Thursday 11 Oct 2018  6:30pm – 9pm

Elaine Russell: * Bringing Other Countries & Cultures to Life * & *
* Research Surprises *

Denny’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

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

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

8 Nov ~ Danna Wilberg: Film-Making, TV Show Producing, Access Sacramento Host
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

19 Sep
17 Oct
21 Nov

NEW 19 Dec BOOK DISPLAY for those who can’t make it Thu night, Sell, Share &chmooze RSVP needed

25th BOOK AWARDS * NEW: eBooks this year! * Get those books Published in 2018!

Now Accepting Book & eBook Entries  see page 8 for details

Book entry Deadline 15 February 2019

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

In my mind, I view September as the first turn toward the end of the year. September is the prep month before the long holiday season begins. Kids go back to school, summer trips end, and colder weather sets in. With colder weather, people tend to stay indoors more, which is the perfect opportunity to tap into their need for entertainment.

Launching a book, doing some holiday-specific marketing, or offering a giveaway are great ways to stimulate book sales. Preparing now for a busy holiday season will let you finish off the year on a strong note.

Last year I wrote two holiday centered books, this year I want to focus on holiday themed marketing. Sending out a newsletter with an anecdote about your own holiday celebrations allows you to connect with your followers. Encouraging them to share their own holiday stories would be a good way to engage them and make them see you as a fellow human.

Add a favorite holiday cocktail recipe to an email blast or a Facebook post. Send out a tweet with a picture of your family pet dressed up in a silly Halloween costume. Include an inexpensive holiday themed decoration with any giveaway you send out.

All of these things create memories in your readers and keep you in their minds. Half the marketing battle is making personal connections and maintaining them. It’s keeping you and your books in their minds -- creating a sense of community around your writing.

Not only will you get the monetary reward from a loyal readership, you’ll also find it’s rewarding to make personal connections with your readers.

Michelle Hamilton
President NCPA

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Editor note: Speaking of holiday cocktails … I just happened to have this recipe copied on an old bar tab from 20 Jul 1970. These were the most fabulous drinks specially made at the Coral Reef on Fulton Avenue.

George, the bartender, gave me the recipe not too long before the place suddenly and mysteriously closed down, then eventually was torn down – but we still have many fond memories from there. There’s no place left that even comes close to the fabulous Coral Reef, for food, ambiance, and especially this excellent drink. (I just wish I had gotten the recipe for their outstanding house-shrimp salad and dressing, too! Norma Jean)

**BAMBOO SLING**

1-1½ oz light rum
2 oz sweet ’n sour
1 oz lemon sour
1 oz orange juice
1 oz Hawaiian punch
1 oz pineapple juice
Squeeze of lime
Crushed ice (to taste ~ I like LOTS)
1 Banana
Strawberries ~ 1 can frozen or 1 cup fresh
½ oz sloe gin (for the “float”)

Dump all ingredients except sloe gin in a blender, blend until smooth and slushy. Add sloe gin to "float" - lightly stir into rest of mixture and pour in a special glass, garnished with a strawberry, cherry or pineapple spear, and serve. **ENJOY** (Recipe from “Nonie’s 1st Big Bottom Girls’ Rio Linda Cookbook” Norma Jean)
UPCOMING 2nd Thursday night NCPA MEETINGS FOR 2018 ~ GUEST SPEAKERS

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  dannasjourney@sbcglobal.net  dannawilberg.com
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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

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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.

LOOKING FOR NCPA TEAM MEMBERS for a (4) four-mile walk Walk4Literacy.org Sat 20 Oct 2018

Join the NCPA Team, led by Andrea Roth in this Walk 4 Literacy ~~ Contact Andrea or Norma ASAP if interested Andrea: mydiabeticsoul@pacbell.net Norma: normathornton@yahoo.com
Oak Park to Cesar Chavez Park starts 9:00 am * Register @ 7:00 am as “NCPA” to walk with local authors!

NCPA just sent an $800 check to 916 Ink, from the Silent Auction proceeds during the 22 April 2018 NCPA Book Awards Banquet

NCPA and 916 Ink extend a big thank you to those who donated &/or bid on all items!

The Book Awards/ Banquet Committee is in discussions regarding the recipient for our 2018/2019 25th Anniversary Silent Auction. Mustard Seed School is high on the list right now. Comments?
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:

- 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 (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:

- Sept 16: Understanding Land Records -- Melinda Kashuba: Land records are the earliest and most complete type of record in the United States, beginning when the colonists settled the land to show legal proof of ownership. ~ Join us for this presentation by Dr. Melinda Kashuba as she discusses the information found in land records, their terminology, and where they can be located. ~ Melinda is an author and a popular lecturer on a variety of genealogical topics, statewide and nationally. ~ Her book, Walking with Your Ancestors: a Genealogist's Guide to Using Maps and Geography (Family Tree Books, 2005) is available for checkout here at the Central Library and some library branches. ~ This presentation will not be filmed. However, last month’s genealogy presentation by Kathryn Marshall, “So Many Stories, So Little Time – Why the Back Story Matters,” has been posted on the library’s YouTube webpage, and you can watch it anytime – no library card is needed.
- 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=PLwtrWI_IBMJzsRsNrcDauSLtHwGXeQ6Rmjn

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.

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The Elk Grove Writers Helping Writers Conference Sat 27 October 2018 now has a literary agent ~ D. Patrick Miller, Fearless Books & Literary Services ~ for “Pitch to an Agent” appointments on-site.

For more info: www.egwg.org ~ click Agent Appointments link
Cap Crimes: 15 Sep meeting
Change of Venue ~ to the South Natomas Library on Truxel Rd

CWC: 15 Sep meeting
Editor Alan Rinzler Guest Speaker

SCBWI Spring Spirit Conference 4 May 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

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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

My how time flies when you’re having fun … and even faster when you’re behind! Do y'all realize there are just 49 days until Halloween, 72 days until Thanksgiving, and only 104 shopping days until Christmas!? … so, make your list of people you can give books as a gift to, and plan on being at the Thu 13 Dec 6:30pm NCPA BOOK DISPLAY * Sell, Share, Schmooze meeting with your books in hand, and again at the Wed 19 Dec Lunchtime meeting ~ 12N-2pm … we want books galore!
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.”

For more on Elaine, check out her website: http://www.elainerussell.info  erussell48@comcast.net

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

Do you know what this, !? or this ?!, is? What the punctuation mark for the combined symbols is called? Do you ever use it? Have you ever used it? Will you ever? (Actually, it’s the two joined, but since computers don’t provide one for both, this is the best we can do, so I guess it would be called a bastardized interrobang!?)

Or does it annoy you no end, as it did one of my critique partners several years ago … so much so, that I’d deliberately use it frequently, just to harass him, because he griped about it so much! He swore it wasn’t legitimate, but it is, even though bastardized … the incomparable … Interrobang!?

Most punctuation marks have been around for centuries, but not the interrobang: it’s a product of the 1960s. The mark gets its name from the punctuation that it is intended to combine. www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/interrobang

2011 September, Simon Garfield, “Breaking the Rules”, in Just My Type: A Book About Fonts, New York, N.Y.: Gotham Books, Penguin Group, ISBN, page 268: The Interrobang is not a font – just a single character. Yet it is so powerful a symbol, and such a flawed and original concept, that it deserves a place alongside the most adventurous typographic innovations of the last century

https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/interrobang

Interrobang definition: a printed punctuation mark ? available only in some typefaces, designed to combine the question mark (?) and the exclamation point (!), indicating a mixture of query and interjection, as after a rhetorical question. www.dictionary.com/browse/interrobang
Upcoming Authors Showcase ~ Meet the Authors!

**Dates & Libraries:**

- **Saturday, October 6, 2018** -- Martin Luther King, Jr. Library, 7340 24th Street, 95822. **1pm - 5pm.**
  Participants so far: A. K. Buckroth, Sharon Darrow, Joanne Kenzy

- **Saturday, December 8, 2018** -- El Dorado County Library 345 Fair Lane, Placerville, 95667. **12N - 5pm**
  (Special Thanks To Ellen Osborn for booking)
  Participants so far: A. K. Buckroth, Sharon Darrow, Ellen Osborn, Norma Jean Thornton

- **Saturday, December 15, 2018** -- Colonial Heights Library, 4799 Stockton, Blvd., Sac. **12N - 4pm**
  Participants so far: A. K. Buckroth, Sharon Darrow, Norma Jean Thornton

contact: Andrea Roth (w/a A.K. Buckroth) mydiabeticsoul@pacbell.net 916-396-3414
OR ~~ normathornton@yahoo.com

Many thanks to Ellen Osborn for organizing the joint NCPA-Eldorado Writer’s Guild Meet the Authors! library event in Placerville on Sat 8 December.

The following is the ad Ellen placed in the Around Here Magazine to publicize the event. If you want to be involved and join in the fun, contact either Andrea mydiabeticsoul@pacbell.net or myself normathornton@yahoo.com . For more information on the 8 Dec event, contact Ellen … her info is below.

**On Saturday December 8, 2018, from 1 to 5 p.m.** come by and meet local published authors at the El Dorado County Placerville Library at 345 Fair Lane in Placerville. Take advantage of this opportunity to chat with them about the process of writing and publishing a book. Each author will be happy to discuss their books and have copies available for sale.

Northern California Publishers and Authors and El Dorado Writer’s Guild are presenting this free event for the public. For more information contact Ellen Osborn at slyparkbooks@gmail.com.

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**AUTHOR SHOWCASE 2018** 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 contact:

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OR ~~ normathornton@yahoo.com
25th BOOK AWARD COMPETITION UNDERWAY!
-- and we're received our first submissions, so get yours in now:

Have you published a book in 2018? Are you planning to get one published by the end of December 2018? If so, we hope you are going to enter it in the competition.

- You can find the rules, online application, and online link to pay your fees through PayPal at https://norcalpa.org/book-awards.
- If you'd prefer a printable copy of the rules, you can download it here, or use a printable version of the 2019 entry form to mail it in with your books and a check.
- Remember that you need to ship four copies of your book with the entry form and entry fee to me at: NCPA Book Awards, c/o Sharon Darrow, P.O. Box 214673, Sacramento, CA 95821. If you do the application form and fee online, please include a note to that effect with the books.

There are a couple of exciting changes this year.

- We will be accepting ebooks for the first time.
- If your book is available in print and ebook, you must choose which to enter since you cannot do both. The ebooks submitted will be judged in the same categories as print books, depending on how many submissions we receive.
- After sending your application and fee, send me (via email attachment) a mobi and/or epub format edition of your ebook for our judges review.
- I will also need a high-resolution image of your ebook cover.

Since I can't scan that myself, it will be up to the writers to get those to me early so they can be included in the program brochure and advertisements for the competition.

- If you are interested in knowing how your book was scored and what comments the judges made, you can make a note on your application or in an email to me. I will then make sure you get them after the contest is over. You will NOT know which judge made what comments or scores. ~ you will also need to remember that their comments are for their own use, and may not be particularly diplomatic. But if you are interested, have a thick skin, and think they might be helpful, we'll make them available to you.
- Last but definitely not least, we are looking for qualified judges for our panel. If you know someone who is an outstanding editor, publisher, proofreader, writer, or other professional in the industry -- preferably not a member of the NCPA since we try to avoid any potential personal or political influences or conflicts -- please send me their information. We'd love to see our competition increase in size, scope, and reputation, and continuing to have impressive, professional judges is a huge plus.

Thanks everyone, and please send any and all suggestions you have on the competition!

Sharon S Darrow
Book Awards Chair
916-803-1665
ATTENTION CREATESPACE USERS: in case you didn’t already know:
Amazon is closing Createspace and moving all titles to KDP Print, which is also a POD service. More info:
And yet more info ~ two sites, both with lots of info. I don’t do CS, but if I did, this one looks easier to me:

Book Lovers Celebrate the Fun of Reading at the Great Valley Bookfest!
Saturday, October 13, 2018 • 10am - 4pm
Promenade Shops at Orchard Valley (aka Bass Pro Center)
Hwy 120 @ Union Road (280 Lifestyle Street), Manteca, CA.

All of the day's activities including author presentations, workshops, cooking demonstrations, parade, and performances, will be provided free of charge. The Great Valley Bookfest is an event for all ages.
Booth: $40. Linda Abeldt  * 209.329.0410 * linda [@] greatvalleybookfest.org

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~ THANK YOU one and all ~

TIME TO CASH IN THOSE B&N GIFT CARDS!?
On 3 July after only 15 months on the job, Barnes & Noble terminated CEO Demos Parneros without severance pay for "violations of company policies." In late August, Parneros, the fourth CEO in five years to be fired by B&N, sued the bookseller, claiming they made up reasons to fire him after a deal to sell the company fell through. ~ I just recently found two gift cards from B&N in an old purse; gifts from several years ago, valued at $65 total. Maybe I found them just in time … looks like a trip to B&N is in the "cards" soon.

Special Book Sale Sat 22 Sep ~ parking lot of Magnolia Antiques on Fair Oaks Blvd near Marconi Ave.
From the extensive book collection, many autographed, of Gabrielle “Gabby” Guedet, a founding member of Capitol Crimes. ~ Gabby recently found she has Pancreatic Cancer and it’s inoperable. To help with finances Cap Crimes VP Penny Manson will sell Gabby's books, including several by A.A. Fair (alias for Earl Stanley Gardner who wrote Perry Mason.) There are also some very old Dell paperbacks  Everyone welcome

ROMANCE-MURDER AUTHOR TAKES RESEARCH TOO FAR?
A 68 year old Oregon Romance novelist in 2011 wrote a 700 word essay on "How to Murder Your Husband" and was charged 5 Sep in connection with the death of her husband in June.
On her website http://www.nancybrophyauthor.com/ she writes: {Writing helps the writer define his true goal.} Most of Nancy’s storylines were apparently on murdering husbands. FULL STORY BELOW:
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

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 …
Go to their website for full information: 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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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