Thursday 11 APRIL 2019  6:30pm – 9pm

Chrissi Villa’s report on IBPA Conference plus ~ State of the NCPA: how things are going (GREAT!)

Friends, Family, non-members welcome ~ FREE MEETING FOR ALL

Denny’s (in the Private back room)

3520 Auburn Blvd, Sacramento (Auburn Blvd @ Watt Av & I-80)
No-host food &/or beverage

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS You might want to bring a light sweater to Denny’s.

10 April 2019 * Deadline to order Banquet tickets * $30
Sunday 14 April 2019 * BOOK AWARDS BANQUET
Sun 1 Dec 2019 ~ 3rd Annual NCPA Holiday Lunch 12Noon -?? ~ back at Black Angus again
Everything’s the same as the previous 2 years: order anything you want; purchase off the menu that day. No group bill for one of us to try to figure out what everyone owes: you’re given your own bill and pay Black Angus as you normally would when you go out to lunch. SO MUCH EASIER ~ AND CHEAPER!

2019 GUEST SPEAKERS  2nd Thursday each month 6:30pm-9pm
11 Apr ~ * State of NCPA * Awards Banquet * plus Chrissi Villa * Report on 2019 IBPFA Conference
9 May ~ Yuri Kviklo, Atty* Intellectual Properties, Trademarks, Copyright, etc., for Pubs & Authors
13 June ~ Bob Primm, Atty * Legal Guide to Book Publishing
11 Jul ~ NO SPEAKER ~ General Chit Chat about Anthology, plus all-things Publishing, writing and more

RSVP needed for each Wednesday norcalpa.org ~ Same Denny’s ~ 12Noon

Wed 17 APR  No Speaker ~ just chit chat & other fun &/or informative, but mundane writing stuff
Same Denny’s 12Noon We’ll also discuss the Anthology & Sun 14 Apr BOOK AWARDS BANQUET
Wed 15 MAY  No Speaker ~ just chit chat & other fun &/or informative, but mundane writing stuff
Same Denny’s 12Noon ~ We’ll also discuss the Anthology
Wed 19 JUNE  No Speaker ~ just chit chat & other fun &/or informative, but mundane writing stuff
Same Denny’s 12Noon ~We’ll also discuss the Anthology
Wed JULY ~ NO JULY WEDNESDAY MEETING : FAIR-TIME!
ALWAYS 3RD WED OF EACH MONTH ~ RSVP

NO PREZ MESSSAGE in this newsletter, since it’s just an update with all info on the BOOK AWARDS – AWARDS BANQUET – ANTHOLOGY – 2nd ANTHOLOGY plus a little more.
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NCPA ELECTION UPDATE  DON’T FORGET TO VOTE!  10 April is your deadline …
I just checked with Sharon since I haven’t received a reminder, and without a reminder with the place to click,
I don’t know how to vote … Sharon should have that fixed in the next day or so.

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BOOK AWARDS – AWARDS BANQUET – ANTHOLOGY ~ Plus a little more.

Regular April Newsletter will be out sometime after the 25th Awards Banquet

BOOK AWARDS UPDATE: IF YOU’VE NOT ALREADY TOLD US, REGULAR OR VEGAN BUFFET?

• Books were judged Sunday 24 March, so we have our winners ~
• Trophies are ordered, BUT
• We need a headcount of regular buffet or vegan …
• If you’ve not let Sharon know which meal you prefer, you’ll be given the regular one.
• Program should be finished Saturday
• If you’d like to have an advertisement in the program, the prices are $25 for business card * $50 for half page * $75 for full page * $250 for back cover, either side ~ Deadline is 6pm Friday 5 April
• YES, THAT’S TOMORROW FOLKS

AWARDS BANQUET UPDATE:  GET YOUR $30 BANQUET TICKETS NOW ~ DEADLINE 10 APRIL

• Antelope Walmart has once more donated our decorated cake … and it’s going to be a beauty!
• Our silent auction donors are: Grand Oaks Inn B&B * Roaring Camp Mining Co Steak BBQ for 2 * Sharif Jewelers * Cherry Creek Golf Course Golf pkg * Placer Pops Choral * Brenda Novak books * Sam Shane Books * Pomegranate Wine from Grand Oaks Inn B&B * Amy Rogers Critique & Edit * Frances Kakugawa Poetry Sets * NCPA 3-year membership * Dierdre Wolownick pre-launch Books *
• Mustard Seed School will have a representative there to receive a check from the silent auction
• If you have something to donate and want your info in the program, please get the info to me no later than 12Noon Friday 5 April Deadline.
• YES, THAT’S TOMORROW
• Sorry for such late notice, but we’ve been busy with other things, the Banquet is a week earlier this year because of Easter, and I’ve lost track of time

ANTHOLOGY UPDATES: “Birds of a Feather” ~ If you’ve not yet heard from Michelle on editing your story, you soon will.  We obviously were sidetracked by the Book Awards & Banquet

• We’re a little behind on the timeline you were first given to have your edits back, but we’re still ahead of the final deadline
• Authors ~ Get busy working on the next Anthology

2nd ANTHOLOGY: “MORE Birds of a Feather” ~ with some changes, some upgrades, and lots more experience ~ main change for authors, will be the word counts, both minimum and maximum;

• Before submitting, be sure to PROOFREAD YOUR OWN WORK
• A suggestion: read your piece aloud.  That helps tremendously in catching errors.
• A critique group works wonders, too, if you’re having any issues or have questions.
April 2019 SPECIAL BOOK AWARDS EDITION

ANTHOLOGY Final 35 Entries

Tammy Andrews  The Frenchman & His Wolf  
Elva Anson  Serendipity Experiences  
Everett Anson  A Very Special Duck  
Dev Berger  Cat Man  
Julie Beyers  From 1 to 10: As Quick as a Bunny  
Denise Lee Branco  My Name Is John Paul  
Andrea Roth  Sunday Sunday  
Patricia E. Canterbury  Coyote Pockets  
Rachel Chu  A Gift for Grandma  
Sharon S. Darrow  Lizard Love, A Public Service Warning  
Robert L. Davis  Catopian Dreams  
Kimberley A. Edwards  Clarity on a Sunday Afternoon  
Elaine Faber  Mouse Droppings  
Laura Garfinkel  Wild Regret  
Jan Haag  Sacramento City Kitty Committee  
Michelle Hamilton  Regarding Cricket  
Bob Irelan  Jocko…A Cat for All Seasons  
Angela Jackson  Wild Things Belong in the Wild  
Charlene Johns  The Red Fox and the Great Horned Owl  
Lynda Markham  Saving Coy  
Duncan MacVean, DMV  Pigaro, Pigaro, Pigaro  
Kathy Lynne Marshall  Wolf Song  
Deborah Meltvedt  Letters to My First Loves, If Horses Could Read  
Matthias Mendezona  Iguana  
Nancy J. Miller  A Dog with a Blog  
Ellen Osborn  The Cat Is Always Right  
Steve Pastis  Balthazar the Mallard & Other Stories  
Carolyn Radmanovich  Tex’s Dream  
Dorothy Rice  Gregory  
Amy Rogers  Jungle Expedition  
Norma Jean Thornton  So Close and Yet So Far  
Judith Vaughan  Oh, That Strawberry Roan  
Christine L. Villa  The Memory Tree  
Danna Wilberg  A Little Sugar and Some TLC  
Barbara Young  In the Middle

Authors start your stories now for the 2nd Anthology "MORE Birds of a Feather"

Just because the deadline is closed on “Birds of a Feather” doesn’t mean we’re through ~ We’re starting our 2nd one, with December the hopeful publishing date, just in time for the holidays.

We’ve learned a lot working on this one, our very first baby, so we’ll have lots of changes on the 2nd one ~ just like with real babies ~ Loosen up regs (like word count), stricter on others (only ONE address to send to, Word doc, not PDF, and more in this one), plus flexible on others, like MAYBE, not just animals. Let’s TALK!

Proofreading of all 35 entries is complete, editing is almost finished, and all authors should be notified soon, if you haven’t been already ~ Not a single story made it through without at least a few comments/corrections needed (typos * comma misplacement * paragraphs * missing or misspelled word/s * incomplete sentences * incorrect words * sloppy errors on some, story should have been proofread prior to being sent * incorrect punctuation * abrupt endings <some because of maximum word count restriction> * excess fodder <some due to minimum word count restriction> * LOTS of POV problems <points of view> * tense problems * not enough emotion in a few * There’s more, but that’s the general idea of what we ran across during the initial proof-read.

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Work in progress on the anticipated cover for NCPA’s upcoming Anthology

COMING SOON

MORE BIRDS OF A FEATHER
Another NCPA Anthology
A Collection of More Short Stories about Animals ... and ???

If you missed the first one, then get busy on your stories NOW for this one ~ only open to NCPA members. If you would like to submit a story to this Anthology, you’re welcome to join NCPA if you aren’t already a member.

Membership is $40/year. No other charge to enter a story. No entry deadline as of yet, but anticipated publish date is in time for Christmas.

More information AFTER the Book Awards Banquet. Questions? Come to the Banquet 14 April 2019 for answers, and to see the poster for our first Animal Anthology, “Birds of a Feather” showing names of all authors. The Birds of a Feather Anthology Poster, plus 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 Book Award Entries posters will also be on display at the California State Fair Authors Booth during the State Fair, 12-28 July 2019.
CWC meeting **Sat 20 Apr 11am-1pm**  
Cattleman’s 12409 Folsom Blvd R.C\  
$15 member $25 Non-member, lunch included

Cap Crimes meeting **Sat 20 Apr 1pm** ~ FREE  
Rancho Cordova Library 9845 Folsom Blvd  
**Sat 4 May 2019 8:15am – 4:30pm**  
**SCBWI Spring Spirit Conference**  
*Society for Childrens Book Writers & Illustrators  
$180 member/ $210 non-member *After 1 March*  
(includes breakfast, snacks & drinks)  
Citrus Heights Community Center  
6300 Fountain Square, Citrus Heights, CA  
[canorthcentral.scbwi.org](http://canorthcentral.scbwi.org)

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**SILENT AUCTION ITEMS and DONORS 2019**

- Cherry Island Golf Course ~ Golf Package
- Grand Oaks Inn B&B, Clements ~ 1-night stay, 2nd night ½ price
  - 2 bottles Pomegranate Wine from Grand Oaks Inn B&B
- Frances Kakugawa, NCPA Poet Laureate this evening ~ set of 3 Poetry Books
  - Brenda Novak, NY Times Best Seller ~ Books
  - NCPA ~ 3-year Membership
- Placer Pops Chorale ~ Musical performance, Tickets for 2
- Roaring Camp Mining Company ~ BBQ Steak Dinner for 2
- Amy Rogers: Science Thrillers Media ~ x2 detailed critique and edit for 5,000 words each
  - Sharif Jewelers ~ Dinner Ring
  - Sam Shane, TV and Radio personality ~ 2 Books
- 2-1st edition books, hot off-the press, prior to her launch, from Keynote Speaker  
  Dierdre Wolownick *The Sharp End of Life: A Mother’s Story*
  - Walmart, Decorated Cake for the evening
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**THANK YOU ALL**

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Check out the 2018 Banquet pictures on NCPA’s NEWLY UPDATED WEBSITE HOMEPAGE at [norcalpa.org](http://norcalpa.org)  
Webmaster Chrissi is busy making the website more user friendly  
All suggestions gladly accepted

Dierdre sent this from her trip to the 2019 Academy Awards where the Documentary Film *Free Solo*, about her son Alex Honnold, won an Oscar!  
**New blog — all about the Oscars!** [https://dierdrew.us/2019/03/30/oscars/](https://dierdrew.us/2019/03/30/oscars/)
25th AWARDS BANQUET  Sunday 14 April 2019  norcalpa.org

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

Get your $30 Banquet tickets ordered NOW ~ TICKET DEADLINE 10 April 2019
(One Dinner included with each Book Entry)
or send your check to NCPA, PO Box 214673 ~ Sacramento, CA 95821

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

• Emcee: Ashley Williams  TV Reporter Good Day Sacramento  CW 31/ CBS13
• “Keynote Speaker: Dierdre Wolownick, 2nd President during the SPA era
• *Special Guest Speaker: Mary Euretig, the very 1st President and Founder, also during the SPA era
• *NCPA Poet Laureate: Frances Kakugawa, with another Poetry read, reading her own poetry
  • On-Site Book Store again  * Card-Split again  * NEW: eBooks this year
  • Silent Auction funds to Mustard Seed School this year:
  • Several past presidents of NCPA (SPA & SP&A) will be in attendance and honored this year
  • Trade Books  * Non-NCPA member submissions; many changes since Mary & Dierdre’s time

*We wish we could have more of the past presidents say a few words, but there’s not enough time, so you’ll just have to get there early to chat with them before it begins, during the meal, and/or after the banquet.

*Founder and Very 1st President Mary will relate a bit of history as to the beginning of how the now-named NCPA was formed.

*If Dierdre’s name sounds familiar, it’s because you’ve heard it in relation to the National Geographic 2019 Academy Award WINNING Documentary Film, “Free Solo” about her son, Alex Honnold, the first person to climb Yosemite’s 3,000’ El Capitan WITHOUT the help of ropes or other tools … ONLY his fingers and toes! Do a Google for a mesmerizing and terrifying 2.5 minute trailer of the 90 minute film. Not to be “much” outdone, at the age of 66, in 2017 Dierdre became the oldest woman to climb Yosemite’s 3,000’ El Capitan. Both have written books: Alex in 2018, Dierdre’s comes out 1 May 2019 after the Banquet.

This is last year’s Book Entries poster ~ This year’s Book Entries poster will be ready for the Awards Banquet. So will the Birds of a Feather Anthology poster. Look for them all at the Banquet, and at the upcoming California State Fair  * California Authors Booth section
Money from this year’s Silent Auction at the Book Awards Banquet benefits the Mustard Seed School

The following is partial information from their website through Loaves & Fishes: sacloaves.org

Established in 1989 to help meet every type needs of homeless children, Mustard Seed is a free, private school for children 3-15 years old, which provides a safe, nurturing and positive structured learning environment, for both children and their parents, and assistance in entering or reentering public schools.

Many school age children do not attend school because of their homelessness; some lack immunizations, birth certificates, or other documents, some are in transit, and almost all lack a support system. In spite of their situations these children are eager to learn and to be accepted.

From fifteen to thirty-five children may attend our school each day, and an average stay is just three to four weeks. Some children have been out of school for a long time and need help to go back. A major goal of the Program is to prepare and enroll homeless children into public schools, and preschool for younger children, when families have found housing stability.

Since the school began, over 4500 individual children have participated in Mustard Seed.

Donations can be taken to Mustard Seed School ~ 1321 North C Street in downtown Sacramento. For more information call 916-447-3626 or email us at mustardseed@SacLoaves.org

Mustard Seed Back to School’s Wish List

Quality Sturdy Backpacks * New socks – all sizes * New underwear – all sizes * Pens * Pencils * Crayons * Markers * Colored pencils * Watercolor paints * Washable tempera paints * Construction paper * Spiral notebooks * Composition notebooks * Lined filler paper * New one-inch binders * Dry erase markers and erasers * Art paper * Highlighters * Elmer’s glue * Glue sticks * Tape * Note cards

ALL MEMBERS INVITED TO JOIN US, WITH YOUR BOOKS, AT THE FOLLOWING

Just let Andrea know so she can have a correct head-count

Andrea K. Roth 916-396-3414 www.mydiabeticsoul.com

Upcoming Authors Showcase ~ Meet the Authors Dates at Libraries & Other Event-Venues

As usual, Andrea’s been busy searching venues and libraries for NCPA as a group or for individual Authors to set up their booths, and Library Events for NCPA as an Authors Showcase. If you know of any others, venues OR libraries, please let Andrea know Andrea K. Roth 916-396-3414 www.mydiabeticsoul.com

- Saturday 20 April 2019 ~ Earth Day in Auburn * More on that later
- Saturday 27 April 2019 ~ 2019 Local Authors Expo FOLSOM LIBRARY * More on that later
- Saturday, May 26, 2019 in the Carmichael Library, 5600 South Land Park Drive, Sacramento
- Aug 2019 Carmichael Founder's Day Celebration (pending)
- Saturday 21 September 2019 Rio Linda/Elverta Country Faire
- Sun 8 December 2019 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church Craft Fair\n- Sat 14 December 2019 "Christmas at the Castle" Preston Castle Holiday Bazaar (pending)

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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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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 2016-2019