UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

2018 * 2nd Thursday Evening Regular Meetings * 6:30PM – 8:30PM
10 May ~ Angelica Jackson: Setting up a Website with WIX
14 June ~ Rae James: Writing a Series, How to Plot a Mystery * Bouchercon 2020
12 July ~ NO SPEAKER: Schmooze-time and Catch-up
  9 Aug ~ Jennifer Grainger: Ghostwriting
13 Sep ~ Sherry Joyce: What One Learns After Publishing 1st Book
11 Oct ~ Eleanor Russell: Bringing Other Countries & Cultures to Life & Research Surprises
  8 Nov ~ Danna Wilberg: Presentation TBD
Dec HOLIDAY LUNCHEON Sunday 2 December 11:30am-2:30pm Black Angus on Greenback
13 Dec ~ NO Speaker: Annual BOOK DISPLAY: Sell, Share & Schmooze ~
  Repeated 3rd Wed Noon for those who can’t make it Thursday evening.

3rd Wednesday Lunchtime Meetings AT DENNY’S ~ NO GUEST SPEAKERS
WED 16 May OR THU 17 May : PUBLISHING SEMINAR more info on page 4
  20 June
  NO Wednesday MEETING IN JULY * FAIR TIME! *
  15 Aug
  19 Sep
  17 Oct
  21 Nov

NEW 19 Dec BOOK DISPLAY for those who can’t make it Thu night, Sell, Share & Schmooze RSVP needed
UPCOMING 2018 NCPA Meetings, Banquet, Luncheon & Publishing Seminar

- 12 April ~ NO SPEAKER: State of NCPA, Housekeeping & getting ready for Awards Banquet
- Sun 22 Apr ~ BOOK AWARDS BANQUET ~ CHERRY ISLAND Golf Course
- 10 May: Angelica Jackson: Setting up a Website
- Wed 16 May ~ 11am-3pm NCPA 4-hour PUBLISHING SEMINAR: Barry Schoenborn, Past Pres
  * OR *
- Thu 17 May ~ 11am-3pm NCPA 4-hour PUBLISHING SEMINAR: Barry Schoenborn, Past Pres
  (Seating will be limited to 10 each day. 1st come, 1st serve. Save your date today! We'll start taking reservations soon YOUR CHOICE ~ either day … or if you like it so much, take it twice!)
- 14 June ~ Rae James: Writing a Series, How to Plot a Mystery, & Bouchercon 2020
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- Sunday 2 Dec 11:30am--2:30pm ~ 2nd Annual Holiday Luncheon, Black Angus
- 13 Dec ~ NO Speaker: BOOK DISPLAY, Sell, Share & Schmooze
- 19 Dec Wed Lunchtime meeting *NEW* ~ NO Speaker, BOOK DISPLAY for those who can’t make it Thu night, Sell, Share & schmooze during Wed meeting, also RSVP required for this one

NCPA BOOK AWARDS BANQUET

Sunday 22 April 2018 * 5pm-9pm
Cherry Island Golf Course * 2360 Elverta Rd, Elverta, CA

All you can eat Buffet: Chicken, Tri-Tip, Vegan Pasta, Rice, Beans, Salad, Rolls & Cake

NO HOST BAR * Card Split * Onsite Bookstore

Silent Auction proceeds to 916Ink, in memory of Ken, Laurie & Pam

2 Emcees/ Guest Speakers (Yes, we have two this year!):
Sam Shane: Author and local media & communications personality plus Baseball Lover
(3-pete) Bitsy Kemper: Author, media & communications personality plus all-round Great Gal!

Poetry Read by Frances Kakugawa: Author & NCPA Poet Laureate

And of course, our BOOK AWARDS ~ RECORD 32 BOOKS ENTERED * Plus MORE!

$30 tickets on sale now, at norcalpa.org

Mark Regular or Vegan (FYI: One dinner ticket included in each Book Award entry)
THANK YOU to our Fabulous BOOK AWARDS & BANQUET VOLUNTEERS

First and foremost, to our great judges:

- Kathy Boyd Fellure * (Writer / Speaker / Photographer)
- B. Lynne Goodwin * (Writer / Writing Coach / Editor)
- Jennifer Grainger * (Editor / Proofreader / Ghostwriter)
- Barry Schoenborn * (Writer / Publisher / Editor)
- Emanuel Sigauke * (Professor / Writer / Editor / Poet)

They don’t get paid to read and critique these books, for hours and hours, then commiserate with one-another over several more hours during the judging … and this year, even hours more, because of the Post Office snafu, but they do get food! Twice! A working lunch during the judging, and then again at the Banquet. Judges also get acknowledged and recognized during the Banquet, so if you’re there, be sure to give them a big “Thank You” in person! If you aren’t there, well, you’re just missing out on a great event.

Of course, GREAT KUDOS to my stalwart-three, Sharon Darrow, Amy Rogers and June Azevedo, who make this job much easier. We’re all so in-tune with one-another after 4 years of doing it, we just go on autopilot, do our own thing, and it all comes together! If one of us needs help, the other two are there to give it.

Many thanks to new NCPA member Christine (Chrissi) Villa for the great table decorations ~ she made ALL of the paper flowers and attached them to our new NCPA pencils, PLUS, she’s also going to be our official photographer. In addition, she entered a children’s book in the awards. … THANK YOU CHRISSI, for immediately, and enthusiastically, jumping in with both feet, and we greatly appreciate it. Check out Chrissi’s great website, www.christinevilla.com and be sure to go to her Purple Cotton Candy Arts … read it all. She’s an extremely interesting person

Thank you in advance, to those who come early to help set-up, and those who help tear-down, to all of our generous bidders on the Silent Auction … and for purchasing a card for the 50-50 card split.

Thank you to our donors and sponsors and to those who purchase a ticket and attend in support of the authors and their books, or to just have a great time, which I know you will. If you brought your past-NCPA Award-Winning book to add to the onsite Bookstore, thank you for that: hopefully you’ll make some sales.

And lastly, to all of you who submitted your published book to be judged, then sit in anticipation, to see if your precious baby has won anything, THANK YOU. Without you, this Book Awards and Banquet would never be!

* If I’ve left anyone out I apologize, because we appreciate you all!!*
Remember, you don’t have to be at the Banquet to bid on any item. This year I’ve added some pictures of a few, so those who aren’t at the banquet can see what’s on the bidding block. All proceeds from the Siletn Auction go to 916 Ink… if you’re interested in something, let me know the max you’ll go on an item and I’ll follow it for you.

NCPA member Andrea Roth has coordinated with NCPA to set up a series of FREE Book-selling events for members, that she’s titled “Authors Showcase ~ Meet the Authors”.

Upcoming Author Showcase Events Date & Library so far:

- **Saturday 28 April** 12Noon-2pm, Rancho Cordova
- **Saturday 12 May** 2018 Elk Grove

If you’re interested in being one of the authors, would like to join us for any upcoming Library Events, or would like your local library to be included in upcoming events, please contact: Andrea Roth (w/a A.K. Buckroth) mydiabetsoul@pacbell.net 916-396-3414 ~ or ~ normathornton@yahoo.com

**NCPA Publishing Seminar**

Wed 16 May 11am-3pm * OR * Thu 17 May 11am-3pm
$10 Student * $20 NCPA Member * $30 NON-NCPA Member * $10 Extra for Walkins, if room
(Join NCPA: $40)
Denny’s 3520 Auburn Blvd Sacto
Presenter: Barry Schoenborn Past NCPA President / Writer / Publisher / Editor
If you're a prior book-award winner, and you don't have your reservation for the Banquet on Sunday 22 April, then get your fingers busy signing up for the event www.norcalpa.org then contact Amy. (Be sure to read the rules, bring your prices and books to sell that night!)

SAVE THE DATE! Sunday 2 Dec 2018 * 11:30am-2:30pm
Our Holiday Luncheon in December 2017 was such a great event, and so simple, we're doing it again, at the same place … 2nd Annual NCPA Holiday Luncheon will once more be at the

- Black Angus on Greenback across from the Sunrise Mall.
- Order off the menu, get what you want and pay when you're through.
- We'll start asking for RSVPs around Thanksgiving, just so they have tables ready for us.

Something new ~ we're all writers, so everyone write a short Holiday poem, for reading during the luncheon. Don't worry if you don't write poems … rhyme-it, do a Haiku, or even a short story, 500 words or less. (Not one word more than 500 - "Them's the rulez!") Prizes for the best and worst!
Emcee Sam Shane, Author of *Rocky the Mudhen* books * media host & more
(With Sharon, at the 2017 CA State Fair Meet the Authors, even before I asked him to Emcee)

Emcee Bitsy Kemper, Author of *Out & About at the Baseball Stadium*, & more. * Speaker * Columnist
From Bitsy’s “Out and About...” series of books, plus several more
https://bitsykemper.wordpress.com/  Regional Advisor Society of Children’s Book Writers & Illustrators (SCBWI)

NCPA Poet Laureate Frances Kakugawa,
Award-Winning Author, Speaker, Columnist,
Teacher, Lecturer, Caregiver, Advocate … &
lover of red nail polish, red lipstick & red shoes!
https://franceskakugawa.wordpress.com/

NCPA Photographer & All-round Crafty Gal, Chrissi Villa. We thank her for the pencil-flowers on the tables.
Check out her books & crafts at www.christinevilla.com
Intrducing our 24th Annual Book Awards Competition ~ Congratulations & Good Luck to all!

**NCPA 2018 Book Award Entries**

**Record 32 Books! Will be for sale at the onsite Bookstore during the Awards Banquet**

- Elva Anson *Wondering Around God* Non-Fiction, Memoir
- F. M. Barrera *Quest of the Hachami – Lost Relics of Atlantis* Fiction
- Sharon S Darrow *Tom Flynn, Medium & Healer* Non-Fiction
- Margaret Duarte *Between Darkness and Dawn* Fiction
- Elaine Faber *Mrs. Odboddy - Undercover Courier* Fiction
- Bill Gainer *The Mysterious Book of Old Man Poems* Poetry
- Julie W. Hubbs, M.S. *It’s Your Life, Live It, Love It! Guide to Improving Emotional Health* NF-M
- Angelica R. Jackson *Capturing The Castle: Images of Preston Castle 2006-2016* Portrait
  (Author entered as Non-Fiction, but Judges felt it didn’t fit that category so a new category was opened for the first time: PORTRAIT)
- R. Franklin James *The Bell Tolls* Fiction
- Ronald Javor *Cayla’s Special Dark Glasses* Children
- Frances H. Kakugawa *Dangerous Woman: Poetry for the Ageless* Poetry
- Bitsy Kemper *Teens and Phobias* Young Adult
- Joanne Kenzy *Excursions of the Mind, stories take flight* Poetry
- Joe Klingler *Tune Up: The Secrets of Mylin - Book 1* Fiction
- Deborah LeFalle *Worthy* Poetry
- T. R. Leton *A Cold Blooded Rain: Book 1 from the Files of Maxwell Floyd, Private Eye* Fiction
- Rebecca (Steritz) Livingston *Wallace Robin Pinker; The Wishing Jewell* Children
- Catherine McGreevy *Chance’s Bluff* Fiction
- Dawn McGuire *American Dream with Exit Wound* Poetry
- Janet Maker, Ph.D. *The Thinking Woman’s Guide to Breast Cancer* General Non-Fiction
- Kathy Lynne Marshall *The Ancestors Are Smiling!* Non-Fiction, Memoir
- M. Timothy Murray *Thumar* Fiction
- Mallory M. O’Connor *American River: Tributaries* Fiction
- Carolyn Radmanovich *The Shape-Shifter’s Wife* Fiction
- Janis L. Haag-Publisher * (Author Marilyn Reynolds *Til Death or Dementia Do Us Part* NF-M
- Pat Rigley *The Pitcher Plant* Fiction
- Amy Rogers *The Han Agent* Fiction
- Ethel Rohan *The Weight of Him* Fiction
- Norma Jean Thornton *Nonie’s 1st Big Bottom Girls’ Rio Linda Cook Book 2017* NonFiction
- Christine L. Villa *Frankie Loves To Burp* Children
- Melina Sempill Watts *Tree* Fiction
- Donna Wierzbowsky *Where Danger Lies* Fiction

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**Chance to sell your own PAST-NCPA-AWARD-WINNING BOOK at the Banquet’s ONSITE BOOKSTORE**

Do you ave books that have won any NCPA award during our 24 years of Book Awards; Want to e included in the book sale at the Banquet? Limit 2 Titles, 3 books each. **5% fee** charged for handling any book sold.

Give NCPA Treasurer Amy Rogers the information, price, and bring your books. Amy will handle the rest.

**BOOK-sale info:** amy@sciencethrillers.com  **Banquet Info:** norcalpa.Org  **Questions** Norma 916-991-5751

**MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE FOR BOOKS NOT LISTED ABOVETO BE ELIGIBLE TO SELL**
## SILENT AUCTION DONORS & DONATIONS 2018:

- **Black Angus Restaurant**: Gift Certificate
- **Cherry Island Golf Course**: One round of Golf for FOUR (4) Players \(\text{Expires 30 Jun 18}\)
- **Sharon Darrow**: Spioritual Reading & More
- **Elaine Faber**: Cash
- **Jennifer T. Grainger**: Manuscript Evaluation. \(\text{Expires 30 Apr 2019}\)
- **Grand Oaks Inn B&B**: One night stay in any available Queen Room \(\text{Expires 30 Apr 2019}\)
- **Doreen Irwin Fine Art**: “Cats Rule” Framed 16”x20”oil “Giclee” print by Doreen Irwin
- **Angelica Jackson, Crow & Pitcher Press**: Illustrated Notecards
- **Frances Kakugawa, Author**: Poetry Books
- **Brenda Novak, Author**: Books
- **NCPA Northern California Publishers & Authors**: *3 year membership Norcalpa.org Complete Conference Recording IBPA Pub-U 2014 as MP3 files and 15 CD recordings Complete Conference Recording IBPA Pub-U 2015 as MP3 files
- **Placer Pops Chorale**: 2 Tickets for Premier seating to our Fri 4 May 2018 Performance (may also be exchanged for Christmas Performance.)
- **Roaring Camp Mining Company**: Your choice: *Cookout BBQ Steak dinner for 2 includes the use of their recreational facilities, and a 5-hour guided gold-mine and gold-panning tour into the canyon in Pine Grove, just up the road “apiece” from Clements. OR *All day Adventure and Gold Panning Tour
- **Amy Rogers: Science Thrillers Media**: *Bottle of Sparkling Wine Jacqueline Leonne Brut
- **Amy will build a simple free custom author Website through Wix.com Redeem by 30 Jun 18
- ***Give ‘em What Tey Want: The Right Way to Pitch Your Novel by Camenson & Cook
- ***Book Publishing 101 by Martha Maeda
- **Barry Schoenborn**: Horatio Alger Leather-look Meeting Portfolio & Pen
- **Sharif Jewelers**: 14 kt yellow gold Blue Topaz & diamond Ring
- **Linda Joy Singleton, Author**: Book:
- **Smog King**: *Smog Inspection (2) Value $60 each NO Expiration
- ***Air Conditioner Services (2) Value up to $100 each NO Expiration

Anything you’d like to bid on but can’t attend, let me know. I’ll follow the bids for you. normathornton@yahoo.com … 916-991-5751

The next two pages highlight 5 of our generous donors and donations, with some pictures, a few descriptions, and a suggestion for a closeby vacation in the foothills east of Lodi … every-year-donor, Ann & Joe Mehrtens’ Grand Oaks Inn B&B in Clements (12 miles east of Lodi on Hwy 12) and a 30 mile jaunt up the road on Hwy 88 (just off of 12), to the also-every-year-donor, Roaring Camp Mining Co., and their BBQ steak dinner for two plus more! Those are on the 2nd page of pictures … page one showcases “Cats Rule” from first-time donor, Equine painter and Horse Show Judge, Doreen Irwin of Shandoni Ranch in Elverta. You saw her painting of the horse, “Mystique,” if you opened the Email I sent about her Art in the Barn (which is still going on through the middle of May, BTW)  Also on page one, a picture of the gorgeous ring donated from every-year-donor Sharif Jewelers, plus Placer Pops, another multi-year donor. Lots of possibilities with this one, including their Christmas Show instead, and it’s great!
“Cats Rule”

Framed 16”x20” Giclee Print from original oil by artist Doreen Irwin
Shandoni Ranch (Horses)  www.shandoniRanch.com or Doreenirwin.com
Equine painter, as well as pets and portraits. See her horse painting, “Mystique” in prior Email

Placer Pops Presents Broadway Pops: A Musical Revue” a thrilling production of best-loved iconic and contemporary Broadway show tunes, filled with catchy lyrics and fun choreography to highlight performances.
Dietrich Theatre, Sierra College, 5000 Rocklin Rd. Rocklin Fri May 4, 7:30 p.m. Sat May 5, 2:00 p.m. Sun May 6, 2:00 p.m.
Donated: 2 Tickets to Fri 4 May 7:30pm production ~
Value $79 ... date negotiable: see Norma

Sharif Jewelers. Value $500
14 kt yellow gold Ring, with Blue Topaz and diamonds from generous donor, Mahmud Sharif.
Free sizing and cleaning comes with the ring.
Now with numerous locations in the Sacramento area (Howe Ave, Downtown K St, Marconi Av in Carmichael and Iron Point Rd in Folsom), Sharif has sold quality jewelry since 1932, and has been a very generous donor to NCPA since 2014.
Sharif has donated for more than a quarter of a century, to many other.local and not-so-local non-profits … including the more than 20 years to another organization I’ve personally gathered donations for … and this ring is my favorite so far!
Grand Oaks Inn B&B located in Clements among the oak-studded rolling Sierra foothills, is reminiscent of a Currier and Ives Print. The architecture and lushly landscaped grounds shaded by ancient blue oak trees evoke feelings of an English country inn. This 1100 acre estate sits quietly in the middle of California wine country at the gateway of the Mother Lode … close to Roaring Camp Mining Company (below) just 30 miles northeast up Hwy 88 in Pine Grove.

Roaring Camp in Pine Grove, is an old California goldmining camp on the Mokelumne River, and in the past, was once a camp for Forty Niners, accessible only by horseback. Since it was so inaccessible, most of the gold still remains, making it something special in the way of family recreation, where visitors can not only see the operating gold mine, but can mine their own gold by panning, sluicing, metal detecting, and dry washing. Roaringcampgold.com

In the Mokelumne Canyon, the three forks of the Mokelumne River come together making a river unsurpassed in natural beauty, and water so clear you can watch tadpoles and fish swim. Waterfalls and natural rock formations 40 feet high, plus a quiet secluded swimming hole surrounded by rocks of varying sizes, makes it ideal for diving by those who dare. And be sure to bring your fishing gear. The fishing is excellent! Roaring Camp donates your choice of: All-day adventure for two, or 5 hours with a BBQ steak dinner for two. See Website Value $100

Make it a week-end trip, less than two leisurely hours from Sacramento … go south on 99 to Lodi, then east on Hwy 12 and just 12 miles to Clements … arrive to a tasty lemon margarita, from freshly-squeezed lemons off their own trees, and spend a relaxing night … or two or three … at the Grand Oaks Inn B&B. Get up to an excellent (I speak from experience) luxurious breakfast, and head on up to Roaring Camp for a day of gold-panning &/or BBQ Steak Dinner, then either spend the night at one of their cozy Cabins or make that short 45 minute trip back down to the B&B and homemade cookies, plus another great home-cooked breakfast in the morning provided by your gracious hosts Ann and Joe: unless they’ve changed, with their very own Pomegranate Juice. BTW, Ann’s Oatmeal Pancakes are to die for, as are her Quiche and Cookies, and… well, everything! (I’ve known Ann since 1954, and we graduated HS together.)
Best Excuse to Miss the Book Awards Banquet ~ so what’s your excuse?
(Sharon just received this Email from Ron … and he has an entry)

Congratulations Ron ~ Have a great time!

Hi Sharon. Good news/bad news. I’ve been asked to replace an American delegate to a Euro-sponsored conference in Rome discussing and proposing new humane, cost-effective, and innovative housing options for homeless/migrant people.

Using his pre-booked arrangements, I’ll also get some vacation days before and after the conference! I’ve never been there and always wanted to go. The bad news: it’s during the last two weeks of April, and I’ll miss the awards dinner!

I’ll see you and everyone else in May.
Ronald Javor ronaldjavorbooks.com

NEW! "Cayla’s Special Dark Glasses" is now on Amazon Books! Cayla loses her sight in an accident, learns new ways to see the world around her, and fulfills a special dream! AND! "Sam and Sue’s Space Adventure" wins two first-place awards from Northern California Publishers and Authors We also have uplifting children's books on homeless families succeeding through barriers to find decent housing.

2nd Best Excuse to Miss the Book Awards Banquet ~

This just in from Catherine McGreevy:

Hi, Norma! I am very sorry that I won’t be able to attend the banquet because it conflicts with the Sisters in Crime booth at the Los Angeles Times Festival of Books that I will be attending that day.

I’m really sorry that I won’t be able to be there because I was very much looking forward to it, but I couldn’t pass up this opportunity. Thanks!

HAVE FUN CATHY! Mary Lou will enjoy your buffet here!

Attending the Banquet: GUESTS

916 Ink: Justin? Edwards, Kim
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Goodwin, B. Lynn Grainger, Jennifer
Kando, Tom & Anita Lawson, Kathy (Friend of Pam S)
Ortega, Sam Rigley, Dennis P
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Sigauke, Emmanuel Stamets, Mary Kaye
Umbach, Rosa & 5 Guests

Attending the Banquet: AUTHORS

Anson, Elva & Everett Barrera, Frank
Darrow, Sharon Duarte, Margaret & Guest
Faber, Elaine (All Unique) & Guest Gainer, Bill & Guest

Attending Authors continued

Hubbs, Julie Jackson, Angelica James, R Franklin
Javor, Ron Kakugawa, Frances Kemper, Bitsy
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... Norma Jean Thornton, editor The Pen & Press