



November 15, 2025

Joyce Krieg, Editor

"Neither Snow, nor Rain, nor Roadwork ..."

... shall keep you from attending Tuesday night's CCW meeting! Yes, the roadwork continues around the Center for Spiritual Awakening. Yes, it's been raining (though Tuesday's forecast shows only clouds). Yes, you'll have to venture out of the house in "the gloom of night." But please don't let that stop you from making your appointed rounds. It's discouraging for us and our guest speaker to have a small crowd, and anyway, what better thing do you have to do on a Tuesday night?



Speaking of Tuesday Night...

Our guest presenter will be acclaimed author, speaker and activist Ava Homa on the topic of "Writing as a Pathway to Global Understanding." This promises to be an inspiring and memorable talk, so don't miss it. Hint: allow a bit of extra time to find parking and walk in, just in case Central Avenue is still closed in front of the CSA and the library.



When: Tuesday, Nov. 18

Where: Center for Spiritual Awakening,
522 Central Ave., Pacific Grove

Doors open: 5:30 p.m.

Free for everyone! Free pizza!

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More Fun in November

Nov. 22

Sat-Chat: Let's get together and chat about everything literary! 10:30 a.m. - Noon, Seaside Library, 550 Harcourt Ave., Seaside

Nov. 23

Salon: Share your work in an informal and supportive setting. 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. We're back at the PG Meetinghouse, 599 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove.

All events are free and open to members and guests.



"It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like..."

...well, you know! Those December holidays. Your CCW board is planning a different type of event for you this year. Something we hope you'll find both fun and inspiring when it comes to the hopes and

dreams you have for your writing in 2026. Details are still in the works, but this much we can tell you for sure:

Tuesday, December 16 Doors will open at 5:30 p.m.

Center for Spiritual Awakening, 522 Central Avenue in Pacific Grove

Save the date and get set for a holiday event like you've never seen before from Central Coast Writers!



A Five Star Workshop

by Scotty Cornfield, CCW President



If you were one of the lucky ones who attended our recent two-day workshop, congrats! I could tell you what I thought of C.S. Lakin's presentation (assisted by our own Brooke French), but instead, here's what some of you mere mortals had to say about the weekend:

"Gave me a whole new focus to my writing."

"A great opportunity. Thank you."

"The critique groups helped me most in developing my writing skills."

"I learned tools to rethink and reshape my manuscripts."

"Great job organizing this and a really good instructor. Thank you!"

"This class was perfect!"

And finally, "When you have another workshop, I will come!"

You should too. Two-thirds of the attendees were from our club, another third came from other CWC chapters, and we had two locals who aren't club members—yet!

A huge thank you goes out to Patrick Hill, our workshop chair who did all the behind-the-scenes heavy lifting from start to finish. The club owes you big time, Patrick, for all your hard work and for bringing a high-end writing instructor to the Monterey Peninsula, and for making us look good to the rest of the writing world.

Thanks also to Gary and Kim Parker, Joyce Krieg, Donna Drewes, Maria Skyttä, and Sarah Pruitt for making it happen. You done good, team!

December's Holiday Meeting:

We're still working on what the December 16th meeting will look like. Interesting ideas abound. If interested in being part of the planning conspiracy, feel free to reach out to me at scotty@scottycornfield.com.

Thanks for listening!

Scotty out

Smiling faces abounded at CCW's workshop "Taking Your Novel from Good to Great."

Helping the Next Generation and Your Writers Club!

The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards is the longest running and most prestigious recognition program for creative teens. Each year, CCW is privileged to participate by helping to judge the preliminary round of entries. In return, Scholastic donates \$2,500 to our treasury. This is our second-largest source of income after your member dues, and it is what allows us to keep our meetings free and open to everyone.

Please consider volunteering to judge. All you need is a couple of hours of free time in late December/early January, and a computer with internet access. You can do the judging at home on your own time. No meetings to attend or Zoom sessions to sit through, we promise!

If you'd like to help, reach out to this year's coordinator, Joyce Sherry.
joycesherry@mac.com

Calling all poets! CCW has a critique group focused on poetry, and it is open to new members. The group meets on the first Sunday of the

month at 1:00 p.m. at the Power Plant (the coffee shop, not the old PG&E plant!) in Moss Landing. Bring one poem or one lyric page to share for kind and gentle feedback.

Be Our Next 5-Minute Reader!

The 5-Minute Reader is a long-standing tradition at our meetings, and we're now booking readers for 2026. Share anything from a published book to a first draft with a friendly and supportive audience. All we ask is that you keep it to five minutes or under. Sign up with President Scotty Cornfield, scotty@scottycornfield.com

Say Hi to Our New Member

Tom Pratt lives in Carmel and has published a novel and screenplay called *One Mad Apple*.

Free Publicity for Members

Our parent organization, California Writers Club, has a thrice-yearly newsletter in which they publish news of members' achievements. If you've recently launched a book, won a writing-related honor, or achieved some other professional milestone, let your fellow members know about it. Send your news, 50 words or less, to editor@calwriters.org. Deadline for the December issue is Nov. 20.

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