

April 2013



Suburban Scribe



Newsletter of the Sacramento Suburban Writers Club

Our Guest Speaker for April 8th is
Amanda L Steedley, freelance artist and writer.

Amanda holds a BA from the University of Alabama in studio art, and her MS in accounting from the University of Notre Dame.



She worked as a writer, graphic designer, illustrator, photographer, and contributed to magazine articles.

Amanda is a member of the Dog Writers Association of America, and the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. She will discuss topics of authoring, her work, and "Chopper Steedley-Tolan," stories of her three-year-old Shih Tzu. Chopper's website is ivebeenlicked.com.



SSWC is having a "Local Authors Showcase" in April! There's still a chance to drop by.

Location: [The Face in a Book Bookstore](#) on 4359 Town Center Blvd., #113, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762.

Date: April 16, 2013 Time: 10:30 am to 2:30 pm This is a book speak/sign/sell event!

Point of Contact: Andrea Roth - mydiabeticsoul@pacbell.net. Authors attending: [A.K. Buckroth](#), [M.L. Edson](#), [Gisela Butler](#), [Sheri Cockrell](#), and [Mort Rumberg](#). Please support and help advertise our event. Thank you!

Benefits of Membership in SSWC *by Mary Lou Anderson*

Sacramento Suburban Writers Club is a supportive group of writers, published and unpublished, and illustrators. For over half a century (!) and has had hundreds of members, many of whom have successfully met their writing and publishing goals. For the last several months, the benefits of joining SSWC have been posted on the walls of our meeting place (warm thanks to Crossroads Christian Fellowship for the great space). These benefits should be stressed, reiterated, repeated, confirmed, clarified, detailed and explained (no redundancies, right?).

1. Lending Library – members may select from a great variety of books that relate to writing and publishing.
2. [The Suburban Scribe](#), our monthly newsletter is emailed (preferred), or mailed. Be on our website and blog!
3. Critique Group participation is strongly recommended to improve your writing and communication skills. Many groups exist and new ones can be formed as needed.
4. Achievement Program – receive awards for meeting writing-related goals.
5. Reading opportunities – twice a year at the Christmas Potluck and at the May Banquet members have a chance to read in front of the group – great practice.
6. Money toward writing conferences (as \$\$ is available) for members in good standing for at least one year.
7. Discounted Banquet Price for members to celebrate the club and its activities (as \$\$ is available).
8. Free participation in club-sponsored book sales/signing events — otherwise the "booth fee" for participating is the cost of a one-year membership, and, *voila*, you get to participate in others held that year for free.
9. Publishing short stories, poems, etc., in [The Suburban Scribe](#), shows agents/publishers that you are serious.
10. Listing of recently published titles in the "Sales and Go-Aheads" in the newsletter.
11. Listing in the membership directory for networking and bragging purposes.

WEBSITES: Sactowriters.com & Facebook.com/sactowriters

MEETINGS: April 8th Meetings are on the 2nd Monday of each month.

LOCATION: [Crossroads Christian Fellowship](#), 5501 Dewey Drive, Fair Oaks. 7:00 - 9:00 PM

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Elected Officers:

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| Sunshine | Patricia Phillips |
| Facebook | Bert (and ? help!) |
| Web Masters | Brittany & Bert |
| Workshops | Eve Wise |

Special Thanks! To our April guest speaker, *Susan Spann, Attorney/Author. Topic: Publishing & Law Tips*, <http://www.susanspann.com>

ANTHOLOGY COMMITTEE UPDATE BY TOM HESSLER

The Anthology Committee is on schedule to have all the on-time submittals reviewed by April 1st and returned by May 1st; (some will be distributed at the April monthly meeting).

If your work has been "accepted with minor changes" you do not need to do anything further, unless we have suggested that you make some changes and you wish to do so. Minor changes may include punctuation, spelling or re-formatting. Please understand that although you may have submitted several works, they may not all be accepted.

"Accepted with minor changes" means accepted for consideration to be included.

We want each of the authors who have submitted to have at least one of their works published. Beyond that, we need to decide when we review all "accepted" entries to determine if more than one entry per author will be included. This will depend on the size of the book— pages, etc.

So far, 26 authors have submitted 46 pieces. Good for us!

To those who submitted late:

Those works that were submitted late will be reviewed on April 16th, we will somehow get word to you or return marked-up reviews to you within the following next week. If changes are needed, please fix them and send the work back us no later than May 7th so we may organize and format the book by June 1st.



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MEETING INFORMATION:

**April 8th
2nd Monday**

Crossroads Christian Fellowship
5501 Dewey Drive, Fair Oaks.
7:00 - 9:00 PM

Writers, musicians, artists, & guests are welcome to attend.

You do not have to be published. Membership is not mandatory but brings privileges.

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