



Central Coast Writers

Update Sept. 26, 2025

Early Bird Special Ends Soon!

Secrets to Publishing Success

Don't miss this chance to save big on CCW's fall workshop. Well-known author coach C.S. Lakin will be presenting *Taking Your Fiction from Good to Great* the weekend of November 1-2 at the Monterey Elks Lodge. Sign up no later than October 1 and save \$25!

BTW, this workshop is already filling up fast. If you've been thinking about signing up, don't delay. We will be limiting registration so that Suzanne can give individual attention to each attendee. As the old saying goes, "you snooze, you lose."



[Details and Sign-ups](#)



Join your fellow writers tomorrow for a fun and informal session devoted to all things literary. Hey, you've already spent too much time at the computer. Time to get out and mingle!

Saturday, Sept. 27, 10:30 a.m. to noon
Seaside Library, 550 Harcourt Ave.

Thank You, Kim and Gary!



The Dynamic Duo of CCW -- Treasurer Gary Parker and Membership Chair Kim Parker -- were honored by our parent organization, California Writers Club, with the Jack London Award for volunteer service at a ceremony this past Sunday in Oakland. With "KimGa" is Joyce Krieg, our CWC rep and chair of the awards event.



President's Message: Scotty Cornfield



Welcome back to the best News Blast ever written about CCW members. In this episode, I'm offering up a buffet line of items, so let's get serving.

Booktoberfest. Our annual showcase of the latest works published by club members will be at our October 21st meeting.

Our lineup is almost complete, but if you want to make the cut (or at least the standby list), email me ASAP (if not sooner) at president.ccw@gmail.com Here's the current list of readers: Joyce Sherry, Marlo Faulkner, Mary Smathers, Brooke French, Kay Smith-Blum, Chuck Foster, William Colson, Wanda Sue Parrott, and Alison van Diggelen.

Writing Tip of the Week. If you're a member of our exclusive "members-only" Facebook page, you already saw this. If you're not, what's up with that? Here's a link: <https://tinyurl.com/2rsnrsu2> Not ready to join the cool kids? Then here's a link to the article we shared: <https://tinyurl.com/58jkwu48>

Talent Search: Your executive board is going to have a strategic planning retreat sometime early in 2026. In between pounding down mass quantities of Mai Tais, and enjoying every exotic luau we can find on the island, we're going to try to sandwich in an hour or two of work. I'm kidding, of course. There will be no actual work. OK, so maybe we're not leaving P.G. and maybe it *will* only be a one-day session, but we really do need to find a talented facilitator to lead our meeting. If you've been at such a meeting and you know of a great facilitator, please let me know. See my email above.

Mahalo!

Scotty out



Oct. 21: Monthly meeting, our annual Booktoberfest. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. at the Center for Spiritual Awakening, 522 Central Ave., Pacific Grove. Free and open to all members and guests.

Oct. 26: Sat-Chat. 10:30 a.m. - noon, Seaside Library, 550 Harcourt Ave. Free and open to all members.

Oct. 26: Writers Round-up, featuring Robert Walker on writing fantasy. 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at The Little House, Jewell Park, Pacific Grove. Free and open to all members.

Oct. 27: CCW Salon. Share your writing in an informal, supportive setting. 1:30 - 3:00 p.m., PG Meetinghouse, 599 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove. Free and open to all members and guests.

Sail On, Mike!

Mike Latta's relatives and CCW colleagues gathered at Lovers Point this past Monday to give our friend a proper send-off. Mike was a long-time CCW member who died in August at nearly 90.

Missed the September Meeting?

A video of our September speaker, literary agent Elizabeth Kracht, is available for viewing on CCW's member's only YouTube channel.

[Watch the Video Here](#)

Say Hi to New Members

- Leigh Evans: Literary fiction, nonfiction, paranormal, YA, magical realism, essay, bildungsroman
- Merry Zavala (dual member with Redwood Writers): Historical fiction

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