UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

**25th Book Awards Banquet** *Sunday 14 April 2019*

**25th Book Awards** *eBooks too (hopefully) Get those books Published in 2018!*

**Book entry Deadline 31 January 2019**

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**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

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

- **12 July** ~ NO SPEAKER: Schmooze-time and Catch-up
- **9 Aug** ~ Jennifer Grainger: Ghostwriting
- **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.

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

- **20 June**
- **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

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**Thursday 14 June 2018 6:30pm – 9pm**

**Rae James: * Writing a Series * How to Plot a Mystery ***

*Updated Info on Bouchercon 2020*

**Denney’s (in the Private back room)**

3520 Auburn Blvd, Sacramento (Auburn Blvd @ Watt Av & I-80)

No-host food & beverage … it’s not mandatory to make a purchase

You might want to bring a light sweater
President’s Message

June is the start of my vacation from the day job (teaching). I love June because there is so much potential to get caught up on my writing career.

We all have our routine when it comes to writing. Some people listen to music, others force themselves to write to a certain word count, and some need a designated spot in which to write without any other distractions.

I love to write first thing in the morning. I love to wake up and grab the computer. My mind is fresh and willing to take some risks.

When I’m working the day job, I can’t write in the morning, but during the summer that is my routine. I wake, write for an hour or more, then take the dogs for a walk and get everyone breakfast. I may continue writing throughout the day, but the night is reserved for editing.

By the time night rolls around, I’m tired and I find I’m a bit more critical. It’s a good time to edit because I’ll be brutal with myself and I need that.

Now that I have a new puppy, writing during the morning probably won’t happen this summer. She has different ideas of when she should go outside and have her breakfast than I do, but I will find time to write. Somehow. She’s got to sleep sometime, right?

Anyway, what is your routine?

Do you have a set writing schedule or do you just pants it (meaning write by the seat of your pants)?

Whatever you do, here’s hoping for a productive summer!

Let’s get those books written because before you know it, the NCPA Book Awards will be upon us again and often having a goal in mind gets those wheels turning!

Michelle Hamilton
President NCPA

Since our new Prez brought it up, and there’s space, I’ll add this here. We’ve already started working on our 2018/19 Book Awards, BECAUSE: 2019 will be our 25th NCPA BOOK AWARDS BANQUET and:

The date, time, location and menu have already been set
Sunday 14 April 2019 * 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 Mustard Seed School

BOOK AWARDS ~ RECORD 32 BOOKS ENTERED in 2018. LET’S BEAT THAT FOR OUR 25TH!
And something new ~ Sharon’s working on adding eBooks to the competition

Book Submission Deadline 31 January 2019 for any & all books published in 2018
Upcoming 2nd Thursday Night NCPA Meetings for 2018 ~ Guest Speakers

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- 8 Nov ~ Danna Wilberg: Film-Making, TV Show Producing, Access Sacramento Host
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- 13 Dec ~ NO Speaker * BOOK DISPLAY * Sell, Share & Schmooze

Upcoming Special 2018 NCPA Meeting

- Sunday 2 Dec 11:30am–2:30pm ~ 2nd Annual Holiday Luncheon, Black Angus: RSVP required
  for a head count only, in order for enough table space. Everything else same as last year: Separate
  checks, order what you want off the menu, pay then. 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!

Upcoming 3rd Wednesday Lunchtime NCPA Meetings for 2018 ~ No Guest Speakers

- 20 June
- 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 lunchtime
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.

New Volunteer / New Board Members

Special thanks to new NCPA member Christine (Chrissi) Villa who has gleefully agreed to take over the
NCPA FB page, in addition to making the great table decorations for the Awards Banquet. She’s also our
photographer and will be our guest speaker in September. In addition, Chrissi entered a children’s book in
the awards, and won first place. She immediately, and enthusiastically, jumped in with both feet, and we
greatly appreciate it. (We’re also in discussions with her about the website.)

Thank You Chrissi ~ You’re now officially the NCPA Photographer & Social Media Director!!

With Andrea Roth as our recently designated Book Events Coordinator, we now have TWO new positions
on the Board Thank You Andrea!
GOOD DAY SACRAMENTO has a Weekend Book Club. ~~ you can watch it in the 8am hour each Saturday morning on CW31 to see what she does, then email Tina Macuha gooddaytina@kmaxtv.com for more information, along with your book info and get an actual book in to her.

Several of our NCPA members have sent their books to Tina, and their segments can be seen on YouTube. You can find some by doing a Google search on Weekend Book Club – Good Day Sacramento You Tube.

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:

Also FYI: The new season of Who do You Think You Are is back on the TLC Station on TV
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=PLwtrWIIBMJszRsNrcDauSLtHwGWXeQ6Rmjn

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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Member News: Health Update:

Cindy Sample: Got an E from Cindy last week; she’s 1/3 of the way through her treatments, and asked me to thank everyone who sent her a card or emailed her. She says they definitely lift her spirits. She also finished her most recent book by deadline … Dying for a Deal … She said it was probably just in time, because chemo brain set in. Hang in there, Gal!

Her book is on Amazon for preorder, and will be officially released Tuesday, 29 May.

Julie Beyers: Haven’t heard from Julie lately, but just sent her an E. If she responds before the newsletter is finished, will add it … if not, her Email addy is placerwordminers@hotmail.com

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!"

BE ONE OF THE AUTHORS

Dates & Libraries:

- Saturday 16 June 1:00pm- 5:00pm Georgetown Library
- 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

SCBWI Spring Spirit Conference 4 May 2019

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

She’s also our Guest Speaker 14 June 2018

Registration now open for Bouchercon

NCPA Celebrates 28th Anniversary & 25th Book Awards Banquet

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

* (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
14 June 2018 Speaker ~ R. Franklin James
Writing a Series * How to Plot a Mystery *
Update on Bouchercon 2020
rfranklinjames.com  @RFJBooks

The Bell Tolls won 3rd in Fiction & 3rd in Cover Design at the NCPA Book Awards this year.

The Identity Thief, published in 2018 is eligible for entry in this year’s NCPA Awards.

No picture, so instead, the 2 most recent books of the Hollis Morgan Mystery Series by R. Franklin James

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.”

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.
“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
Mahoning 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 Cattleman’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
  
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

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 … with our double-fun NCPA Emcee, (who’s also SCBWI’s Regional Advisor {RA}), Bitsy Kemper
  Go to their website for full information: https://canorthcentral.scbwi.org/*
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Meeting Information

Evening meetings with guest speakers are the 2nd Thursday of each month
6:30pm to 8:30pm Denny’s 3520 Auburn Blvd

Daytime meetings with NO guest speakers are the 3rd Wednesday of each month
12 Noon to 2pm Denny’s 3520 Auburn Blvd RSVP’s REQUIRED

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 2017-2018_