



Our Mission ~ Support Local Writers

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Gold Country Writer's Holiday Special December 16, 2015



This year's Holiday Special Social was a rousing success. Close to 50 people attended at our new meeting location, the Bethel Lutheran Church. The food was plentiful and delicious. The highlight of the event was presentations by members of Gold Country Writers. The readings varied from poems to songs. Shown above on the left is Hester Jones and on the right June Gillam.

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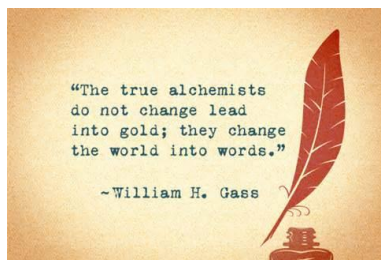
Auburn Christmas Crafts Fair



On November 28-29, 2015 Gold Country Writers had a booth at the Auburn Christmas Craft & Art Fair. (See Chery Anderson and Skip Michael above) There were ten authors who participated. They sold six books total, for a total of \$55.00.

Since we had to pay \$126 for the 10' X 10' booth, this event was not as profitable as the one we held at the Kern County Fair back in September. There, nine authors sold twenty books for \$208 and all we had to pay was 10% of the book sales.

Thanks to *Book Mama June*, we did have a great new banner and book rack, that we can reuse at future events.



Join the **Gold Country Writers** each Wednesday, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Bethel Lutheran Church at 1279 High St., Auburn 95604. Our regular monthly schedule is:

First Wednesday: Business meeting to discuss administrative issues for the club (all members are welcome to come and contribute). This is followed by a short meeting of the club Board of Directors.

Second & Forth Wednesday: Drop In Critique. This is the time when members present a maximum of five pages (double spaced) of their writing to the group and everyone gets to offer their critique.

Third Wednesday: Special Program of general interest to the club members. This changes each month. In Dec. it is our club Holiday Special. See Page 4 for the Speaker of the Month.

Fifth Wednesday: On the rare occasion that there is one, we meet at Mel's Diner (at corner of Hwy. 49 & Luther Rd.) for breakfast/lunch, and socializing with other club members.

Gold Country Writers Mentoring Program

Susan Korn is in charge of this recently started program. It pares writers who are looking for experience in specialty areas with other members who have had some experience in these areas. If you missed out on the first trial round, which will be up at the end of the year, contact Susan for another opportunity to join in as either a mentor or a mentee. Her phone number is 530/888-9971



Small Specialty Critique Groups

We currently have 4 small specialty critique groups in the following areas:

Novel/Religious: Contact Betsy Schwarzentraub 530/333-0852 meets at Depot Bay, on 2nd & 4th Wed, 12-3:00 PM

Science Fiction/Fantasy: Contact- Hester Jones 805/905-9034

Memoirs: Contact-Linda Franklin 530/878-2138 meet at Depot Bay on 3rd Wednesday's 12-3 PM

Novel: Contact Ann Reh 530/823-1870, meets every other Monday, 2:30 PM – 5:00 PM

NEW YEAR'S HUMOR



*"Nope, no New Year's resolutions for me this year—
I'm still working on a backlog dating from '87."*

New Year's Day: Now is the accepted time to make your regular annual good resolutions. Next week you can begin paving hell with them as usual.
Mark Twain

One resolution I have made, and try always to keep, is this: To rise above the little things.
John Burroughs

Good resolutions are simply checks that men draw on a bank where they have no account. *Oscar Wild*

Never tell your resolution beforehand, or it's twice as onerous a duty.
John Selden

Many people look forward to the New Year for a new start on old habits.
Unknown

Happy New Year
2016

Prose



From the Pres

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year...

Well we have had two meeting at our new location and I haven't heard one person complain. Our last meeting was our Holiday meeting and it was well attended by 50 members it was a great time with lots to eat. We had eleven people who did reading, all were heart felt and well read. We have a great bunch of people with diverse backgrounds.

I would like to thank all of the members that help make the Holiday meeting a great success.

Our next meeting is on the 23rd. for you that have not been to the new location, come see it, you will be surprised. Our last meeting for the year will be at Mel's on the 30th. It will be a general meeting with several prizes given away. Put it on your calendar, join us and talk to your fellow writers. Who knows you might even win a prize.

We still have a great deal to do to finalize our independence and becoming a 503 (c) 3 non-profit organization. It is proceeding steadily.

A reminder. Club dues of \$48.00 is due on January 1, 2017. Please pay by cash or check. Make the check out to Gold Country Writers or GCW. We do have ongoing expenses like, post office box, payment for meeting room, and insurance. If everybody pays their dues on or before the due date, we will be ok.

Skip Michael

Special Events

GCW Special Speaker January 20, 2016

Nancy Lee Woody will speak on *An Author's Journey*, at the Bethel Lutheran Church, 1279 High Street, Auburn. 10 – Noon.

Auburn Winter Storytelling Festival

The first Annual Festival will be on January 30, 2016 at the General Gomez Event Center, 808 Lincoln Way, Auburn, starting at 10:30 AM for family stories for children and parents. At 1:00 PM BZ Smith will conduct a storytelling workshop for 90 minutes. At 2:45 PM Don Adams will MC the Open Storytelling Event. At 4 PM Chery Anderson will MC the Liars Contest (a trophy to the winner). After a dinner break experienced regional storytellers will entertain the audience with myths, humorous and inspiring tales. Call Chery at 530/613-1153 for more info., or to volunteer to help.

Open Mike ~Story Telling

–Always the last Saturday of each month –Dec 26, Auburn Public Library 1 PM – 3 PM, 8 minute limits on stories.

Placer's Gold Toastmasters

Meets Tuesdays at Placer Co. Justice Center, 2929 Richardson Dr., Auburn, CA 95603 from noon to 1 pm. Visitors are welcome.

CLUB NEWSLETTER MATERIAL

Any club member can submit newsletter worthy material. Get it to D. Michael O'Haver at MrOHaver77@outlook.com by the 15th of each month. Call 530/268-2490 for more information.

Current Officers of Gold Country Writers

President:

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