
THE WRITER'S LIFE

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What You Missed

Several members (including Marie DiMercurio, Tom Leech and Marcia Buompensiero) donated books for a raffle at our December holiday party. The Guild would also like to thank Oscar Arias for providing the entertainment!

In Memoriam

The Guild, along with Past President John Davis, recently donated holiday flowers in memory of Ellen Shaw Tufts to St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral. Ellen was a longtime SDWE/G board member and supporter who passed away in May 2015. The board would like to thank John for this thoughtful gesture, and for his continued support of the Guild.

Sage Writing Advice

"If you're going to be a writer, the first essential is just to write. Do not wait for an idea. Start writing something and the ideas will come. You have to turn the faucet on before the water starts to flow."
- Louis L'Amour

Greetings from the New President



The Guild will again bring new and exciting speakers to our meetings in 2017. A list of what you can expect is shown on our website under Meetings/Programs. If it has been awhile since you have logged on, please do so at sdwritersguild.org. Sandra Yeaman has made quite a few changes to the format, so it's worth a revisit.

I'd like to remind all of our members that you are invited to attend any of our Board of Directors' meetings, in an

observer role. We meet every second Tuesday from 5:30 to 7:30 at the public library located at 4155 Governor Drive, San Diego 93122. A comment period of two minutes will be open for observers, if you wish to contribute any items of interest, and attendees will see firsthand how committed and dedicated the board is. No previous notification is necessary in order to attend.

If you know of someone who would be an interesting speaker for our group, or if you would like certain topics to be addressed, please notify a board member. If you have a special talent that can benefit the Guild, please let us know that, too.

I'm honored to represent the Guild and welcome your suggestions to enhance it. *-Mardie Schroeder*

Tip of the Hat To...

- All authors included in this year's edition of *The Guilded Pen*, which will be included in the San Diego Public Library's 51st Annual Local Author Exhibit. The official kickoff is Saturday, January 28 at the Central Library (330 Park Blvd.), and the book will be added to the library's official collection.
- Members of the Guild who have additional books that will be featured in the Local Author Exhibit include Marcia Buompensiero (*Sumerland*), Marie DiMercurio (*From Birth Until Sunset - Poisoned to Death*), and Laura Roberts (*Everything I Need to Know About Love I Learned From Pop Songs*).
- Janet Hafner, who presented her new book, *Eye of An Eagle*, at the Mysterious Galaxy author event on December 11.
- Ruth Leyse-Wallace, who had an article titled "Biomarkers, Nutrition and Mental Health" accepted for continuing education credits and publication by the Dietitians in Functional Medicine dietetic practice group.
- Guild members Marty Eberhardt and Sandra Yeaman, for each having a piece chosen for inclusion in the 2017 edition of the *A Year in Ink* anthology (volume 10).

January Speaker: Christina Alexander



Christina Alexandra is a romance writer from Southern California. Always on the lookout for an adventure, she has worked and volunteered at many different jobs including both medical and veterinary offices, music teacher, law enforcement instructor, service dog puppy raiser, emergency grief counselor, coroner's assistant and, currently, an emergency services operator.

Christina writes stories set in Georgian and Regency England and credits her varied experiences as the foundation from which she builds true-to-life characters and emotional stories with a unique twist on modern issues. When not researching, writing or working, Christina spends her spare time traveling, cooking – oftentimes with a historical flare – and staying active on social media. Find out more about Christina on her website, www.christinaalexandra.net.

#52Essays2017 Challenge

Need a new challenge? Like writing essays? Why not try the #52essays2017 challenge! Created by NYC writing instructor Vanessa Mártir, the goal is to write an essay a week, sharing them with fellow participants. To learn more, see <http://bit.ly/2irUcA6>.

Critique Groups Seeking Members

San Diego Writers, Ink offers weekly Read and Critique classes at Liberty Station. Get feedback on your writing and become a better writer. The peer review groups are led by seasoned authors. Beginning in January, some of those classes have openings to fill.

Cost: \$100 per month for members, \$125 for nonmembers.

Want to join a group? Email programs@sandiegowriters.org with the name of the author whose group you'd like to join.

T. GREENWOOD

Two spots will be open in her Wednesday 7 p.m. group and one in her Thursday 11 a.m. group.

MARK CLEMENTS

Four slots are open in each of his groups: Wednesday 7 p.m. and Friday 1:30 p.m.

CARLOS DE LOS RIOS

Four slots are open in his Thursday 7 p.m. Screenwriting group.

RICH FARRELL

One slot will be open in each of his groups: Mondays at 6 p.m. and Thursdays at 9 a.m.

PLUS: A new group will be added, meeting on Sundays from 7 to 9 p.m.

Seeking Accountability?

Accountability groups help writers focus their individual goals on a weekly basis, and hold each person accountable for their own success, with friendly encouragement from the group. Now that a brand new year has begun, you may be wondering how to get involved with an accountability group. Here are two local options:

1. **San Diego Writers, Ink** is offering an online accountability group called Write Now!, led by Sandra Millers Younger, for \$100 a month for members (\$125 for nonmembers). To learn more or sign up, see <http://bit.ly/2hap3Aq>.
2. Newsletter Editor **Laura Roberts** hosts bi-weekly in-person accountability events, meeting Fridays from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Barnes & Noble in Trolley Square (9938 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, CA). Attendance is free, though purchase of a snack or beverage at the café is encouraged. Drop in to share your New Year's goals (or learn how to set some!) at our next meeting on January 20. Unable to attend in person? Email Laura at LRcreativeservices@gmail.com for more information on how to join the Facebook group for additional support and encouragement.

UPCOMING GUILD EVENTS

February: Diane Hinds will speak on How to Promote Your Book

March: Mark A. Reichenthal presents on the topic of contracts with publishers, agents and publicists

May: Jeniffer Thompson, Monkey C Media

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Marketing Support Group: 5:30-6:30 PM

General Meeting

6:30 PM - Sign-in/Networking

6:45 PM - Business Meeting

7:00 PM - Speaker/Program

Location: San Diego County Health Services Complex
3851 Rosecrans, San Diego, CA 92110
For a map see: www.SDWritersGuild.org

Membership: \$36 per year

Guests: \$5 per meeting

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