UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

2018 * 2 ND Thursday Evening Regular Meetings * 6:30PM – 8:30PM

13 Sep ~ Chrissi Villa : Book Launch Party on FB, Create Book Trailer with Free Software & MORE
11 Oct ~ Elaine 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.

3 RD Wednesday Lunchtime Meetings AT DENNY’S ~ NO GUEST SPEAKERS

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

25th BOOK AWARDS * eBooks too (hopefully) Get those books Published in 2018!
Now Accepting Book Entries
Book entry Deadline 31 January 2019

25th Book Awards Banquet * Sunday 14 April 2019
President’s Message

The State Fair occupies the majority of July for me. At the Fair, we have an authors booth in Building A, where the county displays are. Seven authors at a time man the booth throughout the day. These authors write in a variety of genres from cookbooks to historical fiction. All are current California residents.

I’ve been coming to the authors booth for the last eight years or so. Not only do I have return customers, these two weeks give me an extended time to network with other authors. I’ve learned so much about my craft and the business of selling books by being around other authors.

It occurs to me that much of my career has been isolating. Teaching is a very isolating profession if you aren’t careful to garner friendships and support. So is writing. Meeting fellow authors, sharing ideas or talking about different aspects of marketing is invaluable.

We all have so much to offer each other and I’ve found that the author community is very willing to help if you just ask.

- Join a critique group.
- Join an organization like NCPA.
- Participate in book fairs and signings whenever you can.
- Get out there and share your knowledge, your skill and your experiences. You may have expertise in something no one else does.

Not only will your own writing improve for it, but you may find some like-minded people that will enrich your lives in ways you can only just imagine.

Michelle Hamilton
President NCPA

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Editor’s note: For information on the calendar for Michelle and all other author dates and times during the 2018 California Authors Booth at the State Fair, plus a new slide show daily and more info, check out Michelle’s Authors Booth website.

http://www.authormlhamilton.net/california-state-fair-authors-booth.html

Michelle mentions the State Fair, critique groups, book fairs and signings, plus organizations like NCPA.

This year, thanks to Andrea Roth (w/a A.K. Buckroth), NCPA initiated an Author Showcase almost-monthly at local (and sometimes NOT so local … but fun, anyway) libraries, where our member-authors have a chance to sell and sign their books. All members are welcome … just contact Andrea when you find one, or more, that you’d like to attend. Info on upcoming Aug through Dec 2018 Author Showcases Library events on page 7

As many of you may have noticed our NCPA newsletter includes info on many other local writing organizations, such as Cap Crimes, CWC, GCW, SCBWI, SSW and SVR. We'll soon be including info on EGWG and MW. If you have an organization you’d like info on, let us know and we’ll check it out. Also, if you’re not familiar with the Alphabet List above, you can find them on page 9.

And finally, NCPA is contemplating beginning a critique group either directly after our 3rd Wednesday meetings (held 12Noon-2pm) or around 4 or 5pm that same Wednesday at Denny’s.(for a possible all-day event if you want to attend both.) Any member interested in joining a generic critique group, come to the 9 August Thu night meeting, Wed 15 Aug 12Noon meeting, or contact Sharon or me.
UPCOMING 2nd Thursday night NCPA MEETINGS FOR 2018 ~ GUEST SPEAKERS

- 13 Sep ~ Chrissi Villa: Book Launch Party on FB, Create Book Trailer with Free Software & MORE
- 11 Oct ~ Eleanor Russell: Bringing Other Countries & Cultures to Life & Research Surprises  
  ................. erussell48@comcast.net  http://www.elainerussell.info
- 8 Nov ~ Danna Wilberg: Film-Making, TV Show Producing, Access Sacramento Host  
  .  dannasjourney@sbcglobal.net dannawilberg.com
- 13 Dec ~ NO Speaker * BOOK DISPLAY * Sell, Share & Schmooze

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UPCOMING 3rd Wednesday Lunchtime NCPA MEETINGS FOR 2018 ~ NO GUEST SPEAKERS

NO Wednesday MEETING IN JULY * FAIR TIME! *
   15 Aug
   19 Sep
   17 Oct
   21 Nov

NEW * 19 Dec Wed Lunchtime meeting * ~ NO Speaker, but for the first time, for those who can’t make it Thu night, we’ll continue our BOOK DISPLAY on 3rd Wed: Sell, Share & Schmooze during Wed meeting, also – HOWEVER * RSVP required for this one

An Email will be sent a few days to a week prior to EACH WEDNESDAY LUNCHETIME meeting, asking for an RSVP if you plan to attend. If we don’t receive the minimum amount required another Email will be sent, notifying that the meeting has been canceled. PLEASE SEND AN RSVP EMAIL to normathornton@yahoo.com if you plan to attend this month’s NOON meeting. Thank you. It’s either this, or stop the Wed meetings completely.

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California Writers Club (CWC):* Diane Potter Gold Nugget Promotions * Christine “Chrissi” Villa * Sharon Darrow * Amy Rogers * Wal-Mart BAKERY (Antelope)

~ THANK YOU one and all ~

THE 2018 CA STATE FAIR IS OVER, BUT THERE’S A BUNCH OF STUFF IN HERE RELATING TO THE AUTHOR BOOTH AT THE FAIR. IT’S STAYING BECAUSE I SPENT HOURS PUTTING IT TOGETHER BEFORE MY COMPUTER STARTED FLAKING ON ME. PATIENCE WAS NOT ON MY AGENDA AT THE TIME SO I GAVE UP ON IT UNTIL NOW.
GENEALOGY ~ CLASSES & More: Interested in Genealogy, doing Family research, want to, and don’t know where, or how to begin? Did the DNA test, so now what? Find classes below:

**Ancestry.com FREE on computers at all Sacramento County Libraries**

- **LDS Family Research Library on Eastern Av:** Public Classes and Research are FREE, and ALL are welcome. You do NOT have to be a member of the Church to visit the Library and use their services. Check out their Public Classes and more, at [http://www.sacfamilysearchlibrary.org/](http://www.sacfamilysearchlibrary.org/) (Thanks NCPA member Kristy Taylor for info)
- **Central Library** 828 I Street, downtown Sacramento has FREE Classes on Genealogy. All lectures are on **Sundays, 1:00–2:30pm**, in the West Meeting Room on the 1st floor. There is no registration. For information, please contact Beth Daugherty, Librarian, at bdaugherty@saclibrary.org Sacramento Central Library, 828 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, Phone: 916-264-2920. Website: [http://www.saclibrary.org](http://www.saclibrary.org)

**Following upcoming classes scheduled at CENTRAL LIBRARY:**

- Aug 12: **So Many Stories So Little Time: Why the Back Story Matters** Kathryn Marshall
- Sept 16: **Understanding Land Records** -- Melinda Kashuba
- Oct 7: **Open Pandora’s Box: DNA Finds Unexpected, Improper Ancestors** James Baker
- November 4: **Who’s In Your F-A-N Club?** – Glenda Gardner Lloyd
- Dec 2: **Key Decisions When Conceptualizing Your Family History Book** Kathryn Marshall

If you need a copy of the handout for any presentations Beth Daugherty will be happy to send them. Contact her at: (916) 264-2979 or bdaugherty@saclibrary.org – To watch videos of some of Central Library’s previous genealogy presentations, go to the library’s YouTube webpage. Watch those videos anytime by clicking on this link: [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLwtrWl_IBMJszRsNrcDauSLtHwGWXeQ6Rmjin](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLwtrWl_IBMJszRsNrcDauSLtHwGWXeQ6Rmjin)

The Central Library is located at 828 I Street in downtown Sacramento. When you enter the library on I Street, the West Meeting Room will be immediately on your left in the lobby. Street parking near the library is free on Sundays. If you park in a garage, the least expensive option is the City of Sacramento garage, located on 11th Street, just south of I Street. It has a flat rate of $5.00 on weekends. You can also find information about parking on the website Parkopedia ([http://www.parkopedia.com/](http://www.parkopedia.com/)). Type in the zip code “95814” and then select the hours for your arrival and departure. There is a charge to park in the Sacramento County Jury parking lot between 8th, 9th, F and G Streets.

Beth Daugherty Genealogy/Reference Services Librarian Sacramento Public Library Central (916) 264-2979 | bdaugherty@saclibrary.org

**Member News: Health Update:**

Was good seeing Julie Beyers at the July meeting. She’s finally getting on the mend.

Latest reports from Cindy Sample is that she’s getting back into writing stuff. More on her in August newsletter.

**Sat 20 Oct Walk4Literacy ~ Andrea has registered NCPA as a team. Hold the date and stay tuned for more info if you’re interested in participating.**
Andrea Roth has been in contact with the Sac Public Library Program Specialist who coordinates all Library events, including promoting groups and authors, so starting in Aug, we should be included in all of the Email and other advertising they do regarding Authors and Speakers (like signage at the libraries.).

**Upcoming Authors Showcase ~ Meet the Authors!”**

**Dates & Libraries: full info bottom of page 7……………**

- Saturday 4 Aug 1pm-4pm North Natomas Library
- Saturday 29 Sep 12:30pm-5pm South Natomas Library
- Saturday 6 Oct 1pm-5pm Martin Luther King Jr Library
- Saturday 8 Dec 12N-5pm El Dorado County Library
- Saturday 15 Dec 12N-4pm Colonial Heights Library,

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) mydiabeticsoul@pacbell.net 916-396-3414 ~ or ~ normathornton@yahoo.com

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**Bouchercon2020.org**
World Mystery Convention Bouchercon coming to Sacramento!

**15-18 October 2020,** NCPA’s own Rae James Chair of **Bouchercon 2020** at the Sacramento Convention Center
Registration now open

**SCBWI Spring Spirit Conference** 4 May 2019

**25th NCPA BOOK AWARDS BANQUET**
5pm-9pm
Sun 14 April 2019

**CWC : 9-11am Fri 3 Aug Coco’s**
7887 Madison Av ~ Guest Speaker
ML Hamilton (NCPA President)
*Crossing Genres: Benefits & Challenges*

**SSWC: Mon 13 Aug 7-9pm**

**ELK GROVE WRITERS CONFERENCE SAT 27 OCT 2018**
More Info In Aug Newsletter

**SCBWI SPRING SPIRIT 2019 CONFERENCE SAT 4 MAY 2019**
More Info In Aug Newsletter

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**NCPA Celebrates 28th Anniversary & 25th Book Awards Banquet**

5pm - 9pm Sunday 14 April 2019
Cherry Island Golf Course
2360 Elverta Rd, Elverta CA

$30 dinner tickets * (One Dinner included with each Book Entry) norcalpa.org
or send your check to NCPA, PO Box 214673 ~ Sacramento, CA 95821

* Be sure to mark if regular or Vegan

All you can eat Buffet: Chicken, Tri-Tip, Vegan Pasta, Rice, Beans, Salad, Rolls & Cake
Jennifer Grainger ~ Speaker 9 Aug 2018
Ghostwriting Jenniferetheeditor.org ~ 209-369-6188 w / 209-327-5475 cell
Jennifer T. Grainger helps people with a book inside them get it out. If you have a story to tell but don’t know how to get it on paper, Jennifer will ghostwrite your story for you. Ask her questions at the 9 Aug meeting!

13 Sep 2018 Speaker ~ Chrissi Villa chrissivilla@gmail.com christinevilla.com

1) Not everybody can attend your book party in person so it is essential that you think of ways to promote your book online. One way is via Facebook. I will give some tips and guidelines on how to host a successful book launch party on Facebook.

2) Creating a book trailer is one of the innovative ways of marketing or promoting your book. I will teach you how to make a book trailer using a free software called Windows Movie Maker.

3) Purple Cotton Candy Arts - offers services such as creating posters, book covers, and book trailers. It also helps authors turn their children's stories into hard cover books by providing the work from illustrations, editing, layout, to publishing. http://www.christinevilla.com/purple-cotton-candy-arts.html

Frankie Loves to Burp won 1st in Children’s Books at the NCPA Book Awards this year.

Elaine Russell ~ Speaker 11 Oct 2018
Bringing Other Countries & Cultures to Life & Research Surprises

“I first traveled to Laos in 2006 to research Across the Mekong River where I fell in love with the beautiful landscape and gentle, sweet Laotian people. On this trip I learned about the terrible legacy of unexploded ordnance from the massive U.S. bombing campaigns in Laos during the Vietnam War-era. As a result, I began volunteering with the U.S.-based nongovernment organization Legacies of War. I served on the board for four years from 2008 to 2012. I returned twice to Laos with Legacies in 2008 and 2010. I also traveled to Laos in 2011 with my husband and 2012 with my son.

“In 2010, I spoke about Laos at the European Southeast Asian Studies annual conference in Gothenburg, Sweden.” http://www.elainerussell.info erussell48@comcast.net

For more on Elaine, check out her website: http://www.elainerussell.info ... and come to the meeting
UPCOMING 2018 AUTHOR SHOWCASE INFO

**Saturday, August 4, 2018 1pm - 4pm**  North Natomas Library 4660 Via Ingoglia Sac. 95835. Participants so far: Mary Lou Anderson * A. K. Buckroth * Mary Ellen Burns * June Gillam * Gini Grossenbacher * Anna Hourihan * Joanne Kenzy * Cathy McGreevy * Amy Rogers * Karen Sephmsour * Norma Jean Thornton * Chrissi Villa * Donna Wierzbowksi

**Saturday, September 29, 2018 12:30pm - 5pm**  South Natomas Library 2901Truxel Sac 95833. Participants so far: Mary Lou Anderson * A. K. Buckroth * Sharon Darrow * June Gillam * Anna Hourihan * Joanne Kenzy * Nancy Shchoellkopf * Norma Jean Thornton * Chrissi Villa Twelve tables available with 52 chairs. Same set-up as written above. ROOM FOR MORE

**Saturday, October 6, 2018 1pm - 5pm**  Martin Luther King Jr Library 7340 - 24th St 95822

**Saturday, December 8, 2018 12N – 5pm**  El Dorado County Library (Special Thanks To Ellen Osborn for booking this! WootWoot!), 345 Fair Lane, Placerville, 95667. Please Google for more information. Four participants already signed up.

**Saturday, December 15, 2018 12pm – 4pm**  Colonial Heights Library, 4799 Stockton, Blvd., Sac. Three participants so far.

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Thu 13 Dec ~ NO Speaker * BOOK DISPLAY * Sell, Share & Schmooze repeated Wed 19 Dec

Book Display Wed 19 Dec Lunchtime meeting also ~ 12N- 2pm RSVP* Required for Wed

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“Always room for more authors, but ALWAYS bring your own set-up table, just in case!”

BE SURE TO CONTACT ANDREA OR NORMA IN ORDER TO ATTEND ~ DO NOT JUST SHOW UP

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2018 California State Fair  *  13 July – 29 July

2018 Participating California Authors (in alpha order by last name) * Building A/B

Author days & hours: www.authormlhamilton.net/california-state-fair-authors-booth.html
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, $20 non-members, includes lunch Rancho Cordova Cattlemen’s
- Writers Network 9-11am 1st Fri monthly Coco’s 7887 Madison Av @ Sunrise, Citrus Heights
  Open to public, pay for your own breakfast (NEW LOCATION)
- For information & prices on joining, go to: cwcsacramentowriters.org
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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
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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/](http://goldcountrywriters.com/) Questions contact Margie Yee Webb mywebb@sbcglobal.net
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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
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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
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Society of Children’s Book Writers & Illustrators (SCBWI) (California 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/*](https://canorthcentral.scbwi.org/*)
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6:30pm to 8:30pm Denny’s 3520 Auburn Blvd

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12 Noon to 2pm Denny’s 3520 Auburn Blvd RSVP’s REQUIRED
Meetings are always FREE ~ Visitors are always welcome.

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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 2017-2018