to see things in different ways is a key to understanding each other and a complex, ever-changing world. We will use six lenses to expand our vision."

October Literary Events at Public Libraries

by Margie Yee Webb

Cameron Park Library — Tuesday, October 3, and Thursday, October 19, 2023 - 5:30

p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Poets and Writers Workshop, led by El Dorado County Poet Laureate Emeritus Lara Gularte and author Beverly Parayno, is held on the first Tuesday and third Thursday of every month. “We offer an encouraging space for writers and poets to gather in community. Bring one or two poems or six pages of prose, double-spaced. Read, discuss, critique.”

Cameron Park Library, 2500 Country Club Drive, Cameron Park

Folsom Public Library — Saturday, October 28, 2023 - 1:00 p.m.

A Killer Lineup of Mystery Authors — The NorCal chapter of Mystery Writers of America presents a multiple-author event to celebrate Mystery Month. Authors Claire Booth, Pat Canterbury, James L’Etoile, Catriona McPherson, Eileen Rendahl, and Faye Snowden will talk about their most recent books followed by Q&A. The authors' books are available for purchase and signing courtesy of Face in a Book of El Dorado Hills.

Folsom Public Library, 411 Stafford Street, Folsom

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