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# The Pen & Press

IN-PERSON MEETINGS ARE BACK ~ SAME day ~ NEW time ~ NEW location

The NCPA Board of Directors invites you to join us at our new monthly meeting location Sun 5 Nov 2023

**SUN: 5 November \*MEETING (4-6:30pm) \* Flaming Grill Café**

## Flaming Grill Café

inside the CCP Mall at Watt Av & El Camino Av

**2380-Watt Avenue, Suite 150 Inside Country Club Plaza (next to WinCo on Watt)**

**4pm-6:30pm \* ~~2<sup>nd</sup> Sun of each month~~ NOT THIS MONTH \* Sun 5 NOV 2023**

(Flaming Grill used to be on El Camino Av: also serves wild game)

Check out the menu --- Link below

[flaming grill hours - Google Search](#) [Country Club Menu](#) — [Flaming Grill Cafe](#)

**MEETING IS FREE – & -- YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A MEMBER TO ATTEND --- GUESTS WELCOME!**

**PLEASE RSVP whether yes or no – reply YES, NO or MAYBE to [normathornton@yahoo.com](mailto:normathornton@yahoo.com)**

**HAPPY HALLOWEEN! \* Good things come to those who wait!**



She was about 8 or 9 here: 13, now. Her baby sister's pictures are on the bottom of page 8. I just got those in an Email

**4-6:30PM \* SUN \* 5 NOV \* FLAMING GRILL**

Meeting day changed to 1<sup>st</sup> Sun of THIS MONTH, ONLY since 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun is Veteran's Day weekend

**SPECIAL MONTH – NCPA'S ANNUAL BOOK-DISPLAY MEETING**

Bring a copy or 2 (or 3 or 4, or even more) of all your published books to:

Share \* Barter \* Sell \* Trade - or just Show & Tell!

Each of us will be the guest speaker/s this month, as we tell our own stories about our own books



Notice, for your convenience (and mine, so I don't have to keep looking it up for everyone who asks), from now on, the NCPA mailing address for checks, books, and other things, is on the bottom of each page of the newsletters. Likewise, the website for NCPA (norcalpa.org) is at the top of each page of the newsletters (that one, I remember). *Editor*

### NO President's Message this month:

Because our November meeting had to be changed to the 1<sup>st</sup> Sun instead of 2<sup>nd</sup> due to that being Veteran's Day (NOT Labor Day like I put in the earlier memo sent out – OOPS!), time is too short to ask Michelle to rush and get a message to me in time for this newsletter to go out today, so I didn't even ask her.

Instead, I'm making this a trimmed-down newsletter, using only what I had already added as I found things, without all the extra stuff, hopefully giving those who plan to attend, time to get your books together to bring to the Sun 5 Nov meeting.

**\* BOOK DISPLAY \***  
**SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER**  
**4PM-6:30PM (or until the mall closes)**  
**FLAMING GRILL - Watt Av & El Camino Av**

The November meeting is always the one where we bring our published books to share, sell, barter, trade, or whatever, to others in attendance, so grab your books and get there early to save a place at the table to set your books up --- we might even spill over into the mall part itself, **so \*other shoppers can see/ purchase our books.**

No need to bring anything but your books and some cash for a bank, if necessary, for sales.

**Note:** **so \*other shoppers can see/ purchase our books** --- I'm checking on that right now; waiting for an email from the mall owners to see if there's an issue – many thanks to Barbara Young for asking me about that, yesterday! Will hopefully have an answer for everyone by Sun.

MEETING AT OUR NORMAL PLACE IN THE OLD CCP MALL -- next to WinCo - the FLAMING GRILL inside the mall at the corner of Watt Av & El Camino Av

(Sorry to have repeated things so many times, but ...)

- \*NO November Guest Journalist - Sorry Kanika - I don't have time to put it all together; you'll be in Dec instead
- \*Sun 5 November is the Annual **NCPA MEMBERS TAKE OUR OWN BOOKS FOR DISPLAY** to Exchange &/or Sell
- \*Dec Guest Journalist – Kathy 'Kanika' Marshall
- \*10 December Annual Holiday Luncheon combined with Launch of NCPA's 8<sup>th</sup> Anthology: *Beautiful World*  
NCPA's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Luncheon \* **12Noon Sun 10 Dec 2023** \* **Black Angus**, in Citrus Heights, same day as anticipated Anthology Launch ~ Launch or not, for whatever reason, there WILL be a luncheon that day!
- \***NCPA ANTHOLOGY** **NEW SUBMIT DEADLINE** \* **SUNDAY 31 DECEMBER 2023** \* **ALL Holidays Vol 3**
- \* **Sunday 31 Dec 2023 DEADLINE** \* **ALL Holidays Vol3** \* for 23 June 2024 Launch with NCP's 30<sup>th</sup> Book Awards Banquet  
**MUST be an NCPA MEMBER to submit a STORY, and be in an NCPA ANTHOLOGY (\$40/year membership)**

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\***GET THOSE 2023 BOOKS PUBLISHED & READY** for our **BIG 30<sup>th</sup> BOOK Awards (Banquet 23 June 2024)** Details on page 3

**WE STARTED ACCEPTING BOOKS Sunday 1 OCTOBER 2023**

**You do NOT have to be a member to submit a BOOK to the NCPA AWARDS (but it's cheaper if you are)**

**NCPA 30<sup>TH</sup> BOOK AWARDS UPDATE 2024 date & GOOD NEWS: NO PRICE INCREASE**

Our big # 30 NCPA Book Awards competition is Sunday 23 JUNE 2024 (new date) once more at Cherry Island Golf Course in Elverta, CA. If you have, or will have, a book published & available to the public, 1 Jan 2023 through midnight 31 Dec 2023, enter NCPA's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Book Awards Competition. You don't have to be a member to submit a book, but it's cheaper, if you are. Submit date opened Sun 1 Oct 2023 & closes Fri 1 March 2024. Help make #30 our biggest competition yet! The sooner you enter, the cheaper it is –

**Early Bird Special: 1 Oct 2023 through 30 Nov 2023 (\$65 member - \$95 non-member) \*\*\* Membership only \$40/year**

**SUBMISSION DATES & PRICE LIST FOR MEMBERS**

(Apologies – the wrong amounts for NON-members were reported in the September newsletter)

- ❖ 1 Oct 2023 thru 30 Nov 2023 — \$65.00 for all regular categories **EARLY BIRD** (members only)
- ❖ 1 Dec 2023 thru 31 Jan 2024 — \$75.00 for all regular categories **2<sup>ND</sup> LEVEL** (members only)
- ❖ 1 Feb 2024 thru 1 March 2024 — \$85.00 for all regular categories **FINAL ENTRY** (members only)
- ❖ **ALL books published in Dec 2023 (1– 31 Dec 2023) \$65.00 (thru 1 Mar 2024) MEMBERS - \$95.00 NON-MEMBERS**
  - ❖ \$15 plus 3 extra books to add Cover/Interior design category for each book entered (members only)

**PRICES FOR NON-MEMBERS (\$30 more each than for members) (same submission dates as members)**

- **EARLY BIRD: \$95 by 30 Nov 2023 (1 Oct-30 Nov)**
- **2<sup>ND</sup> LEVEL: \$105 by 31 Jan 2024 (1 Dec 2023- 31 Jan 2024)**
- **STANDARD FINAL ENTRY DEADLINE: \$115 by 1 Mar 2024 (1 Feb – 1 Mar 2024)**
- **\$45 plus 3 extra books to add Cover/interior design category for each book entered**
- ❖ Book (for story judging only): **SUBMIT 4 books** \* Info how to submit eBooks is on the NCPA website & the submission forms. Current, updated regs for books published in 2023 (1 Jan 2023 - 31 Dec 2023), should be online by the time you read this. Books published in 2023 are judged and awarded in 2024. All but one book will be returned to author. For more info: norcalpa.org or call Sharon 916-803-1665

**Looking for Guest Journalists**

Send all your writing info, your bio, brag about your books and other successes, your dogs, your cats, your lizards or rats, your kids, significant other, or ??? - give me a story, an article, a poem, a picture, whatever strikes your fancy. Anything goes as long as family-friendly. If not suitable, you'll know. Great chance to toot your own horn to more than 250. Never get a better chance! Respond to this Email if interested – or [Email normathornton@yahoo.com](mailto:normathornton@yahoo.com)

NCPA has 3 critique groups in varying stages of activity currently, but all should hopefully be up and fully running by Jan 2024.

**Update on NCPA CRITIQUE GROUPS**

- MICHELLE's Fiction has been permanently handed over to Mary McShane Vaughn
- SHARON's NF & Memoir is on hold until Jan 2024
- NORMA JEAN's 'Basic Non-Genre-Specific, Touch-on-it-All-a-Little, & More' (designed as a brush-up for experienced authors, and an easy beginner, get-your-feet-wet-kind-a-group for the wannabees and those who have never belonged to a critique group, RESTARTS 2PM WED 17 Jan 2024 CCP - INSIDE, BY FLAMING GRILL, maybe a little earlier for those with stories in any NCPA anthologies, who might need a bit of help. This can also be one-on-one, as a group, &/or both, for the occasional author who needs a little extra special attention to get their story ready for the anthologies. **MORE DETAILED INFO COMING BY EMAIL CLOSER TO THE TIME** [Normathornton@yahoo.com](mailto:Normathornton@yahoo.com) or 916-991-5751 for questions.

**IMPORTANT INFO REPEATED IN CASE YOU MISSED IT IN THE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER**

NCPA Treasurer and Webmaster – also our September 2023 Guest Speaker, Amy Rogers, provides the following from her Sep. presentation for both those who were there, and those who missed the meeting. NOW AVAILABLE – for those who understand all this stuff (and directions for those of us who don't) - NCPA has an app! NorCalPA app!

**Now available: NorCalPA app!**

The best part of being a member of NCPA is networking with other members. Now NCPA offers you ways to directly communicate with each other, using Chat, Direct Messaging, and Forums on our new app.

Download from Apple app store (<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/nocal-publishers-and-authors/id6450963992>) or Google Play (<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.clubexpress.norcalpa>)

**But how do I use it?**

At our September in-person meeting, I presented everything you need to know about how to make the most of our club website and our new app. A step-by-step summary is attached to this email.

- Get up to 3 of your books listed in our online bookstore!
- Get your website and publishing- or writing-related services listed in our public Business Directory!
- Participate in Chats with other members!
- Start a Forum conversation about how to use KDP, where to find a cover design, or any in-depth topic of relevance to our organization

Questions or challenges?

Contact Amy Rogers [amy@amyrogers.com](mailto:amy@amyrogers.com)

**How to use NCPA app and website 2023**

- [hays - Dictionary Checker - Scrabble Word Finder](#)

**NO MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS THIS MONTH - SORRY**

Apologies to anyone who may have sent something for the Nov newsletter, but there was just no time to look through Email to find those things, since this had to go out so early this month. I'll try to do a separate Email just for those who have Nov time-sensitive announcements, once I'm finished with the anthology. If ok for other months, they'll be in the Dec newsletter.

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WATCH  
FOR AN  
"E" RSVP  
request

Thank you Carolyn, Angelica, and all the other GUEST JOURNALIST contributors this year

Always looking for Guest Journalists ~~ how about YOU!??

Choose your date: Jan – Dec 2024

Are you an NCPA member? NCPA's accepting stories for 2 current anthologies FREE to ENTER & receive one FREE BOOK

If you've not already sent one, how about a story for our current work-in-progress-anthology?

ALL Holidays Vol 3 NEW Deadline 31 Dec 2023 anticipated launch with the 30<sup>th</sup> NCPA Book Awards Banquet 23 June 2024

**NOT A MEMBER? ONLY \$40 for one year membership.**

ALL INFORMATION in the link below – just click on it in this Email (it worked for me, but if not for you, Email me direct at the dedicated Email address [2023NCPAAnthologies@gmail.com](mailto:2023NCPAAnthologies@gmail.com) for a copy). Also, for ALL correspondence re THIS anthology ONLY, including questions and help, contact me at: [2023NCPAAnthologies@gmail.com](mailto:2023NCPAAnthologies@gmail.com)



[NCPA All Holidays Vol 3 Word doc](#)

Thank you for your interest in joining our Anthology projects - it's a very simple, **FREE**, process, to get published, and a great start for those who have never published anything before. We're happy with our regular authors, some of whom are in each volume, but we also like to have fresh blood, so to speak. We would also like to hear from a few of our members who have never published anything, anywhere, anytime, before. **MUST BE A MEMBER to have a story in NCPA anthologies**

Norma Jean

## ANTHOLOGY UPDATES & NEW DEADLINE

**(Includes list of names for stories received for Beautiful World)**

Thank you so much to the member-authors who 've joined us in our anthology journeys since 2019 (some have a story in all 7 of our completed works), and everyone included in the two we're currently working on: *Beautiful World*, \* & \* *ALL Holidays Vol 3*. --- information in box above on specs, and where/how to submit.

**Submissions for Beautiful World are no longer being accepted**, but If you've not yet joined our journey, please do so now with a story for the **ALL Holidays Vol 3 \* Submission date has changed to 31 Dec 2023**, for an anticipated launch during NCPA's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual BOOK AWARDS BANQUET at Cherry Island Golf Course in Elverta on Sun 23 June 2024.

**Beautiful WORLD** stories from the following member-authors have been received, proofed, and going through final editing & formatting processes now: \* Alcalde Marr \* Buckroth \* Canterbury \* Covington \* Darrow \* Davis \* Diaz \* Faber \* Hamilton \* Hoover \* Javor \* Johnson \* Kakugawa \* Klide \* Moon \* Osborn \* Patterson \* Pfof \* Radmanovich \* Randolph \* Simmer \* Staley \* Stapp \* Thornton \* Villa \* Villatore \* Ward \* Young \* **anticipated launch date Sun 10 Dec with NCPA Holiday Luncheon at Black Angus**



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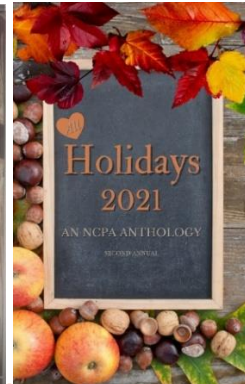
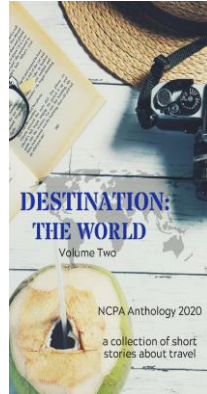
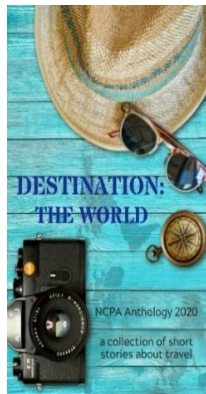


**BIRDS OF A FEATHER**  
*An NCPA Anthology*  
*A Collection of Short Stories about Animals*



**MORE BIRDS OF A FEATHER**  
*An NCPA ANTHOLOGY*  
*A Collection of Short Stories about Animals and Other Things*

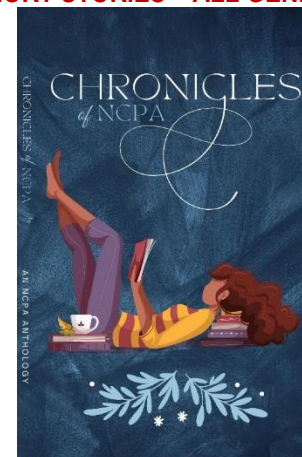
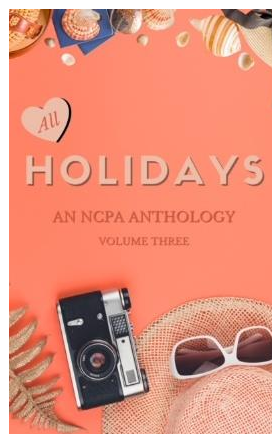
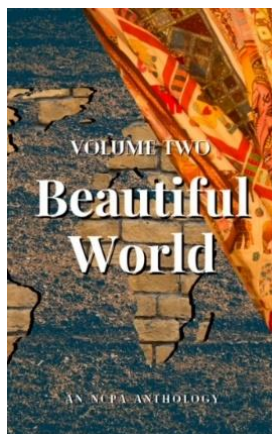
**2020 NCPA Anthologies**



**ALL (seven) 2019, 2020, 2021 & 2022 ANTHOLOGY BOOKS (above) AVAILABLE PAPER COPIES @ Cost for Authors from Sharon Darrow: [Sharon@SharonSDarrow.com](mailto:Sharon@SharonSDarrow.com) or [NCPA Anthologies \(7 book series\) Ebook & Paperback Edition \(amazon.com\)](https://www.amazon.com/NCPA-Anthologies-7-book-series)**

**Anthologies Coming Dec 2023 & June 2024**

**Anthology coming Dec 2024  
 SHORT STORIES – ALL GENRE**



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**NEW Submission deadline\* 31 Dec 2023 \* ALL Holidays Vol 3 \***

**NEW dedicated Email address for anthologies: [2023NCPAAnthologies@gmail.com](mailto:2023NCPAAnthologies@gmail.com)**

## GENEALOGY STUFF FOR THOSE DOING FAMILY HISTORY THINGS

### **INTERESTED IN GENEALOGY? Check out your local Library FREE Ancestry.com at home, thanks to the library & a library card**

During the shut-down, the library had generously made their access to Ancestry.com FREE from your own home to all who have a library card .....the census records alone, are great and worth the time and trouble, even if you don't do anything else there.

- Simply go to [www.saclibrary.org](http://www.saclibrary.org) Then click on \* Books & Media, then \* Special Collections: next \* Genealogy Collection:
- Have Questions? (at bottom of screen):
- “Learn More” under “Do you have other genealogy services available?” Or just click link as a shortcut <https://www.saclibrary.org/Education/History/Genealogy>

(Other Genealogy sites are free also) Once there, you'll see the links to the websites in green. Once you click on the website, you'll be asked to enter your library card and PIN. If you don't know your PIN, click on Reset My PIN in blue and enter a new PIN. And an even easier way to get there, thanks to Barbara Barrett – but you still need your Library Card

info <https://www.saclibrary.org/Education/Online-Learning/Online-Resources-Alphabetical>  
**as of tonight it's still available from home**

2023 Genealogy Presentations at Sacramento Central Library

For information, please contact Beth Daugherty, Librarian, at [bdaugherty@saclibrary.org](mailto:bdaugherty@saclibrary.org) Sacramento Central Library, 828 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, Phone: 916-264-2920. <http://www.saclibrary.org> (Possible old info, if so, try [bethd2073@gmail.com](mailto:bethd2073@gmail.com))

### **SACRAMENTO PUBLIC LIBRARY**

#### **Genealogy Presentations from Sacramento Public Library – UPDATED FOR November & December 2023**

- Free presentations online via Zoom one Saturday each month at 1 pm.
- Sign up through the Events Program Calendar at [www.saclibrary.org](http://www.saclibrary.org).
- If you have any questions, please email [contact@saclibrary.org](mailto:contact@saclibrary.org).

**\*November 18, 2023** Genealogy at the California History Room of the California State Library, by Elena Smith Learn how to research California ancestors via materials at the California History Room of the California State Library.

**\*December 16, 2023** Did Your Ancestor Attend Church? Researching in Religious Records, by Lisa S. Gorrell. Church records can provide names, dates, and relationships about your ancestors. Many of the records from churches and religious organizations predate civil records which make these records a rich source of information about our families. Give these records a try, even if you think your ancestor did not attend church Questions?

Contact [bethd2073@gmail.com](mailto:bethd2073@gmail.com) or Dave [contact@saclibrary.org](mailto:contact@saclibrary.org)

### **LDS Family Search Center**

Anyone can access genealogical records and receive personal assistance with their family history **FOR FREE at the Sacramento Latter Day Saints Family History Center at 2745 Eastern Av, Sacramento. (916-487-2090).** It's free, open to the public, and staffed by knowledgeable volunteers. Each facility offers both novices and experienced family historians the tools and resources to learn about their ancestors.

Although it's been years since I've been there, I have gone several times and have not only found a lot of information, but the volunteers are really helpful, and friendly. **LDS Family Search Center**

- <https://www.familyhistorywritingstudio.com/story-starter-workbook-2/>

## UPCOMING 2023 NCPA EVENTS -- & MORE

### 30th NCPA BOOK AWARDS BANQUET

5pm-9pm

**Sun 23 June 2024**

Cherry Island Golf Course  
Elverta, CA

COVID RULES WILL APPLY

Join NCPA FB PAGE <https://www.facebook.com/NORCALPA>

**Sun 10 Dec 2023 ~ 12Noon-?**

Citrus Heights' Black Angus on Greenback  
**NCPA's 6<sup>th</sup> Holiday Luncheon 2023**  
Plus, *Beautiful World* Anthology launch

**2023 Anthology: Submission Date**

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Good food, pleasant staff, reasonable price, plenty of parking & easy to find

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## UPCOMING 2023 EVENTS for other groups --- & MORE

- ❖ Broadway At the Community Center - NOW to 19 May 2024 \* Six \* Les Misérables \* Ain't Too Proud \* Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas \* Annie \*
- ❖ NCPA In-person meeting Sun 5 Nov 4pm-6:30pm Flaming Grill --- more details elsewhere
- ❖ Sunday 10 Dec – NCPA Combined Anthology Launch and Holiday Luncheon – 12Noon - ??? Black Angus on Greenback and Sunrise - I'll be sending out an Email requesting RSVP's soon



Wait long enough and then, there's always the little devil child! This great granddaughter just turned 2 years



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Please provide submissions in Microsoft Word (or compatible) format, or in plain text. NO PDF, please, since I must retype anything sent by pdf to make it fit – and it makes me grouchy!

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Any news of members' books, activities, marketing, speaking engagements, and/ or other accomplishments are greatly appreciated.

Also: any information on members' insights into the challenges and opportunities of writing and/or publishing, or information on regional resources for authors and publishers works well.

Cover illustrations and other photos are welcome in jpeg or other standard format. Please keep file sizes reasonable. When in doubt, call or email editor in advance.

Submissions for each issue will be the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month, unless otherwise noted ~ and ~ if you have something after the 5<sup>th</sup> call me (916-991-5751), then send it anyway ~ I'm flexible, so we'll probably be able to work it in, since the monthly Pen & Press publishing date depends on time available for the editor to complete and send it out, whether it's the first day of the month or the last, or somewhere in-between.

The goal of the current editor is to publish one Pen & Press each month, and two in the Banquet month every year, to cover the Book Awards Banquet ... one prior to the event, and one after.

... Norma Jean Thornton, editor *The Pen & Press* 2016-2023