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OUR NCPA HOLIDAY LUNCHEON IS BACK,

And at our favorite place

BLACK ANGUS RESTAURANT

Greenback Ln @ Sunrise Blvd

12 NOON * SUNDAY * 12 Dec 2021 *

ORDER OFF THE MENU WHEN YOU GET THERE, PAY AS YOU NORMALLY WOULD ON A NIGHT OUT!
RSVP needed for a head count only, so they have enough help. Space limited to 25 – only 9 spaces left

RSVP to NCPAHolidayLuncheon@gmail.com

Apologies – we're taking a page from *Alice in Wonderland* so this is actually a NON-newsletter (although there is a bit of news inside), and mostly just a catch-up for October, because I'm anal and need to have everything there, that's supposed to be, so this is only that: a nonsensical piece at times, since we can't have an empty space where an October newsletter is supposed to be ... especially not in the month of Halloween! So, Happy Belated Halloween – hope everyone got, &/or gave, lots of the sweet stuff. Search and ye shall find some really sweet stuff inside this jumbled mess – like the Power Point below on the Sep Self-Pub meeting from Michelle * some Anthology stuff * Book Awards stuff * Barbara Young has a New Book Pub'd * Gini Grossenbacher's teaching a class * Past Prez Dierdre W climbed El Cap on her 70th + MORE – ya gotta click on this one! * a couple more of those sticky cut & paste doo-dads: one, to sew a dress & *Dress a Girl Around the World* * *another, a woman is hospitalized w/a tropical case of MELIOIDOSIS from her aquarium!* * **GREAT GIFT IDEAS, AND SUPPORT OUR DONORS – INFO ON JEWELRY * A FAMILY DAY, OR LONGER, GETAWAY WITH THE KIDS * A ROMANTIC OVERNIGHT GETAWAY WITHOUT THE KIDS** * NEW *Museum of Science & Curiosity* links: EXCELLENT * 78 California Fairs info * Alpha & Beta Readers info * Etymology Dictionary * Ya gotta dig to find 'em – so have a treasure hunt for a late Halloween, and look for those URLS!

Power Point w/TYPES OF SELF PUBLISHING FROM MICHELLE'S 12 Sep 2021 MEETING
TRY CLICKING ON THE FOLLOWING.

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/2?ui=2&ik=522f49784c&attid=0.1&permmsgid=msg-f:1716041093504766224&th=17d09a4856531110&view=att&disp=safe>

If that doesn't work (it didn't for me), copy and paste it to the I-net, as an URL, link, or whatever you do to open a new website (Sorry. I'm really computer illiterate, and don't remember the terminology. All I know for sure, is when I did that, then clicked, Michelle's Power Point opened.) There's a world of info here, so well worth the effort!

Still accepting 2021 published books for the 28th NCPA BOOK AWARDS COMPETITION
(For books published between 1 Jan 2021 & 31 Dec 2021)

28th Annual Book Awards Banquet will be Sun 15 May 2022 – Cherry Island Golf Course

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

SHORTEST President's Message EVER

See you at the Holiday Luncheon Sunday, December 12!

ML Hamilton
President NCPA

Editor's Note: *Michelle is back to work teaching fulltime and dealing with the Covid issues created for all involved in the school system, plus she's also working on multiple projects, several of them NCPA related. Since this is actually a NON-newsletter, just a quick catch-up-report, with some nonsensical stuff along with a few bits of news, as a space-holder for Oct in our newsletter realm (b/c I appear to have a touch of OCD, and can't stand to have a missing ANYTHING for the month of Oct), it doesn't need a Prez Msg, so I didn't ask her for one. njt*

A Star Is Born

Sacramento Riverfront Museum of Science & Curiosity: MOSAC * open to public
(The old PG&E Building – changed into a MUSEUM)

Both links from Amy - who got a sneak preview and loved it: Full details of the museum in SacTownMag

<https://www.sactownmag.com/a-star-is-born/>

But the Sacramento Bee has more details on actually going: cost, hours, etc.

<https://www.sacbee.com/news/local/article255769661.html>

READ BOTH ARTICLES – SactownMag is LONG, but well worth it. You'll be hooked!

Dierdre was NCPA's 2nd Prez

NCPA member & past President Dierdre Wolownick, Mom of 'Free Solo' climber on summiting El Capitan at 70

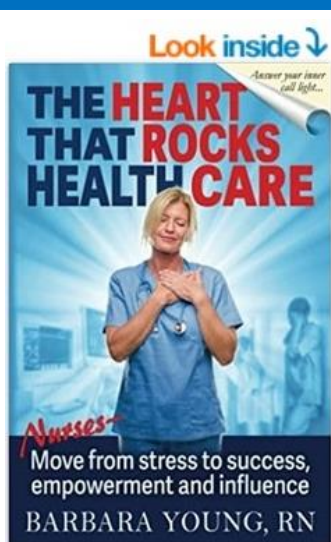
"Free Solo" climber Alex Honnold's mother, Dierdre Wolownick, tells CNN's Anderson Cooper what it was like to summit Yosemite's El Capitan for her 70th birthday. Click below to watch it – plus hear about Alex being married... & Dierdre is going to be a Grandma in Feb 2022!

Congratulations to both of you, and Alex's wife!

<https://www.cnn.com/videos/us/2021/11/29/dierdre-wolownick-alex-honnold-yosemite-el-capitan-acfc-full-episode-vpx.cnn>

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Congratulations to NCPA member **Barbara Young** for the release of her book, *the Heart That Rocks Health Care*. It's currently the #1 New Release in *Popular Psychology & Medicine*.

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

Gini Grossenbacher teaches 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

NCPA still accepting submissions for 2021 anthology from MEMBERS ONLY for Beautiful Americas Submission **DEADLINE 15 December 2021**



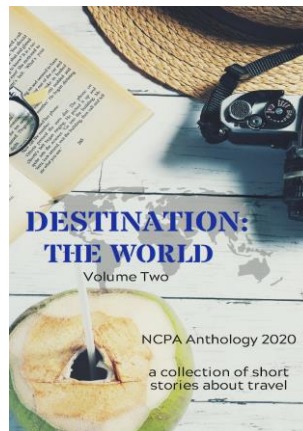
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2019 NCPA Anthologies



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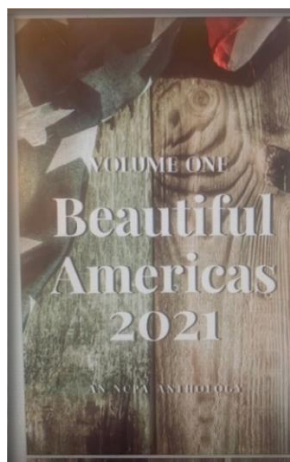
2020 NCPA Anthologies



ALL (five) 2019 & 2020 ANTHOLOGY BOOKS (above) AVAILABLE

PAPER COPIES @ Cost for Authors) \$10 for others From Sharon Darrow:

Sharon@SharonSDarrow.com OR [NCPA Anthologies \(5 book series\) Ebook & Paperback Edition \(amazon.com\)](https://www.amazon.com/NCPA-Anthologies-5-book-series/dp/B08YJQJQJQ) Amazon full price



COVERS FOR 2021 ANTHOLOGIES

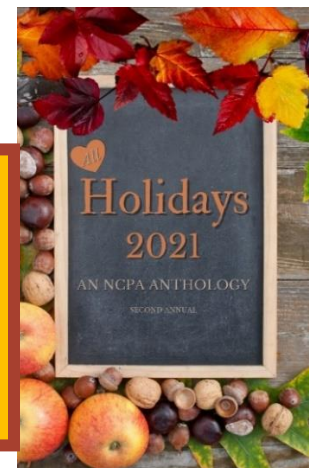
ALL Holidays 2021 is FILLED

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Send your story Now:
2021NCPAAnthology@gmail.com



STILL ACCEPTING STORIES FOR *Beautiful Americas* Anthology: DEADLINE 15 Dec 2021

Submitted a story for one of this year's NCPA Anthologies? If not, get busy...We're currently accepting stories for Anthology #7 *Beautiful Americas*. Only 9 spaces left.

Deadline 15 Dec 2021. Minimum 500 words to maximum 3000. For information on our anthologies and contact info for questions click <https://www.norcalpa.org/>

Submit all stories to 2021NCPAAnthology@gmail.com No charge to submit, plus receive one free book with option to purchase more, if your story is included. All books are available locally with our publisher, Sharon Darrow (at cost for our Anthology authors) and on Amazon (at the regular price, even for our authors). **MUST BE AN NCPA MEMBER TO BE INCLUDED IN AN NCPA ANTHOLOGY.**

Each story is proofed upon receipt, sent through two editors, then back to be proofed again, and returned to author for corrections, if necessary, prior to being added to the anthology. **Upon occasion, more than one story has been sent through multiple stand-by editors, also, in an attempt to make the story workable.** The entire Anthology is proofed one final time, from cover to cover. **Yes, we have rejected stories, but only after it's deemed unusable or needs too much work to be accepted at the time.** Authors receive feedback if applicable. ANY GENRE WILL WORK as long as it fits each theme.

Questions? 2021NCPAAnthology@gmail.com Membership \$40/year.

ALL INFORMATION, INCLUDING BLANK FORMS, ON NCPA WEBSITE MAIN PAGE: www.norcalpa.org

Did you know?

Elder/ eldest and older/ oldest both mean "**more/most advanced in age.**" There's no controversy about these words, but there are a few important differences you should know before you get any older. 'Elder' and 'eldest' are only used to refer to persons, whereas 'older' and 'oldest' are used to refer to both persons and things. (Another CLICKABLE or Cut & Paste) [Older and Oldest vs Elder and Eldest: The Difference ... www.merriam-webster.com/words-at-play/difference-between-elder-eldest-and-...](http://www.merriam-webster.com/words-at-play/difference-between-elder-eldest-and-...)

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Resource/ Words – Online Etymology Dictionary: Origin, history and meaning of English Words - <https://www.etymonline.com/>

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To you **Genealogy Buffs:** TV Programs: Documentary on KVIE CH 6 – Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr

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WRITERS: FYI

ARTICLES – RE-WRITE **Alpha and Beta Readers:** What Are They and Why Bother? <https://www.ingramspark.com/blog/alpha-and-beta-readers-what-are-they-and-why-bother>

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TIPS:

Gmail scans your emails as you write them - unless you change this setting <https://www.komando.com/security-privacy/google-is-scanning-your-emails/800217/>

78 California Fairs: includes California State Fair & all County Fairs <http://www.cafairs.com/>

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

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SUNDAY 29 August 2021 at the Cherry Island Golf Course in Elverta

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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)

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Great present for everyone * www.placerpops.com

*** Locations, DATES & TIMES COMING SOON

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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**

2021 SILENT AUCTION DONORS Continued from prior page –

Many thanks to the generosity of Sacramento's Bouchercon 2020, for the donation of Totes, three were used in our 2020 NCPA Book Awards, for the Silent Auction in August 2021. 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.

Many thanks also to:

*EGWG for the donation of one ticket to the 2021 Elk Grove Writers Conference (pending Covid 2021)

*NCPA member Barbara Barrett for the donated set of lantern-shaped cut-glass candle holders

INTERESTED IN GENEALOGY? 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>

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

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

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

Email me: NCPAAnthologyLuncheon@gmail.com

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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