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The Pen & Press

1pm * SUNDAY * 14 Nov 2021 * ZOOM Meeting

Zoom meeting only: Happy Thanksgiving!

Michelle gave info on meeting * MORE BOOK COVERS * when she sent her reminder

Instructions on how to ZOOM connect inside this newsletter Bottom of page 2

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

HOUSEKEEPING & Getting Caught Up STUFF:

NCPA election results are in and the Board stays the same (almost), since there were no other volunteers:

President: Michelle Hamilton

Vice President: Sharon Darrow

Secretary: OPEN (*See note below)

Treasurer: Amy Rogers

Communications Director/ Newsletter Ed: Norma Jean Thornton

(*Charlene Johnson has moved to WA state and her Wi-Fi Connection is spotty, so even though she hates to not be involved with NCPA, she's requested to be removed from the position of Secretary.)

If you're interested in taking on the role of Secretary, please contact one of the following:

Michelle Hamilton authormlhamilton@gmail.com 916-837-6812

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Norma Jean Thornton normathornton@yahoo.com 916-991-5751

NCPA's 4th Annual Holiday Luncheon at Black Angus: Greenback @Sunrise, Citrus Heights

Sunday 12 Dec 2021 – 12Noon-?

25 Max allowed due to COVID – MUST RSVP - first come, first serve

We only need an RSVP for head count

Please RSVP Norma: NCPAHolidayLuncheon@gmail.com

No pre-orders: **Order what you want from the menu when you get there, pay when you leave.**

Also, the Anticipated Book Launch of ALL Holidays 2021 Anthology: get yours there! More info later

Now accepting 2021 published books for the 28th NCPA BOOK AWARDS COMPETITION

(books published between 1 Jan 2021 & 31 Dec 2021) Details inside

28th Annual Book Awards Banquet Sun 15 May 2022 – Cherry Island Golf Course, Elverta

Only 9 spaces left in NCPA's 2021 Beautiful Americas Anthology: Deadline – 30 Nov 2021

Send your story to Norma at dedicated Email addy: 2021NCPAAnthology@gmail.com

President's Message

NO full President's Message this month, but we'll be back in full swing in December 2021. Everyone, enjoy your Thanksgiving! See you at the Zoom meeting 1 pm Sunday, 14 Nov. Have your cover ready to share if you'd like feedback on how effective it is, and learn what makes a good cover turn into book sales. Again, this is a repeat discussion based on last month's meeting. Please email authormlhamilton@gmail.com if you have questions.

ML Hamilton
President NCPA

Condolences to longtime NCPA members and their families for their losses

**Patricia "Pat" Canterbury, for the loss of her husband.
NCPA V.P. Sharon Darrow for the loss of her brother.**

Editor's Note:

Because I'm so far behind on newsletters, and we've all been super busy on a variety of things, most of them writing- related, but some health and/or personal reasons ... plus the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, I didn't ask Michelle for a President's Message this month, to give her a break.

Also, since some board members can't make the meeting in-person this month, we've chosen to make it another ZOOM only, so join us at 1pm Sunday 14 Nov, with the continuation of our highly acclaimed Oct meeting subject – BOOK COVERS. So, have your book covers, and any questions you have, ready for Michelle. ZOOM info below:

Permanent link for monthly ZOOM NCPA meetings:

Author ML Hamilton is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: NCPA Monthly Meeting

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

(I'm not sure what this means: ask Michelle)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84185416630?pwd=aEJaTGlyakhBQ1pYWU5KS3FEanBTUT09>

Meeting ID: 841 8541 6630

Passcode: 828631

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84185416630?pwd=aEJaTGlyakhBQ1pYWU5KS3FEanBTUT09>

NCPA's 28th PUBLISHED BOOK COMPETITION (for 1 Jan – 31 Dec 2021 Books) 28th Book Awards Banquet Sun 15 May 2022 Cherry Island Golf Course

FINISH WRITING, and PUBLISH YOUR 2021 BOOK/s
if you want to enter them in the NCPA 28th Annual Book Awards for the 2022 Banquet
(2021 Book) Awards Banquet * Sunday 22 May 2022

Submissions began 1 October 2021 * EARLY BIRD CATCHES THE WORM SUBMISSIONS
the earlier you submit the cheaper it is so get those books in to Sharon Darrow NOW

Sharon@SharonSDarrow.com * or * 916-803-1665

no later than mid November 2021 for the cheapest rate.

Click on for full details

Book Awards Competition Info

If the above doesn't work, try <https://www.norcalpa.org/>

Old information for prior years can be found on our website at [norcalpa.org](https://www.norcalpa.org/)

Member Stuff

Condolences to the family of NCPA Book Awards Judge Barbara Grace Lake, who passed, just two weeks shy of her 90th year <https://www.facebook.com/bglake>

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Long time NCPA member Andrea Roth w/a A.K. Buckroth is moving to PA. Sorry to see you go Andrea, but you've been looking forward to this for a very long time. We'll miss you! Enjoy those kids and grands!

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Looking for classes to help guide you through examining the many forms of description?

Gini Grossenbacher will be teaching a very entertaining course with Elk Grove Writers & Artists in January-March of 2022. Tuesday evenings, Zoom, January 11-March 15, 2022, \$25/class, pay-as-you-go. For more info contact Gini: ginis.writers1@gmail.com www.ginigrossenbacher.com Look for more detailed information in the December newsletter.

Another NCPA Author Wins *Purple Dragonfly Book Awards*: **CONGRATULATIONS FRANKIE on 2 wins!**

Local children's book author and NCPA member, Frankie Barrera, w/a F.M. Barrera, was awarded TWO Purple Dragonfly Book Awards, in separate categories, for:

"When Halloween Was Canceled" by F.M. Barrera ---winner for best illustrations

"The Tree Hugger: A New Christmas Classic" by F.M. Barrera ---winner for Holiday book

The Purple Dragonfly Book Awards is part of a prestigious national book contest, hosted annually by *Story Monsters LLC*, which recognizes exceptional authors for excellence in writing and publishing. *Story Monsters LLC* is also home to the award-winning *Story Monsters Ink® magazine*, the literary resource for teachers, librarians, and parents—selected by *School Library Journal* as one of the best magazines for kids and teens.

For more about the *Purple Dragonfly Awards*, visit <https://www.dragonflybookawards.com/>

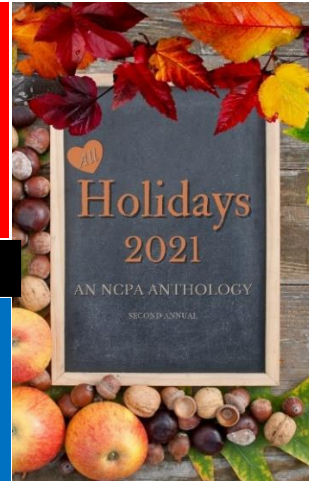
FYI: You may remember we reported in the Aug Newsletter, that NCPA member Rae Rankin also received a book award from Purple Dragonfly. If any NCPA member has won any awards for their writing or illustrating, please let us know so we can add your information to our newsletter.



Tentative launch date for *ALL Holidays 2021* is set for 12Noon Sun12 Dec at Black Angus Steakhouse, Greenback @Sunrise, Citrus Heights, in combination with our Holiday Luncheon

TENTATIVE COVERS FOR 2021 ANTHOLOGIES

Projected date for *Beautiful Americas* is late January, early February, 2022.



(Both 2021 covers look better: I just can't get the right ones to copy, and minimizing makes it worse. The back of *ALL Holidays* will also have "Don't Judge A Book by Its Cover" added.)

OPEN TO NCPA MEMBERS ONLY

NCPA is still accepting submissions for 2021 anthology

2021 ANTHOLOGY * Beautiful Americas Submission DEADLINE 30 November 2021

Get those stories in NOW to Norma at the dedicated **E address ONLY:**

2021NCPAAnthology@gmail.com Only 9 spaces left



Blank 2021
APP-AGREE Beautiful

(CLICK on where blue arrow is pointing for all info)

**\$40/ year to join
www.norcalpa.org**

Hopefully the above word doc will open for you – it's the application, guidelines, and agreement for *Beautiful Americas* Anthology submissions. If not, click on

<https://www.norcalpa.org/> but note that some info is wrong.

ALL Holidays 2021 is FILLED

Honoring our 2021 SILENT AUCTION DONORS

Much appreciation to the generosity of Sacramento's Bouchercon 2020, for the donation of totes. Thanks also to Rae James and M. Penny Manson from Capitol Crimes (Sacramento chapter of Sisters in Crime) for arranging for, and getting, the totes to me ... and to Marcus, manager of our venue, Cherry Island Golf Course, for once more donating a golf-game package for four (4) players.

Many thanks to: *EGWG: donation of one ticket to the 2021 Elk Grove Writers Conference *NCPA members Everett & Elva Anson: basket & books * Elaine Faber: Vintage wood Radio/Cassette Player * Barbara Barrett: set of lantern-shaped cut-glass candle holders * Frances Kakugawa: 2 Sets of 3 of her Vintage poetry books * Kathy "Kanika" Marshall: 3 of Kanika's Creations, plus her book * Board members: ML Hamilton: SF Themed Basket * Sharon Darrow: Website * ML Hamilton: 25,000-word Line Editing Session * Amy Rogers: Author Website Creation * Bob Irelan: Wine & Book Basket * Chrissi Villa: Full Children's Picture Book (PB) Review * Norma Jean Thornton: Set of 4 Cookbooks + Basket & NCPA Mug * NCPA: 3 year membership * and a special thanks to NCPA member Cindy Sample for the extra \$40 cash, to take us up to our goal of \$1,000!

Thanks to the kindness of the above group of very generous members of the writing community (and Cherry Island), we reached our goal of \$1,000 to donate to Friends of the Library's Book 1st Program.



Sharon Darrow's grandson Nick with Guy Fiere at the Dixie Fire Camp CCC, while working there – during the Dixie Fire. 26 Aug 2021 - Susanville, CA - Nick Wilson & Guy Fiere

WORDS IN THE NEWS: Bombogenesis: first heard on Fox 40 re the record-breaking bomb cyclone CA recently experienced - Meteorologist Adam Epstein
Bomb Cyclone: What It Is, And Why You Want To Steer Clear - Farmers' Almanac
(farmersalmanac.com)

- **Fun stuff from anonymous authors:**
- "I'm writing a book about lubricants: It's a non-friction."
- "Broken pencils are pointless."
- "What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus".
- I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough."

➤ **QR CODE SCAMS:**

https://www.google.com/search?q=qr+code+scams&client=safari&channel=ipad_bm&prmd=nivx&source=lnms&tbn=nws&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjh1O7045rzAhWNvJ4KH8Q_AUoAXoECAIAQ&biw=421&bih=847&dpr=2

Writing a timed piece, and need info on a particular date and year?

I Googled "***What happened in 1940?***" and found: TakeMeBack.to **<https://takemeback.to/year/1940>**
 To be more specific, I added December 18, 1940 and got the following: Wednesday, what happened on 12/18/1940| TakeMeBack.to **<https://takemeback.to/18-December-1940>** You can do the same by changing the year and dates, or just leave them blank.

INTERESTED IN GENEALOGY?

SALE: \$59 for AncestryDNA through 24 November 2021 (See next page for info)

During the shut-down, the Library has generously made their access to Ancestry.com FREE from your own home to ALL WHO HAVE A LIBRARY CARDTHE CENSUS RECORDS ARE GREAT, EVEN IF YOU DON'T DO ANYTHING ELSE

Go to **www.saclibrary.org** and click on Books & Media – Special Collections – Genealogy Collection – Have Questions (at bottom of screen) – click on "Learn More" under "Do you have other genealogy services available?" (or just click on this link as a shortcut - **<https://www.saclibrary.org/Education/History/Genealogy>**). (Other Genealogy sites 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. **THIS MAY NOT WORK NOW THAT LIBRARIES ARE OPENING**

2021 Genealogy Presentations at Sacramento Central Library

For information, please contact Beth Daugherty, Librarian, at **bdaugherty@saclibrary.org** Sacramento Central Library, 828 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, Phone: 916-264-2920. **<http://www.saclibrary.org>**

Specials: SALE * CONTEST * OPEN SUBMIT * WORKSHOP ENTRY
(Ancestry DNA * Narrative story contest * Chicken Soup 4 Soul Theme Submissions *
Erma Bombeck: Writing Competition (for cash) & Writer's Workshop)

Holiday Sale is on: \$59 for AncestryDNA through 24 November * GREAT GIFT IDEA
Ancestry® | Genealogy, Family Trees & Family History Records

Buy now



<https://www.narrativemagazine.com/submission-guidelines>

Another Story Contest

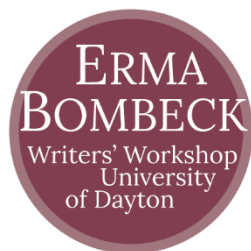
Narrative's fall contest is open to fiction and nonfiction writers. Entries must be previously unpublished. "We look for works that have the ambition of enlarging our view of ourselves and the world," the magazine editors write.

Deadline: Nov. 30



<https://www.chickensoup.com>

Erma Bombeck **Writing Competition kicks off Nov 30: Eligibility & Rules (\$\$ Prize)**
(ERMA) Washington-Centerville Public Library **<https://wclibrary.info/erma/>**



Erma Bombeck Writers' Workshop : University of Dayton, Ohio (udayton.edu)

YOU TOO COULD ADVERTISE HERE for a whole year EVEN IF YOU'RE NOT A MEMBER

Just donate something of value to the Silent Auction held during our 2021 Book Awards Banquet in 2022
SUNDAY 22 May 2022 at the Cherry Island Golf Course in Elverta

Prior SILENT AUCTION DONORS * THANK YOU SO MUCH to our donors *

Cherry Island G.C. * Sharon Darrow * Jennifer T. Grainger * Grand Oaks Inn B&B * Dierdre Honnold * Frances Kakugawa * Placer Pops Chorale * Roaring Camp Mining Company * Amy Rogers: Science Thrillers Media * Sharif Jewelers * Antelope Walmart Bakery

Looking for a great venue for your Banquet &/or more? How about a decorated Cake?

Both great for Writing Organizations, and Highly recommended by NCPA Book Awards Banquet Committee

Cherry Island Golf Course * 2360 Elverta Rd * Elverta, CA * www.golfcherryisland.com * 916-991-6875

Looking for a great decorated cake for ANY event, including that Banquet?

Walmart Supercenter Bakery * 5821 Antelope Rd.* Antelope 95843, CA * Bakery: [916-729-6217](tel:916-729-6217)

"Holiday Placer Pops" Chorale & Orchestra 2021 * GREAT GIFT IDEA

Great present for all ages – but senior citizens really enjoy it! * www.placerpops.com

ADVERTISING FOR MORE OF OUR DONORS, all NCPA members**Looking for a detailed critique and line edit? Contact donor Amy Rogers: Science Thrillers Media**

Amy Rogers, independent publisher, beta reader for James Rollins, and former judge for International Thriller Writers' Thriller Awards. amy@AmyRogers.com Web: AmyRogers.com (916)-712-3334

Need a Manuscript Evaluation? Contact donor Jennifer Grainger

Jennifer says a manuscript evaluation is not editing. It is evaluating the quality of the writing so she will carefully and thoughtfully read your manuscript from beginning to end and provide very explicit feedback for you on what works, what could be better and how to fix the weaknesses.

jennifer@JenniferTheEditor.org www.JenniferTheEditor.org 209-369-6188

Want your own Website? Sharon Darrow will build you one through Wix.Com

Hourly rate, with a four-hour minimum appointment. ~ in your home. (Will accept phone calls for help for 3 months after completion if you still need it. Anything further, price will be negotiable.) **916-803-1665**

sharon@sharonsdarrow.com

Need a special gift ~ Or a donation to your non-profit event?

Check out the fine jewelry at Sharif's

Sharif Jewelers * 1338 Howe Ave, Sacramento, CA * www.sharifjewelers.com ~ 916-927-0542

There are three (3) locations, total ~ check out their website for the other ones.

How about an Outdoor event for the entire family

Roaring Camp Mining Company in Pine Grove, CA just 1-1 ½ hours south east of Sacramento ~ Roaring Camp has BBQ Cookouts, Guided Gold Mine & Gold Panning Tours & Dinners, All Day Adventure & Gold Panning Tours & more ~ Camping or Cabins available

www.roaringcampgold.com ~ 209-296-4100 ~ info@roaringcampgold.com

OR a romantic Indoor Stay for grandma & grandpa, or mom and dad ~ on the way to Roaring Camp

Grand Oaks Inn B & B ~ Joe & Ann Mehrten 21941 Buena Vista Road P.O. Box 518

Clements, CA 95227 grandoaksinn.com 209 759-3453 or 209-759-3713 grandoaks@inreach.com

Grand Oaks, Sharif & Roaring Camp Mining Co have all generously donated to NCPA for every Silent Auction we've had **since 2010**

LOOKING FOR A GREAT VENUE FOR YOUR BANQUET? Here are two GREAT FOR WRITING ORGS**CHERRY ISLAND GOLF COURSE 2360 Elverta Rd. Elverta, CA****www.golfcherryisland.com * 916-991-6875 (Mgr. Marcus Patterson)**

NCPA has held our Book Awards Banquets there (with the exception of 2020 because of COVID) since 2016. We highly recommend Cherry Island GC

- The manager and staff have always been great to work with
 - Work up your own menu – Buffet style - On-site Bar
 - Food has always been excellent, and plenty of it
- NO ROOM RENTAL FEE, as long as you reach a minimum amount in food & drink
 - PLENTY OF FREE PARKING
- The managers have always donated a golf package to NCPA for our Silent Auction
 - WIFI Connected
- Speaker System on site (but bring along your own, just in case)
 - Be sure to mention NCPA recommended you

**** OR ****

BLACK ANGUS STEAKHOUSE * 7925 Greenback Ln * Citrus Heights CA * 916-726-3300
Blackangus.com

NCPA has celebrated our Holiday Luncheon there since 2017 (except 2020) * Quick & EZ, Great Food! Great Service! AND no collecting anyone's money, just RSVP for a head count NO PRE-ORDERS NEEDED * ORDER WHAT YOU WANT WHEN YOU GET THERE * Pay after Black Angus also donates a \$25 Gift Card to us, because we're a repeat group

- Be sure to mention NCPA recommended you

Check out all organizations for ZOOM meetings ~
contact info for each is on following page

FREE MEETINGS ZOOM MEETINGS
3rd Sat monthly 1pm-3pm
Capitolcrimes.org for more info

Gold Country Writers meetings (FREE)
 3rd Wed 10am-12Noon each month
 Goldcountrywriters.com **CONTACT** for more information

CWC meeting 3rd Sat monthly 11am-1pm
CWCSacramentowriters.org

\$20-member \$25 Non-member lunch included
ZOOM MEETINGS FREE
 1st Fri each month Perko's 6215 Sunrise **New**
 3rd Sat each month at Cattleman's on Folsom

28th NCPA
BOOK AWARDS
BANQUET
5pm-9pm
Sun 22 May 2022
COVID RULES APPLY

***Sacramento Suburban Writers Club (SSWC) 2nd Mon ea/mo**
7pm-9pm * Sactowriters.org * ZOOM MEETINGS FREE
 Crossroads Fellowship Christian Church, **5501 Dewey Dr**, Fair Oaks.

Sun 12 Dec 2021 ~ 12Noon-? Citrus Heights'
Black Angus on Greenback
NCPA's 2021 Holiday Luncheon
Book Launch for ALL Holidays 2021 (hopefully)
PENDING COVID

➤ **Elk Grove Writers Guild (EGWG)**
 Meets 1st Fri of each month in Elk Grove
BY ZOOM RIGHT NOW
Elk Grove Writers Guild (egweg.org)
 Email **egwg2020@egweg.org**

MAKING CONNECTIONS CORNER with our Local Sister Writing Organizations

➤ **California Writers Club (CWC) (Sacramento Branch)**

Monthly Luncheon Meetings generally **3rd Saturday** of each month ~ 11am – 1pm
\$15 members, \$25 non-members, includes lunch Rancho Cordova Cattlemen's Writers Network 9-11am 1st Fri monthly Perko's 6215 Sunrise, Citrus Heights

Open to public, pay for your own breakfast (**NEW LOCATION**)

For information & prices on joining, go to: **cwcsacramentowriters.org**

➤ **Capitol Crimes (Cap Crimes) (Sacramento Chapter of Sisters in Crime)**

If you write anything crime-related, or want to, then check out Cap Crimes.

FREE monthly meetings, generally the **3rd Saturday** of each month, generally with guest speakers, generally crime-related. They normally meet at **1pm** at the

Rancho Cordova Library 9845 Folsom Blvd in Rancho Cordova

No-Host lunch 11:30am prior to meetings usually at Perko's 9647 Micron Av

Must be a member of Sisters in Crime (\$50) to join Cap Crimes (\$20) **Capitolcrimes.org**

➤ **Elk Grove Writers Guild (EGWG)**

Meets the 1st Fri of each month in Elk Grove - **BY ZOOM RIGHT NOW**

No further info, but go to the following for more:

Elk Grove Writers Guild (egweg.org) * Email **egwg2020@egweg.org**

➤ **Gold Country Writers (GCW)**

3rd Wed Monthly Speaker Programs ~ 10am-12Noon: FREE & open to Public

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1279 High St, Auburn, CA 95603

"Writers Working Together to Promote and Improve their Work"

http://goldcountrywriters.com/ Questions contact Margie Yee Webb **mywebb@sbcglobal.net**

➤ **Sacramento Suburban Writers (SSW)**

Meets 2nd Mon of each month 7pm- 9pm

Crossroads Fellowship Christian Church, 5501 Dewey Dr, Fair Oaks, CA

Meetings, generally with guest speakers, are **FREE** ~ (\$40 membership fee)

Like with NCPA, you don't have to be a member to attend **Sactowriters.org**

➤ **Sacramento Valley Rose (SVR)**

(Sacramento Chapter of Romance Writers of America {RWA})

If you write Romance, or want to, then check out SVR ~ they generally meet at 10am at the

White Rock Community Clubhouse, 10488 White Rock Rd, Rancho Cordova

4th Saturday of each month \$20 for members \$30 for non-members

Contact: Deb at **debjulienne@gmail.com** for RSVP information & directions

Debbie Putnam, President: **DebbiePutnam.SVR@gmail.com**

Suggest you go to their site for their rules & stipulations Must be a member of Romance Writers of America (\$99+) before joining SVR (\$30) **Sacramentovalleyrose.com**

➤ **Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators (SCBWI) (CA North/Central)**

If you're interested in writing ... or illustrating ... for kids of any age, this is the premiere INTERNATIONAL organization to belong to! **Your first year of SCBWI membership is \$95, with an ongoing annual renewal fee of \$80.** No monthly meetings, but there are occasional Schmoozes, Workshops, Intensive-Events, Special Events, and Critique Groups, as well as a great Holiday Party in December, and a discounted Spring Spirit Conference ... plus more ...

Go to their website for full information: **https://canorthcentral.scbwi.org/**

All info may be outdated. Suggest you contact prior to attending any.

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Sunday afternoon meetings with or without guest speakers now 2nd Sun of each month

In Person 1pm-??? * Round Table Pizza * 3327 Watt Av Sacramento

No purchase necessary but at least a soda would be appreciated * By ZOOM 1pm- ???

Daytime meetings with NO guest speakers are the 3rd Wednesday of each month

ON HOLD 12 Noon to 2pm Denny's 3520 Auburn Blvd RSVP's REQUIRED COVID

Meetings are always FREE ~ Visitors are always welcome.

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Other News, Announcements, and Comments

All submissions for this section of *The Pen & Press* including short items about NCPA members or otherwise of interest to writers, editors, publishers and allied folks, are welcome.

A Note from the Editor

Send your articles and announcements to normathornton@yahoo.com

Please type either **NCPA N/L** or **NCPA NEWSLETTER** as the email subject heading, to help me find newsletter submissions easier.

Please provide submissions in Microsoft Word (or compatible) format, or in plain text. **NO PDF**, please, since I have to retype anything sent by pdf to make it fit.

If you have any suggestions, an article idea or any other questions or comments about the newsletter, feel free to email or phone ... normathornton@yahoo.com or 916-991-5751

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 5th of each month, unless otherwise noted ~ and ~ if you have something after the 5th 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 out; sometime after the monthly meeting, held on the 2nd Thursday of each month, and as late as the last day of each month.

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

... Norma Jean Thornton, editor *The Pen & Press* 2016-2020