UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

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

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

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

This month our speaker was mystery writer, R. Franklin James, who spoke about crafting a mystery series. As a mystery writer myself, I know how hard it is to break into this very popular genre. Next to romance, mystery is the second highest read genre. Crafting a compelling mystery is difficult, especially if you try to take a new approach to an old trope.

For me, I like to use my travels to spark new and exciting ideas. I’ll be missing the July meeting because I’m going to spend six days in Washington, DC with my son and his girlfriend. Part of my excitement for this trip is the idea that I’ll get new locations and new adventures to send my main character Peyton Brooks on.

Whenever you travel, take pictures just for the purpose of your writing. You never know when you might want to look back on a place you’ve visited so you can write it into a story. Writing is about taking your readers on adventures. What better way to do that than to give them real places to visit vicariously through your words?

Writers use all sorts of things to spark their imagination. Travel is a great way to broaden your palate so to speak. It rejuvenates the mind, exposes you to new and exciting things, and gets you out of your comfort zone.

This summer think about taking a trip, even a small day trip, to explore something new. If you’re writing adventure or mystery, the best source material is your own personal experiences.

Like so many people have said before, “Write what you know.”

Happy adventures, fellow writers! Go out and live your stories, create memories, and share them with the world.

Michelle Hamilton
President NCPA

Following up on Michelle’s travel/exploring suggestion of taking a small day trip to explore something new:
An excellent idea for those of us who take advantage of NCPA’s Library Author Showcase, arranged by Andrea Roth, as we travel to the various libraries out of our area … and possibly out of our comfort zone.

Especially to the far ends of our county and beyond … such as Georgetown Sat, 16 June. It was perfect weather to take that long leisurely drive on highways 50 or 80, and State Routes 193 or 49, around some windy roads, and pretty interesting towns: Placerville, formerly Old Dry Diggins, Dry Diggings, and Hangtown. Auburn: Note of interest to sci-fi/fantasy buffs, the home and birthplace of Clark Ashton Smith noted sci-fi and fantasy poet/ author. Garden Valley: originally called Johntown, supposedly in honor of the sailor who discovered gold at the site, but later changed to Garden Valley since marketing vegetables was of more value than gold mining; Lotus, just 1 mile from Coloma, which was the first important mining town of the 1848 gold rush days, where James Marshall found the GOLD! which started the California Gold Rush. (In the 1940s there used to be a huge Rodeo in Coloma held every year … maybe around the 4th of July? I just remember going there for the rodeo, and I think one year Roy Rogers might have been there? Does anyone reading this know anything about those rodeos?) The stories just lurking that could be told!

Earlier in the year, the Author Showcase was at the Library in the tiny delta town of Isleton …population 804 in the 2010 census. Filled with 19th-century-era storefronts along the “main” street, many of the Chinese persuasion, it’s a totally quaint town just begging for a new story to be told. I had an excellent dinner at one VERY old, rickety Chinese restaurant, and met a delightful gal with her story to tell. If only I wrote novels!
Writing Romance? Want to? Harlequin has a new project: “So You Think You Can Write” … Our series romance lines accept unagented submissions all year long from aspiring authors across the globe. Find out more about what we’re looking for [Write for Us!](http://www.soyouthinkyoucanwrite.com/)

[Advice from the Archives Get in the Door How to Submit to Harlequin](http://www.soyouthinkyoucanwrite.com/2017/03/advice-from-the-archives-get-in-the-door-how-to-submit-to-harlequin/)

Scroll down to Resources for Writers - FREE stuff - but read everything above it too, for submissions without an agent and more. Click on all the links to read (or at least skim) everything they have! [NOW DOING A VARIETY OF GENRE, including Mystery NOT JUST ROMANCE](http://www.soyouthinkyoucanwrite.com/)

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Sell, Share & Schmooze during [Wed meeting, also – HOWEVER * RSVP required for this one](http://www.elainerussell.info)
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 Pubic Classes and more, at 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

Following upcoming classes scheduled at CENTRAL LIBRARY:

- June 24: GEDMatch and Managing Autosomal DNA Test Results -- Carol Dove
- July 15: Getting the Most from Internet Archive – Gena Philibert-Ortega
- Sept 16: Understanding Land Records -- Melinda Kashuba
- Oct 7: Open Pandora’s Box: DNA Finds Unexpected, Improper Ancestors James Baker
- 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_IBMJszRsNrcDauSLtHwGXeQ6Rmjn

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/). 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
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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:**
- Saturday 7 July 12:30pm-5pm Arden Dimick Library
- Saturday 4 Aug 1pm-4pm North Natomas Library
- Saturday 29 Sep 12:30pm-5pm South Natomas 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

**Bouchercon2020.org**

World Mystery Convention Bouchercon is coming to Sacramento!

**15-18 October 2020**, NCPA's own Rae James is Chair of Bouchercon 2020 at the Sacramento Convention Center

**SCBWI Spring Spirit Conference 4 May 2019**

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

**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
NCPA member Carolyn Radmanovich awarded President's Choice Winner for Visionary Fiction for 2018 Independent Book Awards Contest. Independent Book Awards
The Shape-Shifter’s Wife  by Carolyn Radmanovich  Category: Visionary Fiction

“The Shape-Shifter’s Wife is a story of love lost, love found, and the enduring nature of love. This story takes you on an adventure from present day San Francisco to the Russian River in the 1840s to the mystical mythology of the Native Americans and the brutal clash of cultures. A story to warm your heart and boil your blood.”  Reverend Evelyn Hall, Leader of Women's Vision Quests and Sacred Circles

NO GUEST SPEAKER  JULY ~ Schnooze Time, and Catch-up

Jennifer Grainger ~ Speaker 9 Aug 2018
Ghostwriting
Jennifertheeditor.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.

Her writing skills were honed in a two year program with Bill Manville. Bill is a former Village Voice columnist (“Saloon Society”) and a Contributing Editor for Helen Gurley Brown at Cosmo

Jennifer specializes in ghostwriting Memoirs, Autobiographies, Spiritual/Motivational books as well as How-To Manuals and business books to position the author as the leading expert in their field

After helping five people self-publish their books Jennifer went on to publish her own book: “Becoming Conscious: One Woman’s Story of Spiritual Awakening.”

September 2018  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.

Frankie Loves to Burp
Elaine Russell ~ Speaker 11 Oct 2018
http://www.elainerussell.info erussell48@comcast.net

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.”

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

8 Nov 2018 Speaker ~ Danna Wilberg dannawilberg.com dannasjourney@sbcglobal.net

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PARANORMAL CONNECTION
STORY CONNECTION
Episodes of Paranormal Connection TV and Story Connection TV are available on Youtube!

dannawilberg.com ~ Follow us on FB

The Red Chair * The Grey Door * The Black Dress

*SPECIAL* Sunday 2 Dec 2018 2nd Annual NCPA Holiday Luncheon 11:30am-2:30pm

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Bring your spouse or significant other, family member or friend

We’re all writers, so start working on a Holiday rhyme, Haiku or short story (500 words EXACTLY) to read at the luncheon, and bring a copy for me ... I’m working on an idea, info to be given at a later date ... PRIZES FOR BEST & WORST!

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
MEMBER STUFF: Kim Edwards: “My second piece for Writer's Digest is in the July/August 2018 issue. It’s called ‘Expert Express’, tips for finding experts and deciding how to use their quotes in a piece. Quotes from voices of authority can lend articles credibility and depth. Learn how to enhance your freelance writing by incorporating expert input.” Kim’s other piece, “The Identity List” How to catalog your written work to get more freelance writing projects, was in the January 2018 issue of Writer's Digest. WAY TO GO KIM!

Pat Canterbury: My newest novel will launch on July 21 at Underground Books from 2-4, “The Case of the Broken Spoke”

SAVE THE DATE: NCPA member Loy Holder reports The Elk Grove Writers Conference is coming right along after a few setbacks: new location: the Holiday Inn in Elk Grove new date: 27 October 2018 … will include a continental breakfast and lunch. More info as we get it … anticipated mid-July

NCPA Donor PLACER POPS ~ FREE HOMELAND CONCERT * 7pm * 30 June * 1 July * 350 Nevada Street * Auburn Library Amphitheater * Auburn, CA

BOOK REVIEW
Oops ~ we need some reviews!
Please send REVIEWS of our NCPA members' books

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~ THANK YOU one and all ~
A FEW OF THE DONORS TO THE 2018 SILENT AUCTION AT THE AWARDS BANQUET

**Cats Rule** Framed 16”x20” Giclee Print from original oil by artist Doreen Irwin Shandoni Ranch (Horses)  [www.shandoniranch.com](http://www.shandoniranch.com)  [oreenirwin.com](http://orenirwin.com)
Equine painter, as well as pets and portraits. See her horse painting, “Mystique” in prior Email.

**Placer Pops** Presents two times a year, Mother’s Day and Christmas, plus one free event during the 4th of July Celebrations 7pm in Auburn (30 June & 1 July)

**Sharif Jewelers.** 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.

**CHERRY ISLAND Golf Course** ~ Our Hosts for the past 3 years, will once more cater to NCPA 14 April 2019 for our 25th Anniversary ~ Not only are they gracious hosts plus donate yearly to our Silent Auction, they also serve up a mean Cheeseburger & Fries, and a tasty Fish & Chips during their daytime hours, in the same room where we have the Banquet. Have a Party or a Banquet coming up for one of your organizations, or need a place for any type get-together? Give them a try … they have a great selection of different banquet menus at a really reasonable price. **BE SURE TO SAY YOU HEARD ABOUT THEM FROM NCPA.**

**WALMART Antelope Bakery** ~ If you enjoyed the cake at the Awards Banquets and ever have a need for one for any event, head on over to the Bakery at the Walmart on Roseville Rd … and when you do, let them know you’re purchasing it because of one they donated to NCPA … for 3 years in a row now (2016-2018) … ask for Cheryl.
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 at Roaring Camp!

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.)
MAKING CONNECTIONS CORNER with our Local Sister Writing Organizations

California Writers Club (CWC) (Sacramento Branch)
- Monthly Luncheon Meetings generally on the 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: www.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

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) (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 …
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Meetings are always FREE ~ Visitors are always welcome.

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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
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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