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Focus on Poetry in March

Marie Boucher, the Poet Laureate of Monterey County, will be the guest speaker at our next meeting. Her presentation is titled "Rewilding Our Words" and will focus on poetry to create community connections.

Marie plans to offer suggestions for engaging more deeply with the natural world and each other in order to expand our connections, content, and writing in community. When she's not writing poetry, Marie teaches Creative Writing and similar courses at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies.

Tuesday, March 17, 5:30 p.m. at the Center for Spiritual Awakening in Pacific Grove. Free and open to everyone.

[Find Out More About Marie](#)

Two Successful CCW Events

by Scotty Cornfield, CCW President



To my fellow writers (and by “writers” I mean people who constantly feel guilty because this time they really felt like they almost commenced to begin to start to write) Fortunately, they sat down until the feeling passed. Sound familiar? Maybe I should start a 12-step program. Better make it 10 steps.

Look at me. I’m rewriting what I just wrote. Hey—maybe I really am a writer!.

OK. I’ve burned up enough white space on the page. Let’s get to it. I want to talk about a couple of recent successful CCW happenings. The first was our last (I probably need to rewrite the beginning of this sentence) Sat-Chat meeting held a couple weeks ago. I’m including a shot of everyone who showed up—including a family of three who *aren’t even official club members* yet. That’s how good this thing is! Our free-ranging conversations ranged from putting together a sci-fi fantasy book (that the family is working on) to a possible field trip to Nepenthe at Big Sur, to the Marcel Proust questionnaire for creating great characters, to Amazon Kindle’s controversial “Ask This Book” feature, and at least three more topics.

If you wanna be in the know, Sat-Chat is on the fourth Saturday of the month at the Seaside Library. The next one will be on 3/28 at 10:30. It’s free (so far). Get it while it’s hot!

Another fun little tidbit I’m serving up today is a highlight from the February club meeting. We tried something new—writing! You sensing a theme here? We used a photograph of a busy street scene as a prompt, and EVERYONE took five minutes to write something inspired by the photo. After that, each group shared their work with their table-mates (not easy to do since there were no tables). Based on everything I heard and saw, it was a hit, and something we’ll do again.

Lastly, the annual Good Old Days Street Festival is coming up on May 2nd and 3rd. We always have a booth so we can tell people about the CCW. Most of our members who volunteer for a shift must like it because they keep coming back. I’m going to start giving out the prime

2-hour shifts soon, so get your bribes in early. If you want to join the proud, the few, the confused, please reach out at my email scam line so I can clean out your accounts and steal your identity (mostly because I'm bored with my own life). Reach me at president.ccw@gmail.com if you'd like to be one of the cool kids. You won't regret it (at least not for long).

Thanks for listening.

Scotty out



Poetry Group: Saturday, March 7, 1:00 p.m. via Zoom. Anyone interested in sharing lyric writing is welcome; the group will also be discussing where to hold the in-person meetings going forward. It's been suggested that meeting in Monterey on the first Saturdays at 1 p.m. might make showing up easier for more people. If you have input/interest please show up for the Zoom or email your thoughts to poetryaptos@gmail.com.

[Zoom Link for Poetry Group](#)

"Shut Up and Write": Saturday, March 7, 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. at Starbucks, 865 Lighthouse Ave. in New Monterey. Led by CCW

member Jennifer Schmidt, the idea is to get together and "just write."
Free and open to all writers.

CCW Monthly Meeting: Tuesday, March 17, 5:30-7:30 p.m., at the Center for Spiritual Awakening, 522 Central Ave., Pacific Grove. See above for information on our guest speaker and his topic. Free and open to members and the public.

Salon: Sunday, March 22, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the PG Meetinghouse, 599 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove. Share your writing in an informal, supportive atmosphere. Free and open to all members and friends.

Sat-Chat: Saturday, March 28, 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.



CCW member Barbara Siebeneick alerts us to a scam targeting authors that's making the rounds of the internet. In Barbara's words:

"Recently I was approached by an author I like in the UK. She flattered me about my writing and then suggested her marketing person to help get my information out more to the public. Since this was coming from someone I thought I knew, I fell for it. \$1800 later I realized it was a scam. Luckily, the bank refunded my money. Then a friend sent me this article from the New York Times about this growing scam targeting authors."

[Read the Article Here](#)

Big Contest for Small Writing

Our parent organization, California Writers Club, announces "The Smalls Too," a contest for authors of poetry and short prose pieces. Basically, they're looking for poems of 8 lines or less, or prose pieces of 75 words or less. Entry deadline is March 15.

[Contest Info Here](#)

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