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CENTRAL COAST WRITERS

Central Coast Writers **Update Aug. 18, 2025**

President's Message

by Scotty Cornfield

Doldrums of Summer? Not for the mighty Central Coast Writers. We've had it all going on recently, starting with the inaugural Carmel Local Author Faire. It was an awesome event, held at the Carmel Plaza, where local authors—including several club members— had tables sprinkled around the plaza.

Our club joined the fray, with superstar volunteers Wanda Sue Parrott, Evan Pelervo, Judi Zhu, Paul Karrer, and Robert Walker talking up the mighty CCW, as well as selling their own works. Thanks, team!

Our annual picnic/potluck/extravaganza also happened out at Whispering Pines Park. If you missed it, you missed something special, the highlight being the historic announcement that club treasurer Gary Parker and membership chair Kim Parker were told they'd both won the Jack London Award, presented by the California Writers Club (our parent organization). The award has never been given to more than one person before, but because of the remarkable work of Gary and Kim, we asked for two nominees. We owe a huge shoutout to Joyce Krieg for twisting arms on the state level to make this happen. Nobody

(or more specifically, no TWO nobodies) deserves this award more than our dynamic duo. Thanks also to Nancy Middleton for letting us in and locking the riffraff out of the park after the big event.

Stay tuned to this page for exciting info about an amazing two-day workshop we're presenting in October. We'll be inviting the public, but not until *after* our own members get priority registration at a discounted price. The presenter is C.S. Lakin. Her free blog is worth every penny! https://www.livewritethrive.com/blog/

Now get to it and Write On!

Sat-Chat: Let's get together and chat about anything writing-related.

Saturday, Aug. 23, 10:30 a.m. to noon

Seaside Public Library, 550 Harcourt Ave.

Salon: Share your work in an informal, supportive atmosphere.

Sunday, Aug. 24, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

The PG Meetinghouse, 599 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove

Both events are free and open to all members

September 16: Monthly meeting with literary agent Elizabeth Kracht.

October 21: Monthly meeting, Booktoberfest, featuring our members.

November 18: Monthly meeting with novelist Ava Homa.

Our monthly meetings take place at the Center for Spiritual Awakening, 522 Central Avenue, Pacific Grove. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Free for members and guests.

Secrets to Publishing Success

CCW will be presenting an exciting workshop October 24-25, *Taking Your Fiction from Good to Great,* led by superstar C.S. Lakin.

This promises to be an excellent two-day workshop opportunity at an unbeatable price (one-day tickets will also be available). Both are at reduced prices for club members. We'll be announcing details soon as to how to sign up and pay. In the meantime, save the dates and get ready to up your writing game!

Find Out More

Congrats, Parkers!

Our dedicated and hardworking Treasurer (Gary) and Membership Chair (Kim) are being honored by our parent organization, California Writers Club, with the Jack London Award for exceptional volunteer service.

This is the first time in the 52-year history of the Jack London Awards that CWC has allowed two volunteers from the same branch to receive the honor in a given year. All of us recognize that Kim and Gary are our Dynamic Duo, impossible to honor one without the other. Together, they carry out two vital roles without which our club simply could not stay in business. And they go the extra mile, from offering their lovely home for our summer picnic to recognizing long-time members for their loyalty.

The Jack London Awards will be presented at a luncheon September 21 in Oakland.

Say "Hi" to our New Members

- Susan Love: Inspirational nonfiction
- Leanne Phillips: Fiction, creative nonfiction
- Kate Snider: Fantasies featuring cats

Looking for a Critique Group?

We've all heard we should join a critique group, but all the good ones seem to be closed to new members. Help is on the way! CCW Immediate Past President Sarah Pruitt has offered to assist in organizing one or more new critique groups. If interested in joining one, send an email to Sarah, sep23@sbcglobal.net.

Missed Connection

At our August 4 picnic, a member came forward who seemed to be an ideal candidate to take charge of our involvement in judging this year's Scholastic writing contest. Unfortunately, in the excitement no one took note of this member's name! If you think that might have been you, please get in touch with our president, scotty@scottycornfield.com. We depend on the money we make by judging the Scholastic contest to keep our meetings free for all, so it's essential that we find someone willing to take charge.

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