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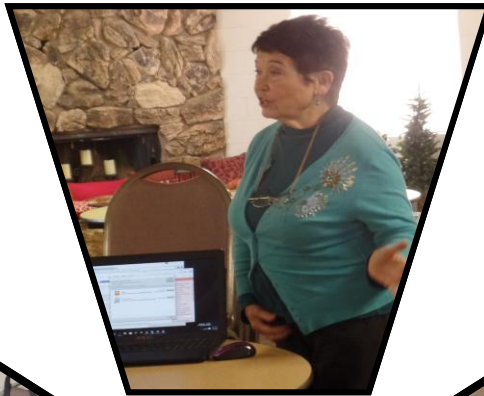
Gold Country Writer's

Share & Support

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The cancelation of "An Author's Journey" by Nancy Woody, left and opening in GCW Speaker's schedule. But club members quickly stepped forward, at the urging of Chery Anderson, and volunteers were found to speak on several topics of interest to club members. Skip Michaels spoke on how to format your computer. Michael O'Haver spoke on Using Word Graphics to Enhance Your Writing. Betsy Schwarzentraub spoke on using clustering for note taking. She also explained Right Brain – Left Brain thinking. Linda Franklin spoke on using One Note as an organizational system for writers, when researching and/or writing their book.

Auburn Storytelling Festival



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.

Writer's Quote



Exercise the writing muscle every day, even if it is only a letter, notes, a title list, a character sketch, a journal entry. Writers are like dancers, like athletes. Without that exercise, the muscles seize up.
– Jane Yolen



Join the **Gold Country Writers** each Wednesday, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Bethlehem 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. Susan is still accepting final evaluations from program participants. Her phone number is 530/888-9971

Small Specialty Critique Groups

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

Book: Contact Betsy Schwarzentraub 530/333-0852, they meet 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, they meet at Depot Bay on 3rd Wednesday's 12-3 PM

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

Writing Humor



Pun Intended:

I tried to catch some fog. I mist.

When chemist die, they barium.

Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.

A soldier that has survived mustard gas and pepper spray is a seasoned veteran.

How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.



WRITING

A profession for introverts who want to tell a story but don't want to have eye contact while doing it.

Prose



From the Pres

January was an exciting month for GCW. We had two successful Drop-In-Critiques. Although one of our programmed speakers cancelled, we improvised and had a very successful day of members presenting useful information for all members. It also inspired me to try and put together a video for those members that are having problems formatting their books. So I'm working on that. Hopefully I will have a video for every member within the next month.

We now have several offers of use of a computer projection for our next in-house classes. This will make presentations better and more interesting. Without a projector it just doesn't come across well. February is going to be an interesting month. We still have several important questions for the Board to address, including adoption of new bylaws to satisfy the IRS and our 501 c-3 non-profit status. Anybody that wishes to help or have anything that would help get this status, please come to a Board meeting.

Remember Dues are now due for the year. Please, re-new your membership. Make checks payable to GCW (\$48.00/per Year) Give you check to Joy Hemp or one of the Board members.

Special Events

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.

GCW Special Program

February 17, 2016

Susan Gabrielle, on *But I Don't Need an Editor*, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1279 High Street, Auburn. 10-12

February 27, 2016

Open Mike ~Story Telling

Always the 4th Saturday of each month –Feb 27, Auburn Public Library, Beecher Room, 1 PM – 3 PM, 8 minute limit

Placer's Gold Toastmasters

Meets every Tuesday at Placer Co. Justice Center, 2929 Richardson Drive, Auburn, CA 95603, 12 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

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