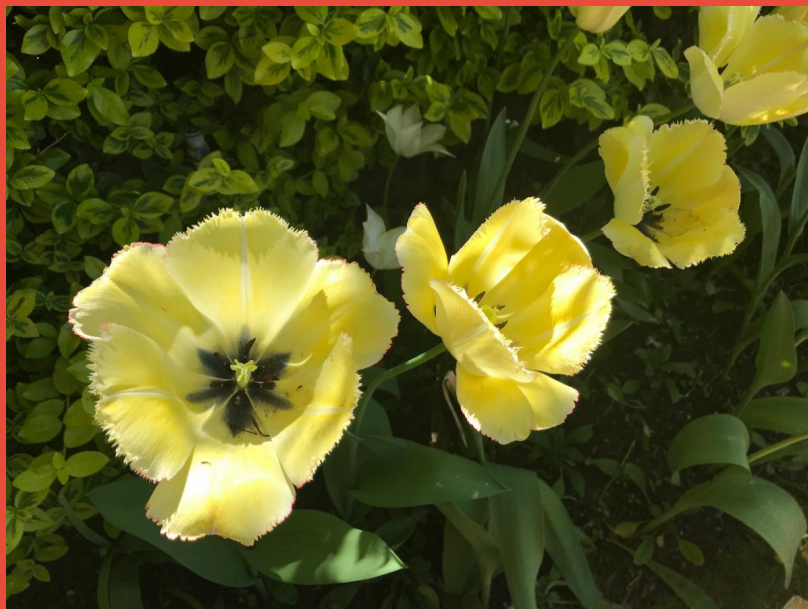




Forging Better Writers

April 2024 Dispatch

Gold Country Writers is a 501(c)(3) 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

“April showers bring May flowers!”

Gold Country Writers general business meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month in the Rose Room from 10:00 am-12:00 pm. This month, directly after the GCW Business Meeting, we will celebrate our Poetry Contest Winners. These parties are always fun. We share stories, network, and enjoy the many choices of potluck salads and desserts. Congratulations to all the Winners and thank you for all the participants who entered. Thank you to event organizers Randy Whitwell, Chairman, David Anderson, and Chery Anderson.

Gold Country Writers has a mission and purpose as stated in our By-Laws. We are a California non-profit corporation.

Mission: The mission of Gold Country Writers is to offer local authors and aspiring writers education, support, resources, development, and networking opportunities to empower them to succeed in reach their writing and publishing goals.

Purpose: The specific purpose of the organization is to offer education, support, and resources to writers and the community as a whole. It educates and encourages writers of all levels and disciplines in skill development and networking. It benefits the community with new books, author connections, and free activities for the public.

GOLD COUNTRY WRITERS BENEFITS: These are the specific areas GCW supports via education, developments, and the following resources:

- Ø Meets every Wednesday at 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. The second and fourth Wednesday meets 12:00 pm-2:00 pm/
- Ø Drop-In Critique of works in progress meets twice a month.
- Ø Evening Drop In-Critique for working GCW Members
- Ø Educational Speakers every 3rd Wednesday, open to the public and free
- Ø Monthly GCW Newsletter, “The Dispatch”
- Ø Mentorship Program
- Ø Author opportunities with special events and conferences
- Ø Community events to sell your books
- Ø Special 5th Wednesdays contests and social events
- Ø Off-site writing retreats
- Ø Annual off-site Leadership Conferences
- Ø Free library of GCW authors' published books
- Ø Read and Review book discussion club
- Ø GCW website page
- Ø GCW Facebook page

The Executive Officers and Board of Directors volunteer to provide all of the above benefits and more.

Gold Country Writers is reaching out to our Membership to help us fill some positions starting in June on the Executive Officers level. The open positions are Vice President; Secretary, and Treasurer. These three positions come with voting power on motions made at the business meetings. If you are interested in being a candidate for any of these positions, please let me know:

Susankorn130yahoo.com. You can also reply to Chery Anderson when she sends her Sunday email blasts. I would enjoy working with you and learning more about you. We will vote for officers the month of June and install them in July with a grand celebration!

Thanks so much,

~ Susan Korn

Create Fiction From Your Lived Experience

by Margie Yee Webb

We are pleased to welcome Beverly Parayno for a presentation to Gold Country Writers. On Wednesday, April 17, 2024, she will present “Drawing From Lived Experience To Write Fiction.”

Are you interested in turning your real life experiences into story? For this workshop, Beverly says that we will look at several authors' works, including her own work, to discuss how they draw from their lives to create fiction. Then we will select a key event or time frame in our own lives as a jumping off point and use elements of fiction to illuminate the story.

Beverly Parayno is the author of the debut story collection *Wildflowers* (PAWA Press, 2023). Her fiction, memoir, essays, and author interviews appear in *Narrative Magazine*, *Bellingham Review*, *The Rumpus*, *Warscapes*, *Huizache*, and *Southward: New Writing from Ireland*. Her work has been translated into Mandarin and published by World Literature, a journal of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

Raised in east San Jose by immigrant parents from the Philippines, Beverly earned a B.A. from San Jose State University, an M.A. from University College Cork, and an M.F.A. from Vermont College of Fine Arts, where she received a Lynda Hull scholarship. She serves on the board of Philippine American Writers and Artists, and the Munster Literature Centre in Cork, Ireland. In October 2023, she participated in and moderated panels at the Cork International Short Story Festival. In March 2024, as part of Storytelling Sunday, she participated in the International Working-Class StoryFest that took place online and in person — in Leicester, England and in Placerville, California. Additionally, she co-facilitates the Poets and Writers Workshop at the Cameron Park Library.

She works as a development professional and animal communicator. Currently, she is working on a teenage runaway memoir set in upstate New York in the mid-1980s. For more about Beverly, visit: wildflowersbp.com.



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DRAWING FROM LIVED
EXPERIENCE TO WRITE FICTION

Beverly Parayno

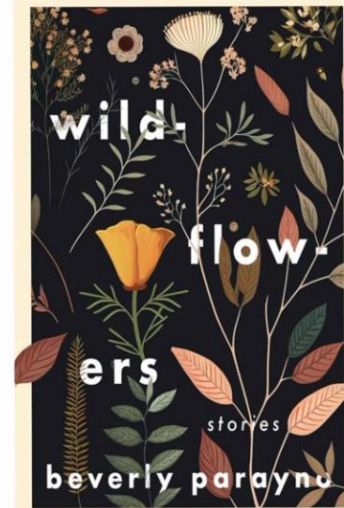
Are you interested in turning your real life experiences into story? We will look at several authors work, including the moderator's own work, to discuss how they draw from their lives to create fiction. We will select a key event or time frame in our own lives as a jumping off point and use elements of fiction to illuminate the story. Beverly Parayno is the author of fiction, memoir, and essays which have been published around the world. Her work has been translated into Mandarin. Her debut story collection is *Wildflowers*. You can find her at www.wildflowersbp.com.
WORKSHOP: bring pen and paper



April 17, 2024

10 am to noon

AUBURN CITY HALL ROSE ROOM
1225 LINCOLN WAY, AUBURN CA



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Scott Thomas Anderson's Crime Podcast

by Lisa Schliff

If you are drawn to crime stories and their outcomes, Scott Thomas Anderson's new podcast is right up your dark alley! Anderson shared his own personal story of how two serial killers affected his life. He took us for a ride of ups and downs as he related his experience of interviewing the people who were directly impacted by two serial killers who killed many people in Calaveras County. His new Documentary Crime Podcast, *A Trace of the Devastation*, consists of five chapters, each with a compelling title: The Unicorn Man, What Only the Owls See, Hunter's Moon, The Gravity of Hidden Graves, and Though

Taken in Darkness.

As an experienced journalist, Anderson interviewed a variety of people who were touched in some way by the crimes. This includes detectives, sheriffs, FBI agents, neighbors, witnesses, and the friends and families of the victims.

Anderson shared about the challenges of tracking down people impacted by the crimes and getting them to talk about their feelings and experiences related to them. His persistence paid off over the years. He succeeded in finding and interviewing many who were able to paint a harrowing picture of the shocking ripples sent through Calaveras County, neighboring Amador County, and the entire Bay Area.

To hear Scott Thomas Anderson's new podcast, go to:

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/trace-of-the-devastation/id1715725758>



Guest Speaker Scott Thomas Anderson expounds upon his crime podcast journey.

(photo by Margie Yee Webb)



Scott Thomas Anderson and Gold Country Writers audience.

(photo by Lisa Schliff)



Delicious lunch at Old Town Grill with presenter Scott Thomas Anderson.

From left: Barbara Young, Lisa Schliff, Susan Korn, Chery Anderson, Margie Yee Webb, Scott Thomas Anderson

(Photo by Nissreen, Old Town Grill)

Poetry Contest Celebration a Success!

by Chery Anderson

Congratulations to the three winners of the 2024 Gold Country Writers Poetry Contest. The 16 stories were judged by three published poets from Lincoln, who compared language usage, mood development, and overall story success to pick the winning poems. Leslie Warren's poem, "Baja Morning," about a trip to Mexico, took third place. Lisa Schliff's emotional poem, "The Downhill Slide," about her aging cat, took second place. Catharine Bramkamp's poem "Lilith," about Adam and his first wife, took first place. The celebration of winners included all of the poems being read for an audience of 35. Randy Whitwell served as emcee, with Chery Anderson and David Anderson as co-chairs.



GCW President Susan Korn addresses the crowd at the Poetry Contest Award Celebration.

(photo by Lisa Schliff)



From Left: Leslie Warren, third place winner, Lisa Schliff, second place winner, Catharine Bramkamp, first place winner.

(photo by Margie Yee Webb)



First-place winner Catherine Bramkamp reads her poem.
(photo by Lisa Schliff)



Lisa Schliff reads her poem, the second place winner.
(photo by Margie Yee Webb)



Leslie Warren reads her poem, which won third place.
(photo by Lisa Schliff)



Frank Nissen and Nanci Woody shmooze under the party decorations.
(photo by Lisa Schliff)



Kate Luce, Eldon Luce, and Sarah Michie Pressler enjoy the festivities.
(photo by Lisa Schliff)



Delectable desserts table
(photo by Lisa Schliff)



Phyllis Kalbach and Nicolle Goldman convene at the poster of American poet Ernest Thayer.
(photo by Lisa Schliff)

GOLD COUNTRY WRITERS



GUIDELINES FOR 59-WORD STORY CONTEST:

Open to members of Gold Country Writers only.
Write one entry only with the title at the top
Count EXACTLY 59 words per MS WORD
(numbers and hyphenated words count as one)

Send story as an attachment
Put your name and story title in the body of email
Put "59- word story contest" on subject line

Email to contest@goldcountrywriters.com
Email from noon April 17 to midnight May 15
Winners Announced May 29, 2024

The examiner will make sure your story follows the rules
An acknowledgement will be emailed to you
Entry gives Gold Country Writers right to publish

Inspiration for the 59-Word Story Contest

by Margie Yee Webb

While there are various ways to get inspiration for this year's Gold Country Writers 59-word Story Contest that is open to members from April 17 to May 8, here are two ways:

*Attend the April 17, 2024, workshop — "Drawing From Lived Experience To Write Fiction" — with Beverly Parayno. <https://goldcountrywriters.com/april-speaker-beverly-parayno/>

*Watch the April 19, 2023, workshop — "Creating Flash Fiction" — presented by Susan M. Osborn. For video link and details, visit <https://goldcountrywriters.com/gcw-videos/>.

However you get inspiration, you CAN create and polish a 59-word story to enter into the



GIVE US A HAND

GCW needs members to serve two-year terms as Secretary and Treasurer starting July 1, 2024



**If you're interested, please email
Vice President Barbara Young**

dylalyd@yahoo.com

by Kelly Lardner, Coordinator

Our next Read and Review will meet Friday, April 12th, at Depoe Bay in downtown Auburn where we will be discussing Terry Wicks' memoir, "Our Angel for 21 Years", a tribute to Terry's husband. Also will be Chery Anderson, reading various selections from our very own GCW Anthology. Plan to join us from 10:00-noon for a lively discussion.

Thanks to Dorothe Kress and Barbara Young for sharing and to all who joined us at January's Read and Review.

Our discussions take place in the back room at Depoe Bay Coffee Company, 893 Lincoln Way, Auburn, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Hope to see you there.

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 writing as Ké Ridolfi

Gold Country Writers at the Writers' Coffeehouse!

By Margie Yee Webb

Several members of Gold Country Writers attended the March Writers' Coffeehouse at Face In A Book! Started in 2017, with a hiatus due to the pandemic, the monthly gatherings resumed recently with new leader Jim L'Etoile. The next Writers' Coffeehouse will be Sunday, April 21.



Gold Country Writers at Face in a Book Writers Coffeehouse

From left: Rick Meredith, Jim L'Etoile, Chery Anderson, Kathryn Shields, Libby Taylor-Worden, Margie Yee Webb, Susan Osborn

(Photo by Sarah B.)

KUDOS!

To Bill Baynes, who is resigning from the Board of Directors after years of fine and reliable volunteer work for Gold Country Writers, serving as both Treasurer and Membership Director. Many thanks for many contributions, Bill!

To Rosanne McHenry, who is having a Book Launch Party for her new publication, *Tales From a Rogue Ranger*, on Sunday, April 14, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Canyon View Community Center, Foothills Room, 471 Maidu Drive, Auburn. More kudos for Rosanne: In 2023 she received a Gold Medal Finalist award in the Next Generation Indie Awards, and was also a four time Finalist in the International Book Awards for her book, *Trip Tales: From Family Camping to Life as a Ranger*.

To Susan Korn, Chery Anderson, Randy Whitwell, and David Anderson for all their hard work and hosting for the Poetry Contest Celebration, as well as many other Gold Country Writers members (and non-members!) who helped out.

To Terry Wickes, who purchased decorations for the Poetry Contest Celebration at her own expense and festooned the Rose Room beautifully.

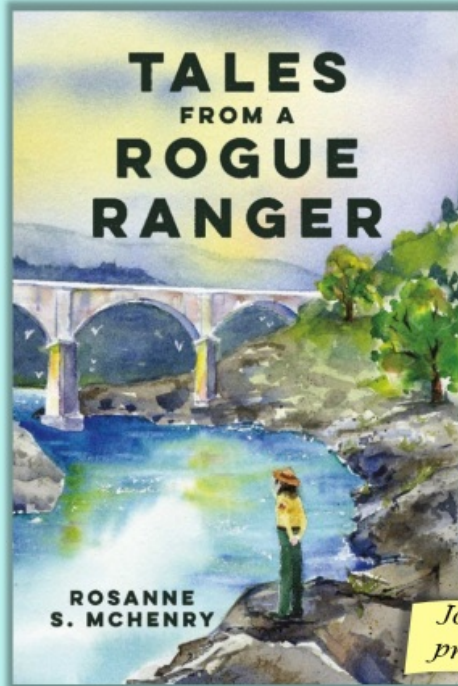
To GCW member Joan Griffin and past member Mary West for presenting on Saturday, March 16 at the Folsom Public Library. They formed a Nature Writers panel and spoke about their experience on the trail from three different vantage points. Joan spoke about her month-long, 200-mile trek on the John Muir Trail from Yosemite to Mt. Whitney, culminating in her book, *Force of Nature*. Four Gold Country Writers were there to support them and take it all in: Frank Nissen, Rebecca Inch-Partridge, Betsy Schwarzentraub, and Margie Yee Webb.

To Mary Boyle, whose Children's Literature book, *Never Pet a Penguin*, the last book in the Never Series, is now available on amazon.com. Add to kudos that she is at 976 total book sales to date! The link to amazon.com for her book is on her website: mariahclarkskewes.com

Please Join Us For A

BOOK SIGNING & LAUNCH PARTY

ROSANNE S. MCHENRY



Date: Sunday, April 14, 2024

Time: 2pm - 4pm

Venue: Canyon View
Community Center,
Foothills Room

471 Maidu Drive,
Auburn, CA 95603

*Join us for fun activities,
prizes, refreshments, and more!*

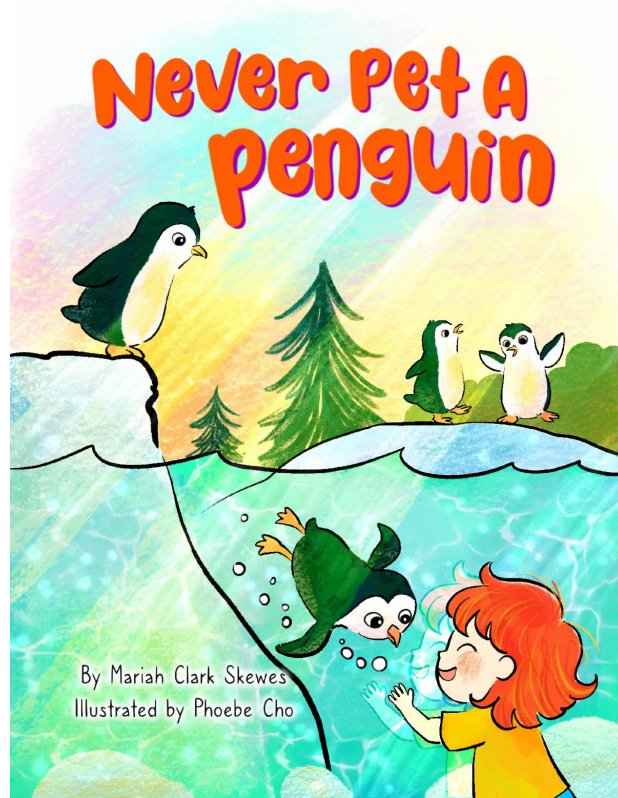
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Joan Griffin (third from left) presents at the Folsom Public Library.

(photo by Betsy Schwarzentraub)



Share Your Milestones!

Please send news of your writing milestones and accomplishments to Lisa Schliff, Dispatch Editor, for recognition in the newsletter: onthbeamalisa@gmail.com. Your news will be posted in the Kudos column. We want to read about you!



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 the 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, social events

and much more!

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.

CHANGE OF VENUE ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24 ONLY

On Wednesday, April 24, all Gold Country Writers critique group meetings will take place at the Barnstormer Event Center at the Auburn Airport, 13666 New Airport Road.

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, April 2

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

Wednesday, April 3

10:00 a.m. - noon - General Business Meeting, open to all.
12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. - 2024 Poetry Contest Celebration
5:45 p.m. - Evening mixed genre, Pizza Factory, 13470 Lincoln Way, Auburn.

Wednesday, April 10

10:00 a.m. - noon - Drop-in Critique
noon - 2:00 p.m. - Poetry Group
noon - 2:00 p.m. - Inspirational Group
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).

Saturday, April 13

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

Wednesday, April 17

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Speaker Meeting: Beverly Parayno.

Wednesday, April 24

**MEETINGS TODAY ONLY TAKE PLACE AT THE BARNSTORMER EVENT CENTER
AUBURN AIRPORT
13666 NEW AIRPORT ROAD**

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

noon - 2:00 p.m. - Memoir Share Group.

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

Flash Fiction - Via e-mail only.

***All meetings take place at the Rose Room, Auburn City Hall,**

Tuesday, April 16
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Memoir Critique, Atwood Business Park, 11768 Atwood Rd., Auburn. Currently full.

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

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

Poetry Contest Awards Celebration

Note: Special Time — 12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

<https://goldcountrywriters.com/poetry-contest-celebration/>

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Author **Beverly Parayno**

“Drawing From Lived Experience To Write Fiction” Workshop

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

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Historian and Author **Bill George**

“How a Maverick Coach Upended Society and Led a Group of Young Swimmers to Olympic Glory”

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

Wednesday, May 29, 2024

59-Word Story Contest Celebration

Note: Contest opens on April 17 and closes on May 8.

<https://goldcountrywriters.com/>

The Speaker Programs, on the third Wednesday of the month, are free and open to the public. Writers, readers, and guests are invited! Join in for these engaging events!

GCW SPEAKER PROGRAMS ON ACTV

Lisa Schliff, "Write a Newsletter to Promote Your Book," February 21, 2024

<https://youtu.be/Fd4-OCZj3Cc>

Lara Gularte, "Is it a Prose Poem or Flash Fiction?" January 17, 2024

<https://youtu.be/A5aOfEm-zD8>

James L'Etoile, "Building Author-Bookstore Relationships," November 15, 2023.

<https://youtu.be/Hdf1yAMBv8s>

Meera Ekkanath Klein, "Food and Fables in Fiction Writing," October 18, 2023.

https://youtu.be/r_ERGLxJ-DY

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/P1jiaqQ0mPo>

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 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. Open to new members.

GCW OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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V P - EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: Michael O'Haver

TREASURER: Bill Baynes

DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP: Nicolle Goldman

SECRETARY: Vacant

Evening Mixed Genre: Contact Rebecca Inch-Partridge: rebeccapartridge@att.net.. Drop in at Pizza Factory, 13470 Lincoln Way, Auburn, 1st Wed. of the month, 5:45 p.m. Open to new members.

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

Inspirational Group: Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Bring your own lunch. Open to new members.

Memoir Critique: Contact Philip Jacques, philipjacques@gmail.com. The group meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays at Atwood Business Park, 11768 Atwood Rd. Auburn. Meeting time is 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.. Currently full.

Memoir Share: Contact Terry Wicks, terryshenhouse@gmail.com. Meets 4th Wednesday each month at 12 noon at the Rose Room, Auburn City Hall.. Emphasizes sharing & caring, not in-depth critiquing. Open to new members.

Mystery & Thriller: Contact Rebecca Inch-Partridge, rebeccapartridge@att.net. Meetings are via zoom at 1 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Next meeting is in February 2024.

Novel Group: Contact Mary Helen Fein: maryhelen@maryhelenfein.com. Meets 2nd Saturday each month at Mary Helen's home from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Currently full.

Poetry: Contact David Anderson: dcajla80@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. Open to new members.

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OUT OF TOWN

Gun Education and Range Day

by Margie Yee Webb

Capitol Crimes President Claire Booth shared a unique opportunity with Gold Country Writers — “a gun education and range day that an Army veteran is going to do for Capitol Crimes.” Members writing or considering writing stories involving firearms may want to check this out.

Writers and Guns: Getting It Right For your Readers

- **Who:** Any writer, editor, agent, or other writing adjacent person who wants to learn more about firearms.
- **What:** A Zoom class on firearm history, terminology, and use, followed by a day at a range for hands-on learning with live ammo!
- **When:** Zoom class is April 20 via www.capitolcrimes.org. Range day is May 19. Anyone can attend the Zoom class, even if they aren't coming to the range.
- **Where:** The Henwood Ranch, approx. one hour from Sacramento.
- **Why:** To give literary folks a safe, fun, informative course on writing firearms well, particularly those who might feel excluded from more traditional firearms communities.

For complete details, visit www.capitolcrimes.org

April Literary Events

by Margie Yee Webb

Cameron Park Library — Tuesday, April 2, and Thursday, April 18, 2024 - 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Poets and Writers Workshop led by El Dorado County Poet Laureate Emeritus Lara Gularte and author Beverly Parayno — 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, CA, 530-621-5500

***NOTE:** On Tuesday, April 2, at 5:30 p.m. (due to the Cameron Park Library being closed for maintenance), the workshop will be held at *Moonraker Millhouse, 3501 Robin Lane, Cameron Park.*

Folsom Public Library — Saturday, April 13, 2024 - 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

YA Author Talk — Meet YA Authors Margie Fuston and Angela Montoya! The authors will discuss their books, followed by a brief Q&A session.

Folsom Public Library, 411 Stafford Street, Folsom, CA, 916-461-6131

2024 Sierra Poetry Festival — Saturday, April 13, 2024 - 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

A project of Nevada County Arts Council, the 8th Annual Sierra Poetry Festival will present a full day of poetry, performance, workshops, youth voices, open mic, slams, connection, and inspiration — including a Keynote by Jane Hirshfield and a Conversation with Ross Gay.

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

The Center for the Arts, 314 W Main Street, Grass Valley, CA 95945

PLUS Pop-Up Poetry Events — April 2024

The Sierra Poetry Festival is offering numerous Pop-Up Poetry Events on various dates and at various places in Grass Valley and Nevada City.

<https://www.sierrapoetryfestival.org/popup-poetry-events>

Face In A Book Bookstore — Sunday, April 21, 2024 - 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

“Drop by for a meeting of the **Writers' Coffeehouse** — a group open to writers of all levels and interests! Meet like-minded people and share writing tips, industry info, and a bit of what you're working on. There are no fees, no registration, and no publishing requirements. All writers are welcome!” The Writers' Coffeehouse meets on the third Sunday of every month. <https://www.getyourfaceinabook.com/event/writers-coffeehouse>
Face In A Book Bookstore, 4359 Town Center Blvd. #113, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762

SUMMER 2024 WRITING WORKSHOPS

Poetry: June 17 - 23

Fiction, Nonfiction &

Memoir: July 8 - 15

Application Deadline: March 10

Apply now at
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Financial aid available



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