

# Suburban Scribe

Sacramento Suburban Writers Club (SSWC) | Newsletter

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For the Sacramento Suburban Writers Club meeting of Monday, July 11, 2022, we're pleased to have **Tami Kacevas** of TK Designs in Folsom, California. She will speak to us about her experience as an artist, and the services she offers to authors.

Tami attended the prestigious NB Haifa School of Design in N. Israel, as well as our own University of California at Davis. Her education includes courses in Web, Digital, Multimedia and Information Resources Design. She has Certification from HubSpot Academy in Social Media Marketing. She has presented at Sacramento State University on how to Amp Up Your Website Presence. For fifteen years she has operated the TK Designs in Folsom as Art Director and Owner. Her innovative designs develop brand identification, and she provides marketing tools, website design, book cover art, and much more. Visit her at [www.tkdesignsfolsom.com](http://www.tkdesignsfolsom.com) and on Facebook at Tami Kacevas Designs, and on LinkedIn at Tami Kacevas.

## Dear Sacramento Suburban Writers Club Members

Do You Have a Published Book? If so, please inform our Newsletter Editor, Cle Curbo, at [balloonwhisperer@gmail.com](mailto:balloonwhisperer@gmail.com).

## Books of Interest

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Join us in Person on Monday, July 11, at 7 p.m. for the next SSWC meeting at 5501 Dewey Drive, Fair Oaks in the Fellowship Hall behind the white picket fence..

**For people wishing to attend via Zoom, Ron Smith will email members the Zoom link. See, also, Page 2.**

**Non-members can request the Zoom link from L Paul Turner at [lpaulturner2050@gmail.com](mailto:lpaulturner2050@gmail.com).**

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Hello fellow writers and artists of all walks of life, members and guests,

July will be a dual meeting. 7-9 p.m. Pacific Time. For meeting in person, please arrive at or before 7:00 p.m. at 5501 Dewey Drive, Fair Oaks in the Fellowship Hall behind the white picket fence at the edge of the parking lot.

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

For meeting on Zoom, Ron Smith will send members a link by email. New guests may email [lpaulturner2050@gmail.com](mailto:lpaulturner2050@gmail.com).

- Ronald Smith, President SSWC

### **WORKSHOP BLURB**

Gloria Cooksey, Chair

SSWC Workshop kindly requests your presentation for meetings. Tell us of your experiences in writing or in life. A bit of your history may inspire others to write.

**The July Workshop will be a PowerPoint presentation on How to Start Your Story. Wes Stark will present.**

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**Author Interviews at SSWC podcasts at <https://anchor.fm/sactowriters>**

### **Scholarship Milestones**

Two of our members, **Karen Sephmansour and Linda Covelli**, are helping SSWC with the scholarship fund. Here is their plan.—Editor

This is a summary for SSWC to move forward with the Scholarship Fund. In the next couple of months, our goal is to establish new guidelines to encourage young writers to apply.

1. Content of the submissions, including topics, length, & deadlines.
2. Targeting high schools in Sacramento, El Dorado, and Placer Counties, where advertisements can be posted or given out.
3. Re-visit our funding to establish possible ways to raise funds, i.e., raffles, book sales, donations, or other welcomed ideas.
4. A committee of at least three people is needed to review the submissions. The committee currently has two members but needs one more.

Please email [karenselah@gmail.com](mailto:karenselah@gmail.com) for any input you'd find helpful to the goals.

## WORKSHOP'S PLEA

Gloria Cooksey, Chair

**SSWC Workshop** kindly requests your presentation. Teach us something you know. Tell us of your experiences in writing and in life. An incident in your history may inspire others to write about similar happenings or entirely opposite ones.

**July 2022 Workshop is on How to Start Your Story.**

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Read Jim's version of the CANE MUTINY at:

<http://www.pulpmodernflash.com/2012/05/12/cane-mutiny-by-jim-guigli/>



### Bad News For A Ghost - *E-Novelette*

A Bart Lasiter Mystery

A Sacramento private detective goes underground to help a seductive TV reporter catch a ghost.

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## 1895 Gramma's Grammar

When “exactly” modified a verb; “regards” were given only to Broadway; and “between” was a preposition requiring the objective case.

“Grandma, are ten pennies worth the exact same thing as one dime?”

“Yes, grandson, they are exactly the same thing (or exactly the same in value).”

“Grandma, in regards to tomato sauce, between you and I, I don't like it.”

“Grandson, in regard to tomato sauce, between you and me, neither do I.”

(Regard gained an “s” in the last ten years.)

- Cle Curbo

## Advanced Writers Techniques Prompt for June 13, 2022

**Advanced Writers (anyone can join the Advanced Writers meeting) will meet at 6:15 P.M. in the Fellowship Meeting Hall kitchen, and adjourn at 6:45 p.m.**

**July's AWT writing prompt comes from Mike Brandt.**

**Finish the flash fiction constrained by the hand-out sheet, using each of the letters on the sheet only once. See, page 9 for the handout sheet.**

Every month AWT meets independently of the regular meeting and discusses advanced writing techniques. We share ideas of how to tell our non-fiction and fiction stories better with characters of interest, dialogue, descriptions, scenes, plot, etc.

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AWT meets monthly 45 minutes before the regular meeting held at 7:00 p.m. The AWT session is from 6:15 P.M. to 6:45 P.M. at the Crossroads Christian Church, Fellowship Hall. Practice innovative skills to create a book, essay, memoir, short story, poem, or collection that readers will love.

## **Conferences and Workshops**

**Palm Springs Writers Retreat—ROHM LITERARY RETREATS & COURSES**

Date: December 12-16, 2022 or Weekend Workshop, Dec. 17-18, 2022

Write with NY Times best-selling authors & literary agents.

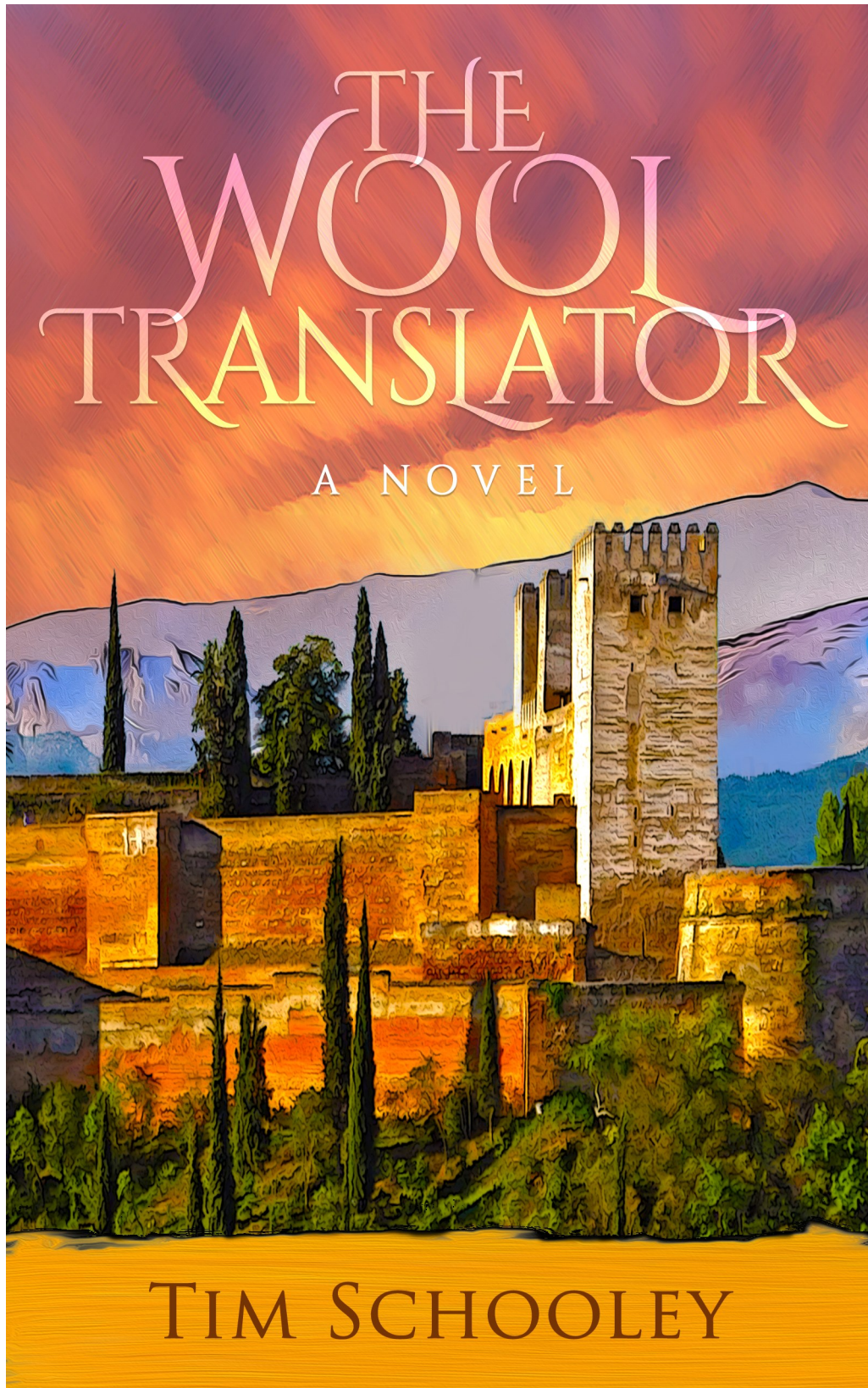
<https://www.pariswritersretreat.com/palmspringswritersretreat.html>

### For Fun

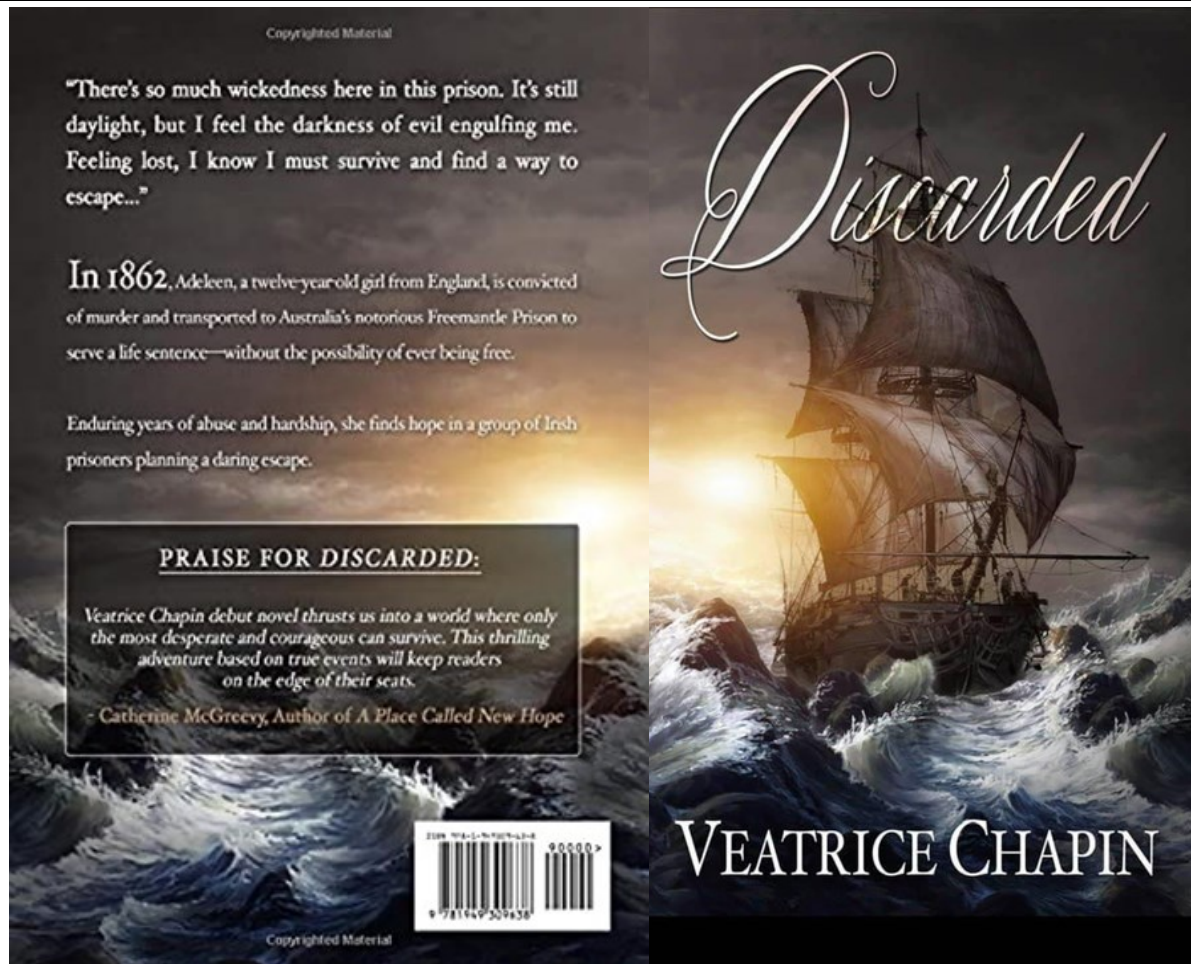
Gnaw----> G is silent

Honest ----> H is silent

Knee ----> K is silent



**Tim Schooley:** *The Wool Translator*, published July 1, 2022, tells of two children of wool merchants, the boy from England, the girl from the Nasrid Kingdom of Andalusia, as war and ancient prejudice bring them together and drive them apart in fifteenth century Europe. <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B09YC9QZNM/>



*"There's so much wickedness here in this prison. It's still daylight, but I feel the darkness of evil engulfing me. Feeling lost, I know I must survive and find a way to escape..."*

In 1862, Adeleen, a twelve-year-old girl from England, is convicted of murder and transported to Australia's notorious Fremantle Prison to serve a life sentence—without the possibility of ever being free.

Enduring years of abuse and hardship, she finds hope in a group of Irish prisoners planning a daring escape.



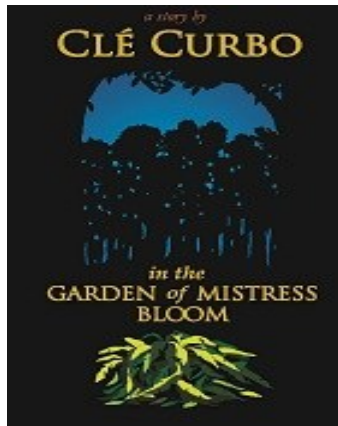
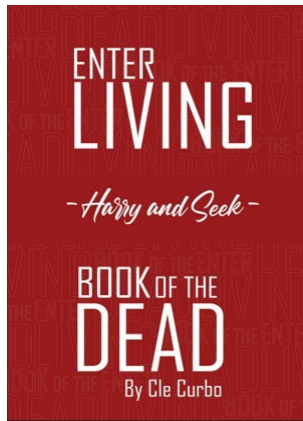
First time writer Veatrice Chapin sends us on an adventure of hardship and triumph. Set in mid-19th century England and Australia. A young girl is sent to prison for murder, and must escape, though it means certain death. A constantly engaging tale of historical fiction.

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Be sure to read the descriptions of these three books at [www.clecurbo.com](http://www.clecurbo.com)

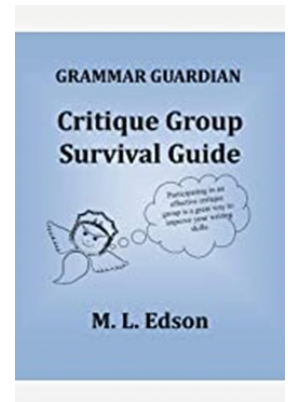
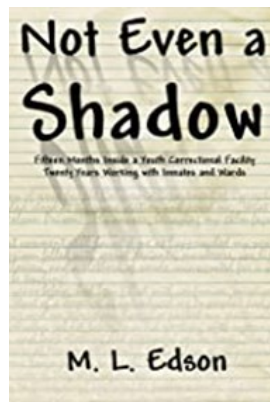


### 1st Place Sci-Fi Winner

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Find all of M.L. Edson's books at

[https://www.amazon.com/M-L-Edson/e/B07Z8JX48V/ref=aufs\\_dp\\_fta\\_dsk](https://www.amazon.com/M-L-Edson/e/B07Z8JX48V/ref=aufs_dp_fta_dsk)



## More Books of Interest

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# *The Great Book* of **Books by MM Rumberg**

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The grid contains the following book covers:

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- THE BRIDE-SHOP BICAMIST
- THE LONG WAY HOME
- TOMORROW
- Rules of Engagement
- ATTACK (The Last Days)
- CODENAME: SWASTIKA
- FIVE Extraordinary Stories (5)
- RETIREMENT POLICY
- STING OF THE GEISHA
- And With A Twist

**M.M.Rumberg**



## Advanced Writers Techniques Prompt for July 11, 2022

### THIS IS A CREATIVE WRITING EXERCISE.

Use as many of the tiles as possible for a short story.

However, you can only use a tile once.

The story must be original.

It cannot refer to anything related to an alphabet.

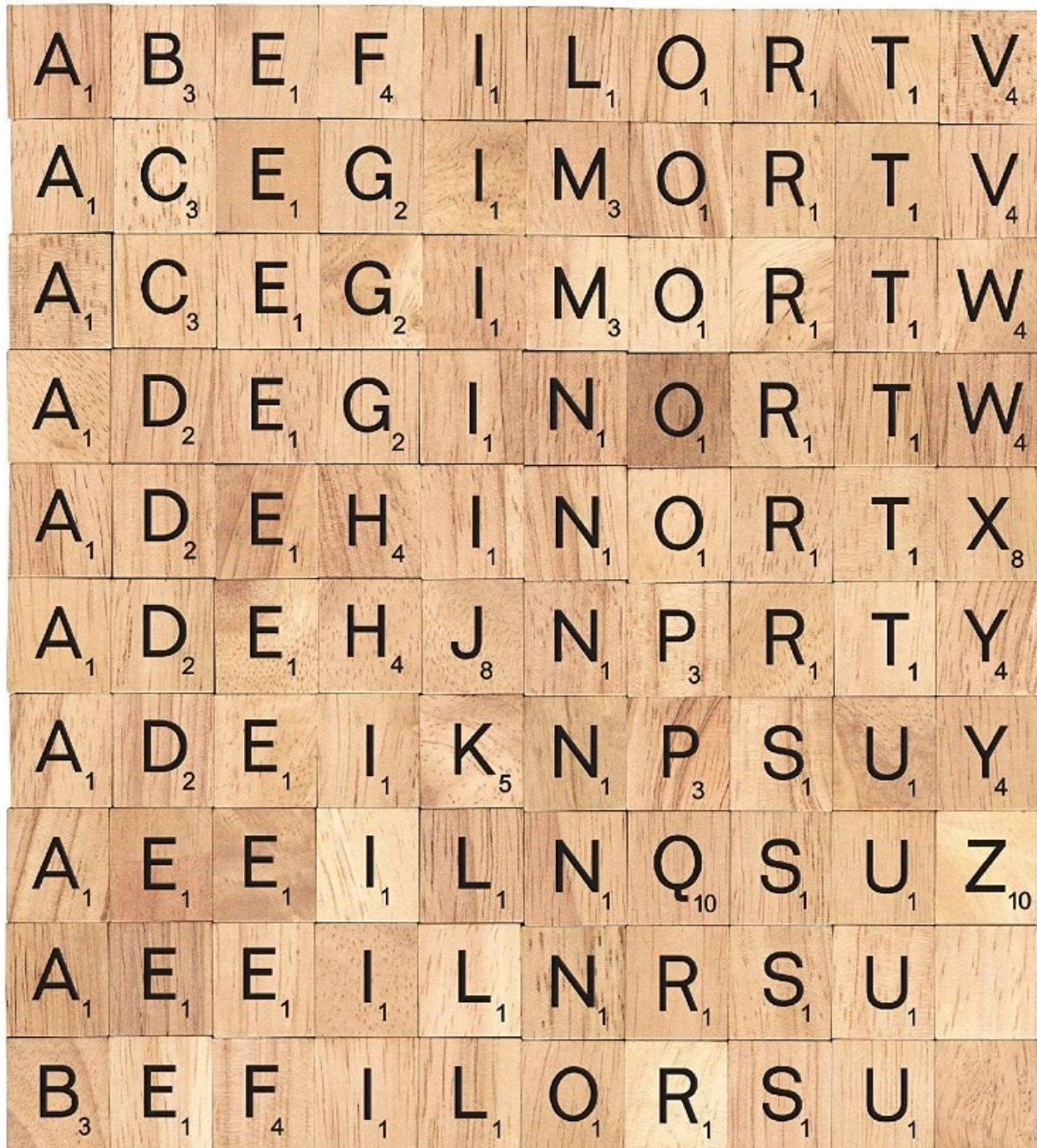
The writer who uses the most tiles is the winner.

Due July 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m. at the in-person AWT session at Fellowship Hall kitchen, 5501 Dewey Drive, Fair Oaks.

You will have the opportunity to read your work to the group.

READING PARTICIPATION IS OPTIONAL.

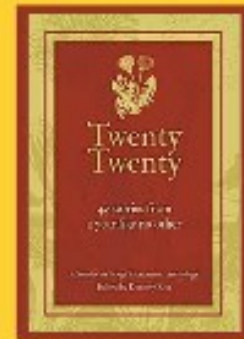
Have fun and enjoy the exercise



*Celebrate with Stories on Stage Sacramento:  
A Literary Fundraiser – Community Gathering  
July 22, 2022 – 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm  
The Auditorium at Clara, 1425 24<sup>th</sup> St. Sacramento*

- Performance of stories from the TWENTY TWENTY Anthology
- Musical performance by CLARISONIX featuring Anthology author Deborah Pittman
- Silent Auction - Literary games and prizes
- Purchase SOSS Swag
- Free sweet & savory snacks - Beer & wine to purchase
- Mix & mingle with local authors & writing groups
- Share your news & literary 411 in the foyer
- Support SOSS in its 12th year!
- **\$20 admission**
- Eventbrite tickets: [tinyurl.com/sossfundraiser](https://tinyurl.com/sossfundraiser)

7 pm  
7/22



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7 pm  
7/22/22

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*Seven Easy ways to Attract More Readers, Media & Opportunities*

A Virtual Workshop with Joey Garcia

July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – 1:00 to 4:00 PM

Register **NOW** for \$30.00 at <https://egweg.org/joey>

1. Identify your manuscript's newsworthy themes
2. Craft an author bio that inspires readers and the media to contact you.
3. Get major media attention without a huge social media following.
4. Think like a media outlet when designing promotional materials for your book.
5. Write a powerful book pitch and press release.
6. Grow your email list so it boosts your brand and platform.
7. Leverage a media interview so it results in book sales.



**Who is Joey Garcia?** Joey is a media pro whose proven techniques have built notable author platforms for writers whose careers are flourishing. Her clients have been featured in Ms. Magazine, CNN.Com, the Tamron Hall Show, Smithsonian Magazine and on the Today Show parenting blog. She's the author of *"When Your Heart Breaks, It's Opening to Love,"* and she's the on-air Relationship Expert for Fox40-TV.

**BONUS: The first 5 to Register by June 5th** will get a chance to have their current marketing materials reviewed during class. Send your questions to Loy Holder, [egwg2020@gmail.com](mailto:egwg2020@gmail.com).

## 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](http://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](mailto: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	Open
Critique Grps	Brittany Lord
Historian	Pat Biasotti
Librarian	Ron Smith
Membership	Jeannie Turner
Newsletter	L Paul Turner
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Prgm/Speakers	L Paul Turner
Publicity	L Paul Turner
Raffle	Open
Sunshine	Nan Roark
Website	Wes Turner
Workshops	Gloria Cooksey

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



## WRITING INSPIRATION

SSWC podcast on the internet at <https://anchor.fm/sactowriters> has inspiring topics.

Keep at it. You will finish that work you're writing or planning to write.

Keep at it. You will become a published author.

Got an idea? Spread the word.

Put pen to paper.



## MEETING INFORMATION

**7:00 - 9:00 PM**

**After July, our Next meeting is:**

**Monday, August 8, 2022**

**At 5501 Dewey Drive, Fair Oaks  
And, on Zoom**

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