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Joyce Krieg, Editor

Tuesday Night How-To



Santa Cruz author **Dan White** will be our guest speaker at the June 16 meeting. Dan is the author of *The Cactus Eaters: How I Lost Myself and Almost Found Myself on the Pacific Crest Trail*, an NCIBA best-seller and "Discovery" selection by the *Los Angeles*

Times. Dan is also the author of *Under the Stars: How America Fell in Love with Camping*. He'll be sharing how he puts his books together, and how nonfiction authors can use research to enliven their works.

This coming Tuesday, June 16, at 6:00 p.m. at the Center for Spiritual Awakening in Pacific Grove. Doors open at 5:30. Free and open to everyone.

[Visit Dan's Website](#)

Networking At Its Best

by **Scotty Cornfield, CCW President**



Greetings to my fellow members of the Scribe Tribe. If you're tired of hanging around every Saturday morning watching the same old cartoons, here are two reasons to break up your Saturday routine. This Saturday (as in tomorrow, 6/13 10:30 a.m.), NYT bestseller

Karen Joy Fowler (*The Jane Austen Book Club*) will be speaking at the South Bay Writers Club (our closest sister chapter). Location: Saratoga Senior Center, 19655 Allendale Ave in Saratoga. \$10 for members, \$15 for nonmembers. Click the button to pay in advance for a ticket. Remember, as a member of a California Writers Club branch, you get the member rate at all events at the other branches.

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The following Saturday (6/20, 2 p.m.), we're calling all crime writers (and wannabes as well) for a meet-up at the Capitola Library in the Brad McDonald Conference Room. This is a spin-off from this year's Left Coast Crime event. It could be a great crime time.

But wait, there's more. The following Saturday after that, June 27, will see our usual Sat-Chat gathering, where we get together and share thoughts on all things writing and publishing. Sat-Chat meets from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Panera Bread in the Target shopping center in Sand City (note new location).

Lastly, Tuesday night's meeting will again be in the sanctuary instead of our usual meeting room at the CSA. That means no food during the meeting. Pizza will be available on the patio between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m. If you want pizza, arrive early. We'll also be doing another mini-writing session based on a visual prompt, so bring whatever you need to write with (laptop, notepad, crayons, etc.).

Aloha,

Scotty out

The Book Festival is Back!



Save the date: Saturday, July 18, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Carmel Plaza. CCW is sponsoring a table to promote the club and give you an opportunity for you to sell your books.

While the festival itself starts at 9:30 a.m. with a panel discussion, the actual author sales table part of the event doesn't begin until 11:00 a.m.

This year's festival has been taken over by the Carmel Chamber of Commerce, so it promises to be bigger than last year's inaugural event, with lots more publicity. **Joyce Krieg** is heading up the CCW table and scheduling volunteers. If you'd like to take a shift at the table, send an email to pacificgrovejoyce@gmail.com. Let Joyce know whether you'd like to be scheduled on the early side (11:00 a.m.) or later in the afternoon. The actual length of the shifts will depend on how many of you are interested. First come, first served!

[Carmel Book Festival Website](#)



CCW Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, June 16, 6:00 p.m. See above for speaker details. Free and open to members and the public.

Salon: Sunday, June 21, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Sugar Farms Marketplace, 601 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove. Share your writing in an informal, supportive atmosphere. Free and open to all members and friends.

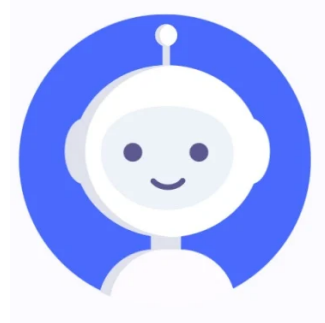
Sat-Chat: Saturday, June 27, 10:30 to noon at Panera Bread in the Edgewater Shopping Center in Sand City. *Note new location!* Get together and chat about all things having to do with writing and publication. Free and open to all members.

Carmel Book Festival: Saturday, July 18, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Carmel Plaza. Scroll up for details.

Note: "Shut Up and Write!" and the **Poetry Group** are going on hiatus in July, as the first Saturday happens to be July 4, a major holiday. Watch for their return in August.

Selling Books with Bots

You may swear you would never let AI write your books or design your covers, but you cannot get away from the fact that more and more readers are relying on ChatGPT and the like to recommend their next book. How do you make sure yours is the one the bot recommends? Click the button and read on!



AI Visibility for Writers

Say Hi to Our New Members!

Sarah Amador lives in Pacific Grove and has had numerous short stories and works of creative nonfiction published in literary journals.



Wen Chang of Salinas is returning as a dual member with the South Bay branch. He is the author of *Beyond First LEED Gold: The Story of a Taiwanese Immigrant*, released in spring of 2025 by Newman Springs Publishing.

It's That Time of the Year

Our membership renewal period has official begun! Just \$45 will maintain your membership through June 2027. Membership Chair **Kim**

Parker has emailed QuickBooks invoices. You may renew with a credit card or by Paypal, Venmo, Apple Pay -- or even a check through the USPS! Deadline to renew is August 31. In keeping with tradition, those who renew by July 31 will be entered into a drawing for a free membership. And as Membership Chair **Kim Parker** notes, "We know life changes, so if you know you are not renewing this year, please let us know so we don't keep bothering you with emails, snail mail, or calls."

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