UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Thursday 13 Dec 2018 6:30pm – 9pm

NO Speaker: Annual BOOK DISPLAY:
Sell, Share your own books ~ & Schmooze

Denny’s (in the Private back room)
3520 Auburn Blvd, Sacramento (Auburn Blvd @ Watt Av & I-80)
No-host food &/or beverage

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BOOK DISPLAY Repeated Wed 19 Dec ~ 12 Noon
for those who can’t make it Thu evening, or want to come twice

*RSVP required for Wed 12N ~ RSVP Norma: normathornton@yahoo.com

*RSVP NOT required for Thursday 6:30pm*

Penny Manson from Cap Crimes will also be there Thu with info on volunteering for Bouchercon 2020

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

You might want to bring a light sweater

Wed 21 Nov ~ No Speaker ~ just chit chat & other fun &/or informative, but mundane writing stuff
Same Denny’s 12Noon Wed 21 Dec

Dec HOLIDAY LUNCHEON Sunday 2 Dec 11:30am-2:30pm Black Angus on Greenback

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

Didn’t know NCPA was on FB?
Check our newly updated FB page (also NCPA’s website homepage) at
norcalpa.org ~ Webmaster Chrissi Villa has been busy working on
upgrading and redesigning it.
President’s Message

November is NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month) where millions of prospective authors sign up to write a novel. The commitment is to write one 50,000 word novel in the month of November.

NaNoWriMo has meet-ups where people in your area can gather to encourage each other, online workshops, and a word tracker. It’s a great way to focus yourself and try to churn out a novel.

Even if you don’t succeed, having a committed goal to achieve can really help. If you’re interested in signing up, check out the website at https://nanowrimo.org/sign_up. If you aren’t ready to tackle the challenge this year, start planning for NaNoWriMo in 2019 by September.

If a month long commitment is too much, maybe a single night would be better. NaNoWriMo also hosts a Night of Writing Dangerously Write-a-thon in San Francisco. The cost is $375, but the website offers a number of opportunities for fundraising.

The date is November 18th from 4:00 to 11:00PM and it’s held in the Julia Morgan Ballroom. Dinner and cocktails will be provided, combined with seven hours of writing in this elegant setting overlooking beautiful San Francisco.

In addition to writing, there will be a silent auction and free author portraits. Proceeds help fund the Young Writers Program.

What is the purpose of setting such public goals for your writing or attending a write-a-thon with 225 other people? Motivation. Writing can be an isolating task, but networking with other authors and engaging in the sharing of ideas is always stimulating.

This is why we join writing groups. Why we attend writer’s conferences. We’re always looking for the next idea to spark our latest novel.

With the holidays around the corner, finding time to write can be a challenge, which is why putting measurable goals on your writing can help.

However you keep yourself motivated, just keep creating. The world can always use more art.

Michelle Hamilton
President NCPA

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The ONLY “scary story” received from my request ~ but it’s a doozy! Thank you Chrissi

I have attached three haiga. Haiga is a combination of haiku and photo or artwork. For it to be effective, the poem shouldn’t be a caption for the image, nor should the image be a mere illustration for the poem. As you can see, I prefer not to write haiku in the 5-7-5 syllable format. My reason is explained here. http://www.nahaiwrimo.com/home/why-no-5-7-5

The first haiga attached won 3rd place in Scryptic Magazine’s First Annual Halloween Contest. Here’s the link http://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/396b91_573338d11aec4fe48e97f107523af64.pdf

Judge’s comment: “Okay... WOW! Look at this image, and then tell me with a straight face that it isn’t awesome. I bet you can't. The colors just pop, and all the little details and textures make it rich. When I fist saw this image, I wanted to run my hand across the computer screen to feel it. The poem Christine paired with the art is perfect, as well. I feel it stitches all the elements of the image together, and really changes the tone of the piece to something a little more spooky, and perhaps even darker. ‘Midnight’ is not a word that would've popped into my mind for this image, but I feel that it works extremely well in this case because it invites you in to explore this complex image even more. This is truly a brilliant and surreal haiga.”

The second haiga was published along with the winning haiga in one of the books published by Scryptic Magazine.

The third haiga was created tonight (31 Oct 2018 2:17am) for the NCPA November newsletter.

I hope you enjoy them all! Happy Halloween! :-) Chrissi Villa

1 (Owl hoot
  a witch counts the hours
till midnight)

2 (Pumpkin moon
  a scarecrow’s laugh
  crawls down my spine)

3 (Aquarium visit
  a kid gets her
Halloween scare)
ATTN: AUTHORS WRITING & DOING RESEARCH on:
Historical Novels, Local History, Madams, the Paranormal & more ...

Volunteer opportunities with
Non-profit Old City Cemetery Committee

Authors: writing historical novels, local history, or about madams? (Rumor has it that at least one is buried here.) From a plethora of reported hauntings, shadows and apparitions for a variety of reasons ... including one dog ... and stories of the paranormal, spirits and ghosts, even other genre, your research could be enriched by visiting Sacramento’s Old City Cemetery on 10th & Broadway

Established in 1849, a State Historic Landmark since 1957 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2014, the Sacramento Historic Old City Cemetery at 1000 Broadway is one of the oldest existing cemeteries in Sacramento and has buried within, a rich history of our diverse pioneers and early settlers, such as Capt. John A. Sutter Jr., political notables including governors, mayors ... even a son of Alexander Hamilton ... plus the city founder, E.B. Crocker and his family.

In addition to just regular folks, there are several group plots for members of many Fraternal Organizations and individuals who have their own designated spaces in the cemetery, such as survivors of the Donner Party, the Masons, the IOOF, Civil War and other military veterans.

The Asiatic Cholera epidemic in 1850 devastated Sacramento, reportedly killing between 800 and 1,000 people in less than 3 weeks, including 17 of its 48 attending doctors.

Many victims were quickly buried in the City Cemetery as well as in a mass grave at the Old Cemetery by Sutter’s Fort (but were eventually moved to either the City Cemetery or East Lawn Memorial Park because of later flooding from the American River. According to Wikipedia, the City Cemetery is sitting at Sacramento’s highest point.)

Either take a self-guided tour or enjoy a free guided walking tour offered by docents well-equipped to answer most of your questions, on this more than 44 acres of land filled with historic monuments and statues, surrounded by reportedly some of the oldest and most beautiful roses in the Historic Rose Gardens, while different plants, shrubs, bushes and trees complete other areas in the cemetery landscaped like a Victorian garden.

For more info, go to the visitor page on their website: www.HistoricOldCityCemetery.org OR www.hauntedhouses.com/states/ca/sacramento_cemetery.htm and follow up with a full Google search for an abundance of interesting stuff. (These are my sources for all of the information I’ve written ... except for the tidbit on a madam buried in the cemetery. That came from a spokesperson from the Cemetery Committee interviewed on Fox40 one day last week, which gave me the idea to write this ... but I had no idea I’d take it so far, or spend so much time on it.)

I don’t even like history, nor writing about it, and dislike very much having to spend so much time doing research, yet I got drawn into this and could have gone on for hours, but I leave the rest of it to those of you who have even a little interest to find out more ... even if it’s only to take a tour one day, or volunteer with the Committee.

Several areas for the cemetery need volunteers, including education, fundraising, gardening and tours / special events. Remember, volunteering there could also provide great research access for your books.

Volunteer at: www.HistoricOldCityCemetery.org/volunteer-with-us

FYI: Be warned ... Two more of these are on the next page. THESE ARE MY “SCARY STORY” ENTRIES
I must admit I got more than a bit carried away with this haunting, madam, paranormal stuff, but things just kept popping up on me! What else was I to do? Since I typed these the night before Halloween, it was obviously some devilish spirit egging me on, keeping me from doing what preparations were needed to get ready for those ghoulish trick-or-treaters tomorrow! I hope at least some of this stuff was interesting to a few, and had bits and pieces that none of you knew. I learned a lot, that I’ll most likely promptly forget ...

Editor
ATTN: AUTHORS WRITING & DOING RESEARCH on Haunted Hotels: Another One

Just heard about this last weekend on KFBK’s Travel Guys … sounds interesting … have you checked it out? **USA Today** has nominated the Mizpah Hotel, built in 1907 in Tonopah, NV., as the #1 Best Haunted Hotel for 2018. Reports are the Mizpah has items that mysteriously move around, elevator doors that randomly open and close, and among the spirits reportedly hanging around haunted guests, the most famous is Rose, a prostitute who worked there and was murdered by a jealous lover. The famous haunted “Lady in Red Room”, was reportedly hers.

The full story of *An Evening with the Lady In Red* by SYDNEY MARTINEZ | August 2014 Updated: October 2018, can be found here: [https://travelnevada.com/adventures/31179/evening-lady-red](https://travelnevada.com/adventures/31179/evening-lady-red)

A few interesting excerpts from that story: **AN EVENING WITH THE LADY IN RED** “…the front desk attendant blurted, ‘I don’t even like to go in that room, or on that floor…” **** “…tons of authentic factors still remain including the 107 {110 now} year old elevator…the first elevator west of the Mississippi…Miss Red has been rumored to target individual male passengers in the elevator, whispering ‘hey, you’ into the ear…” **** “…the Mizpah isn’t on the Historic Hotels of America list for no reason…ridiculously comfy and truly fit for a king….room 502 had an undeniably ominous feeling… hard to put your finger on…” **** “…I knew I might be in for it when the housekeeping attendant outside my room…afraid to clean it…”

You can find more information on the Mizpah and the Lady in Red Room from my Google search link: [https://www.google.com/search?client=safari&channel=ipad_bm&ei=mQDNW4TRC4iL0gKQq5KIWBw&ins=false&hl=en&ie=UTF8&client=safari&channel=ipad_bm&ei=mQDNW4TRC4iL0gKQq5KIWBw&ins=false&q=lady+in+red+mizpah+hotel&oq=lady+in+red+hotel&gs_l=mobile-gws-wiz-serp.1.4.1.5974.130.0.250.1.1.0.110.110.0j1.1.0....0...1...1......0........0...0.460j0i71.BcKUMPIlnsI](https://www.google.com/search?client=safari&channel=ipad_bm&ei=mQDNW4TRC4iL0gKQq5KIWBw&ins=false&hl=en&ie=UTF8&client=safari&channel=ipad_bm&ei=mQDNW4TRC4iL0gKQq5KIWBw&ins=false&q=lady+in+red+mizpah+hotel&oq=lady+in+red+hotel&gs_l=mobile-gws-wiz-serp.1.4.1.5974.130.0.250.1.1.0.110.110.0j1.1.0....0...1...1......0........0...0.460j0i71.BcKUMPIlnsI)

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ATTN: AUTHORS WRITING & DOING RESEARCH on Madams: Another One … and last

The 2nd floor interior of the Silver Dollar Saloon in Marysville has been newly remodeled, with pictures of the brothel “girls” remaining throughout, and building materials brought in and used from other historic structures in the area. Certain memorabilia from the Mustang Ranch completed the project.

The 2nd floor-prior brothel is now open for parties and catered events, and the current owner gives historical tours of the reportedly haunted hotel.

One of the oldest historical landmarks in Marysville, with conflicting reports of dates and names, the Silver Dollar Saloon that was originally built in 1851 (or 1854 … originally also, as the Grand Hotel), is located at the corner of D & 1st Streets (330 1st St) next to the Bok Kai Temple.

Supposedly during that heyday of booze and prostitution in Marysville, there were 52 bars and 43 brothels, including the Davis Hotel next door, operated by notorious California madam Anne Davis. For much of the Silver Dollar Hotel’s history, an illegal brothel was maintained on the second floor from WWII into the 1950s in part, thanks to the arrival of the U.S. Army’s Camp Beale, with a population of nearly 60,000 servicemen. When Camp Beale was later changed to Beale AFB in the late 50s, base personnel were greatly reduced, finally putting an end in 1972, to prostitution in the reportedly oldest illegal brothel in the United States.

At one time during the late 1960s and early 1970s the Saloon was owned by serial killer Juan Corona’s half-brother, and the name was changed to the Guadalajara Café. Reportedly, Juan Corona severely attacked and mutilated one of his few surviving victims in the Saloon restroom. Claims of the place being haunted arise from both Juan Corona, and the sordid affairs with the prostitutes for so many years.

It was declared in 2017 that the gentleman Wells Fargo stage coach robber Black Bart, with all his aliases, and who often left a poem with his victims, is buried in the local Cemetery, and was rumored to frequent the Silver Dollar Saloon, using an alias of Charles Wells.

The best site with the most historical info … [www.theclio.com/web/entry?id=58757](https://www.theclio.com/web/entry?id=58757)


Newspaper print is a bit hard to read in parts, and covers two pages (1 & 7), but interesting story: [https://marysvilleappealdemocrat.newspaperarchive.com/appeal-democrat/2008-10-31/](https://marysvilleappealdemocrat.newspaperarchive.com/appeal-democrat/2008-10-31/)

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3rd Wednesday Lunchtime NCPA MEETINGS FOR 2018 ~ NO GUEST SPEAKERS
• Wednesdays 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
RSVP Norma: normathornton@yahoo.com RSVP DEADLINE Mon 17 December

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.

25th BOOK AWARDS * NEW: eBooks accepted this year!
Get those books Published in 2018 ~ & ~ Submit your published books
Now Accepting Book & eBook Entries see page 7 for details
Book entry Deadline 15 February 2019
25th Book Awards Banquet * Sunday 14 April 2019
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VERY SPECIAL KEYNOTE SPEAKER ~ a Blast from the Past
Our KeyNorte Speaker will be Dierdre Honnold Wolownick, the 2nd President during the SPA era. I’m
working on making this special 25th Anniversary a Blast from the Past, by encouraging all past presidents of
NCPA (plus SPA and SP&A) to attend our momentous celebration. (Check out the July 2017 newsletter, for
all Past President’s names, and a little history about the organization’s changing title until settling on NCPA.)
If the Honnold name sounds familiar, it’s because you’ve heard it in relation to the documentary National
Geographic movie, Free Solo, that just came out with a rare, almost 100% rating from Rotten Tomatoes. Do
a Google for a mesmerizing and terrifying 2.5 minute trailer of the 90 minute film, which is currently at the
Tower Theatre, 2508 Land Park Drive, Sacto. The son of Dierdre, Alex Honnold is the first person to climb
Yosemite’s El Capitan WITHOUT the help of ropes, etc … ONLY his fingers and toes! …
Not to be “much” outdone, last year at the age of 66, Dierdre became the oldest woman to climb Yosemite’s
El Capitan. Both have written books: Alex this year, Dierdre’s comes out 1 May 2019, just after the Banquet..
25th NCPA BOOK AWARD COMPETITION UPDATE:
As of today, we have one eBook and 10 print book entries. Did you publish a book in 2018? Are you planning to get one published by 31 Dec 2018? If so, be sure to enter the 25th Annual competition. See your book cover on NCPA’s new Poster honoring 2018-19 entries.

- Find rules, online application, and online link to pay fees through PayPal at https://norcalpa.org/book-awards.
- If you’d prefer a printable copy of the rules, download 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
916-803-1665
Thanks to Chrissi Villa for making our NCPA Book Awards Poster for last year’s 32 book entries. The same will be done this year for entries received by the deadline: 15 Feb 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

Cap Crimes meeting Sat 17 Nov 1pm Rancho Cordova Library
Mike Dennis, producer of Fox40 TV show “Sheriffs of El Dorado County”
“Not your typical COPS, where you only see the crazy…” EDC Sheriff John D’Agostini said. Learn the creative process of producing a true crime & law enforcement television show. FREE MEETING

SCBWI Spring Spirit Conference 4 May 2019
Registration opens early December 2018

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$30 dinner tickets *(One Dinner included with each Book Entry) norcalpa.org
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All you can eat Buffet: Chicken, Tri-Tip, Vegan Pasta, Rice, Beans, Salad, Rolls & Cake, Coffee or Tea
* Be sure to mark if regular or Vegan * NO HOST BAR ~ Sodas, Beer or Wine

Info on Book Awards & Banquet: Bits & Pieces of the usual stuff, plus some stuff still pending:

- Keynote: Dierdre Honnold Wolownick, Past President of NCPA (2nd President during SPA era)
  - Emcee: Ashley Williams ~ from CW31s Good Day Sacramento week-ends
  - NCPA Poet Laureate Frances Kakugawa, with another Poetry Read
  - On-Site Book Store again
  - Card-Split again
  - NEW: eBooks this year
- PROGRAM: selling advertising space again ~ Get yours in now!
- Smaller Silent Auction this year ~ Hopefully more Sponsors instead of Donors
- Unsure which non-profit to sponsor this year … probably Mustard Seed School
- Working on having as many past presidents of NCPA (SPA & SP&A) as possible in attendance
- NEW: Book Cover Poster with all Entries from last year (32) and this year (?) thanks to Chrissi V
- Trade Books too, not just NCPA members self-pub submissions; many changes since Dierdre’s time
- We’re hoping for the best turnout yet, in both attendance & book entries, please help DO YOUR PART

CWC Sat 17 Nov meeting 11am-1pm Cattlemens Rancho Cordova
12409 Folsom Blvd
Brooke Warner Publisher, She Writes Press, Spark Press:
What You Should Know about Hybrid Publishing
$15 member $25 Non-member ~ lunch included

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(Covers for the 32 book entries for 2017/18 Book Awards)

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Enlarge the picture/poster below to see all 32 book covers from the 2017 Book Awards for the April 2018 Book Awards Banquet. We’ll also have a poster with all entries for the 2018 Book Awards Banquet 14 Apr 2019 – GET YOUR 2018 Published BOOK ENTRIES IN NOW.

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OR COME TO BOTH: BRING YOUR BOOKS to Sell, Share & Schmooze ~ RSVP needed for WED.
If we don’t have enough interest for this one, there won’t be a Wednesday meeting.
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GENEALOGY ~ CLASSES & More: Interested in Genealogy, doing Family research, want to, and don’t know where, or how to begin? Ancestry.com FREE on computers at all Sacramento County Libraries

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- 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

Dec 2: Key Decisions When Conceptualizing Your Family History Book Kathryn Marshall

The Central Library is located at 828 I Street in downtown Sacramento

For more information on the Library go to the September or October 2018 NCPA newsletters, or contact: Beth Daugherty Genealogy/Reference Services Librarian Sacramento Public Library Central (916) 264-2979 | bdaugherty@saclibrary.org

Throwing out another PROMPT CHALLENGE to all

Send me your BEST HOLIDAY STORY ~ 500 words MAX (more or less ok), NO MINIMUM ~ ANY GENRE ~ HAIKU, POETRY, RHymes, HUMOR ok … DEADLINE MIDNIGHT, 30 NOV 2018

ALL STORIES RECEIVED WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE DEC NEWSLETTER

RSVP all PROMPTS to Norma Jean * normathornton@yahoo.com

This is the perfect time to see your work in print, for those who haven’t as of yet had anything published. Be advised, I will proofread each one, and send feedback if any changes are needed. With the exception of misspelling or grammar (unless it fits the story), and punctuation, I will NOT make any changes without notifying the author, and getting permission. Norma Jean (BTW: if you have them, more than one is OK)

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### Upcoming Authors Showcase ~ Meet the Authors!

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Many thanks to Ellen Osborn for organizing the joint NCPA-El Dorado 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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**Message to MyIdentifiers Customers from BOWKER (ISBN)**

November 5, 2018 – R.R. Bowker, LLC (“Bowker”) was recently made aware by the payment card networks of patterns of unauthorized charges occurring on cards after they were legitimately used on Bowker’s website, www.myidentifiers.com. We immediately launched an investigation and engaged a leading forensic firm to assist.

“**Our investigation has identified unauthorized code that was added to the checkout page on our website. Based on currently available evidence, our investigation is focused on determining if the code was active from May 1, 2018 through October 23, 2018.**

“**However, because our investigation is continuing, complete findings are not available and it is too early to provide further details on the investigation. We anticipate providing notification to any affected customers as we get further clarity about the specific timeframes and orders that may have been affected.**

“**We want to assure our customers that protecting their information is one of our top priorities and we are taking this incident very seriously. We will continue to work vigilantly to pursue this matter quickly to resolution.**

“**Consistent with good practice, customers should closely monitor their payment card account statements. If you see any unauthorized charges, you should immediately notify the bank that issued the card. Payment card companies typically do not hold cardholders responsible for unauthorized charges. While we are working to implement additional security enhancements, we have disabled purchasing functionalities at www.myidentifiers.com. Please refer to the instructions here on how you can purchase ISBNs and other products: https://www.publishersweekly.com/pw/by-topic/industry-news/bookselling/article/78506-bowker-investigating-breach-of-isbn-site.html.**

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**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)

**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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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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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