

Suburban Scribe

Newsletter of the Sacramento Suburban Writers Club

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Just Around the Riverbend: Tools for Unblocking Your Creative Flow

It's every writer's worst fear: one minute you're flowing along the river of your creativity and then suddenly there's a huge rock blocking the flow, and you can't figure out why it's there or how to get around it. This talk covers the speaker's journey navigating writer's block and coming to terms with the cause. It also will teach tools that she has used herself for removing blocks and allowing her creativity to flow again, including traditional and nontraditional tools from self-help books to role-play. There will also be a 10-minute writing exercise inspired by one of these non-conventional tools: the tarot.

Dvorah ("Dev" for short) Lewis has been writing all of her life and this passion led her to pursue it in all of her endeavors meeting mentors and guides along the way who helped nurture her creativity and skill. She earned her Bachelor's in English with an emphasis in Creative Writing from UC Irvine followed by a Master's in Library & Information Science from UCLA. She has had her work published in her college literary journal and for several years was a contributing writer for a magazine based in Southern California. A few years ago she finally finished a fantasy trilogy she began writing in high school and now she is currently working on revising it with the plans to publish *The Guardian Trilogy*.

Meeting Info — Briefly —

Join us on Monday, January 10, at 7 p.m. for the next SSWC meeting time.

On your computer.

AT 6:55 pm [CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE 7 pm ZOOM MEETING](#) —

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2521715779?pwd=aXdYM1FLRStzVnZqYlZyYzZ3OUUudz09>

See page 2 for complete Zoom details to join the meeting.

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Hello fellow writers and artists of all walks of life,

Happy New Year to members long standing and new. We have a great year ahead of us with new workshops, new speakers, and new podcasts. See you at our first Zoom meeting of the new year at 7—9 pm on Monday, January 10, 2022.

The Zoom logo is a blue square with the word "zoom" in white lowercase letters.

Just click on the link below, and you will be connected to the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2521715779?pwd=aXdYM1FLRStzVnZqYlZyYzZ3OUUpudz09>

2nd way to join the meeting, log into your Zoom account and enter:

Meeting ID: 252 171 5779

Passcode: 7JjTpg

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Passcode: 816451

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kbamTXnyKv>

Ronald Smith, President SSWC



Milestones

L. Paul Turner, SSWC Member, won 1st Place in Science Fiction in Writer's Digest's 2021 awards for self-published e-books. The winning book was "In the Garden of Mistress Bloom," a collection of five short stories, first published in 2014, under Paul's pen name, Cle' Curbo.

Cle' Curbo's first dark fantasy novella titled, "Enter Living —Harry and Seek— Book of the Dead," was placed for distribution to e-book e-readers all over the world through Smashwords.com, an e-book distributor.

Sacramento Suburban Writers Club has their first podcast, an eight-minute, eighteen-second monologue explaining the benefits of using the Amherst Writers Association's positive-only critique guidelines.

Find the podcast on the internet at <https://anchor.fm/sactowriters>

WORKSHOPS

Gloria Cooksey

On Jan. 10, 2022, the Workshop is to discuss the recent, first podcast episode, and receive feedback on what members would like to hear in later podcasts. From author interviews, to how to write, to how to self-publish, or get published by traditional means, this podcast is for all writers.

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More Milestones

Susan Wiedner finished a rough draft of a Victorian romance that takes place in England, and began a 3rd manuscript of time travel to 1700s Scotland.

Even More Milestones

Sometimes I think my milestones are more like gallstones, but here is where I am in my quest to become the Great American Author.

My first novel, "CodeName: Snake," which won a national award, is now accompanied by "Code Name: Snake - II." Snake II follows the spy/assassin (really a good guy since he only goes after the bad guys) deep into Russia and East Germany. I'm happy to report that "CodeName: Snake - III" is due out soon, probably by the end of January - a great way to begin the New Year. My protagonist, however, is anything but thrilled, since now the Americans are after him and they are determined to eliminate him.

I'm also working on my fifth collection of short stories (hopefully completed by the end of 2022) and have two more novels in draft form.

Now you see why it sometimes seems like gallstones. :->

By Mort Rumberg

Join the Club!

We are a vibrant club with active writers, have several critique groups (with room for more), and stay wonderfully supportive of each other.

SSWC supports local writers and encourages everyone to write and publish. Attending meetings is free, but membership brings benefits, such as publication in the newsletter and anthology, use of our club's library, qualification for grants to attend conferences (limits apply), and ability to join our first-class critique groups.

MEMBERSHIP is paid on a yearly basis. If joining after April, dues are prorated by quarter (unless you are just really late in maintaining your membership!).

_____ Individual \$40 / year

_____ Couple \$55 / year

_____ Full-Time Student \$30 / year

_____ Platinum Senior (70+) \$30 / year

More information is on our website: sactowriters.org

Name: _____ Genres: _____

Published? Y / N (yes, includes self-published) Email: _____

Phone: _____ Address: _____

Website/other info/address (optional): _____

MAIL YOUR DUES TO: Jeannie Turner. Her address is in the Directory. If you don't have a copy, email Jeannie at turnerjeannie48@gmail.com and she will let you know where to send it.

OFFICERS

Elected Officers:

President	Ron Smith
Vice President	Brittany Lord
Secretary	Linda Covelli
Treasurer	Julie Beyers

Chairs:

Coffee/Treats	Al Gilding
Conferences	John Powell
Critique Grps	Brittany Lord
Historian	Pat Biasotti
Librarian	Ron Smith
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Nominations	YOU ?????
Prgm/Speakers	Laura Kellen
Publicity	Paul Turner
Raffle	YOU ?????
Sunshine	Nan Roark
Website	Wes Turner
Workshops	Gloria Cooksey

**There's a spot in the list
above for YOU!**

WRITING INSPIRATION

When you're down and troubled.. and you need a writing boost, yeh, when nothing, nothing is going wri-i-ite. Sit right down and re-read the inspiring books you have. And, later, maybe just later, something will come out write. Because if you don't jump tracks you stay on the line before you, you will, oh yes, you will some day arrive. Or, if you do jump tracks and take that other line, you'll do fine. All roads lead home to the finish it line.

- Cle' Curbo



MEETING INFORMATION

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Next meeting:

Monday, January 10, 2022

via Zoom

*All writers are encouraged to attend.
Membership is not mandatory
but brings privileges — like
publication in the newsletter!*

