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Joyce Krieg, Editor



Book to Screen

For many of us, seeing our book turned into a movie would be the fulfillment of a lifelong dream. Our May speaker, **Abigail Hing Wen**, has done just that. Her best-selling YA novel, *Loveboat, Taipei*, has been adapted into the Netflix movie *Love in Taipei*.

Abigail is an author, film producer and director, as well as former tech executive. She is the New York Times best-selling author of multiple novels for young people. Her latest release is *The Vale*, a middle grade sci-fi adventure.

This Tuesday, May 19, 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 Abigail's Website](#)

May 19: Know Before You Go

- Tuesday night's meeting will be in the sanctuary at the Center for Spiritual Awakening. Not our usual meeting room. Turn left after you enter the front door.
- We're changing it up with our food offerings this month. In honor of our guest speaker, we'll be offering light Chinese appetizers.

- Weather permitting, we'll be serving food in the CSA's lovely outdoor garden.
- If you plan to enjoy our free nibbles, arrive between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m. The meeting will start promptly at 6 in the sanctuary. Please do not bring anything consumable other than water into the sanctuary.

No, We're Not the Riders Club

by Scotty Cornfield, CCW President



Is it just me or do you have to explain yourself when you tell someone about the writers club and they hear *riders club*? "Really?," they'll ask. "What do you ride? Motorcycles? Bikes? Horses?" I usually say unicycles. That stops 'em from asking more questions. Mission accomplished.

To everyone who worked our booth at the Good Old Days street fair in PG, I say, "Thanks for your service, and fantastic job." We talked to a lot of people and there was plenty of interest. Will we get new members? Absolutely. It's a fun event to work, as well as a great way to meet people, tell them about our "WRITING" club and also about your own writing. See photos documenting "Proof of fun." If you're impressed by the cool logo on our club tent, you have Ken Holden and Maria Skyttä to thank for it. Amazing!



Marlo Faulkner (in the red glasses) and Wanda Parrott (in red sweats) talk up Central Coast Writers at Good Old Days.



We got on TV! Jacquelyn Quinones from KSBW stopped by our booth and did a quick interview. With Jacquelyn, from left: Loreen Gibbons, President Scotty Cornfield, and Joyce Krieg.

More fun—and loads of great information about marketing your books — was dished out at last weekend's Writers Roundup at the Monterey Public Library. CCW superstar **Mary Smathers** coordinated the well-attended gig, and our featured speakers were club members: **Loreen** and **Matt Gibbons**, **David Olsen**, **Dwight Holing**, **Jason Warburg**, **Alison van Diggelen**, **Robert Walker**, **Joyce Krieg**, **Nicki Ehrlich**, and **Joyce Sherry**. Thanks also to **Brooke French** (for her handouts) and **Donna Drewes** for assisting with attendee check-ins. Did we get new members as a result of the open-to-the-public event? Indeed we did!

Scotty out



Joyce Sherry and Nicki Ehrlich provide helpful information book marketing to attendees at the Writers Round-up on May 9 at the Monterey library.



CCW Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, May 19, 6:00 p.m. See above for speaker details. Open to members and the public.

Sat-Chat: Saturday, May 23, 10:30 to noon at the Seaside library, 550 Harcourt Ave., Seaside. Get together and chat about all things having to do with writing and publication. Free and open to all members.

Salon: Sunday, May 24, 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.

"Shut Up and Write!": Saturday, June 6, 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. at Starbucks, 865 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey. Get together and "just write." Free and open to all.

Poetry Group: Saturday, June 6, 1:00 p.m. at Peet's Coffee, 560 Munras Ave., Monterey. Bring a one-page poem or lyric to share. Free and open to all members.



Writing to Market?

Many of us have heard the advice to "write to market" if we want to sell serious numbers of

books. But is this really good advice? Check out this article on the IngramSpark blog!

Writing to Market

Say Hi to Our New Members!

Paula Joy MacNab lives in Carmel and writes about lifestyle and design.

Jane Wigdahl lives in Monterey and is a proponent of plein air writing.

Gail St. Aubin resides in Pacific Grove and was the recipient of the free membership offered at the Writers Round-up.



It's That Time of the Year

Our membership renewal period is about to begin! Just \$45 will maintain your membership through June 2027. Membership Chair **Kim Parker** will be emailing QuickBooks invoices or has already done so by the time you read this. The email will be from "**California Writers' Club Central Coast Branch** <quickbooks@notification.intuit.com>" with the subject line "**Invoice from Central Coast Writers CCW**". 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."

The Book Festival is Back!



The second annual Carmel-by-the-Sea Book Festival is back : Saturday, July 18, pretty much all day at Carmel Plaza. CCW will be sponsoring a table this year. Details still are

being worked out, but it'll probably be much like Good Old Days: primary purpose to promote the club, but also an opportunity for you to sell your books. Meanwhile, CCW member **Deanna Thomas** is one step of ahead of us. She's already reserved a table and is looking for someone who would like to share. Contact Deanna at 805-453-0517.

Missing a Bottle?

Someone left behind a nice-looking beverage bottle at our April meeting. The CCW clean-up crew rescued it and stored it in our tub at the CSA. If it's yours, come to the May 19 meeting and claim it!



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