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Newsletter of North State Writers (NSW), a Branch of the *California Writers Club*  
**SEPTEMBER, 2018**

NSW promotes the art and craft of writing across genres, connecting writers, editors, illustrators, publishers, reviewers, agents, and others interested in the continual renewal of creative thought and the written word. <http://www.northstatewriters.com/>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

6:00 pm, Veterans Memorial Hall, 554 Rio Lindo Ave, Chico, CA

**October 15, 2018, Dan Irving - Research Resources for Writers**

October 23, 2018 - California Writers Week Children's Event at the Chico Library  
3:00 - 5:30

November 1, 2018 - Sit & Write 5:00 at Starbucks on Forest Avenue


November 19, 2018 - Nora Profit - Mistakes Amateur Writers Make

December 17, 2018 - Holiday party



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**two tickets to Turtle Bay Exploration Park.**




North State Writers

Hosts



# Dan Irving

'Research Resources for Writers'

**OCT 15<sup>th</sup>**      **6 p.m.**



Veterans Memorial Hall  
554 Rio Linda Ave, Chico



Research for nonfiction is a must! Research for fiction enables authenticity! In both instances, it enables the reader to understand culture, historical events, places and/or people as the authors story unfolds. Dan Irving is an author, a graduate of San Francisco State Universtiy, business advisor, raido talk show host, & world traveler who has done extensive research worldwide. He has sat on numerous Boards, served as Foreperson on the Federal Grand Jury, & is a certified counselor for SCORE. Join Dan for this fact finding workshop on Research.

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## SIT AND WRITE

Thursday, November 1, 2018, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

Starbucks, 2009 Forest Ave, Chico, CA (In the Raley's shopping center)



Having trouble finding time to write?

Want to kick off NANOWRIMO?

Join your fellow NSW writers and make time to Sit and Write. An informal gathering of members, bring your laptop or pen and paper. If you don't have a project started and need help we will have writing prompts available to get your creativity flowing. You can write or edit your project or even create your book launch and marketing strategy, whatever stage your project is in. NSW member Linda Sue Forrister will be on hand to facilitate the gathering.

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## TIP OF THE QUILL

Great article from Writer's Digest I think we can all learn a little something from.

### [Train Your Eye for Better Writing: 3 Writing Techniques Adapted from the Visual Arts](#)

Add color to the canvas of your manuscript with these 3 writing techniques adapted from practices commonly used by painters and other visual artists.



## CWC NEWS



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## California Writers Club (CWC) *Literary Review*

### 2019 Submissions Open Sep 1-Nov 30<sup>th</sup>

The CWC is looking for your best work—fiction, poetry, memoir and essay—for publication in the 2019 California Writers Club *Literary Review*.

- Submissions are open to current members of California Writers Club Only
- Maximum length: Fiction & Nonfiction, 2500 Words; Poetry, 30 lines
- Works will be reviewed and selected for possible publication by a panel of acquisition editors through a blind judging process.
- You will be notified by email as to whether your piece will be included in the 2019 *Literary Review* shortly before publication in May/June of 2019.

Though this publication has “literary” in its title, the CWC is looking for good writing of any genre, style or topic. Romance, mystery, sci-fi and fantasy will be given the same consideration as more “serious” works. Lighter themes and humor are always welcome. The important thing is to polish your work and make it the very best you can. The only things we will reject outright are pieces that proselytize, are libelous, or contain gratuitous vulgarity.

#### New This Year:

The \$10 fee covers ONE prose piece (not two as in previous years). For poetry, two submissions of up to 30 lines each may be made for each \$10 payment. Limit of three prose pieces at \$10 each, or six poems (\$10 for each two poems).

**For Submission Guidelines**  
**Go to: <http://calwriters.org/>**





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# California Writers Week

Celebrate the writers of California!

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Raymond Chandler Dean Koontz Beverly Cleary John Steinbeck Robert Louis Stevenson Armistead Maupin Henry Miller Theodor "Dr.  
Seuss" Geisel T. Jefferson Parker Robert Frost Elizabeth George Norman Mailer Julia Child Baba Ram Dass Mark Twain Jack Kerouac  
D.J. Waldie Danielle Steele Gertrude Stein Ambrose Bierce Alice Walker Jessamyn West T.C. Boyle Ray Bradbury Joseph Wambaugh  
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Ken Kesey Joe Eszterhas Annie Lamott Robert A. Heinlein Richard Vaughn Gary Zukav Dr. David Viscott Richard Boyles Raymond  
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Don Miguel Ruiz Rebecca Solnit Isabel Allende M.F.K.  
Fisher Ferozesh Dumas Lisa Alpert Steve Martin  
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Susan Ho Pien Iyer Freeman House D.P. Lyle  
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Cooper Cobes Victoria Zackheim  
Kathleen Sharp Joe Quirk Ross  
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Chitra Banerjee Divyakanti Dianne Stillman  
Jessica Mitford Ray Berry Pam Morrison  
Rupert Hughes Hughes Thom Gunn  
Susan Straight Rayn Roberts  
Randy Shrum Peter Richardson  
Veronique de Tencen Ursula K. LeGuin Tony Lazzarini Pierre Laforest Raymond Strait Perceval Everett  
Yone Noguchi Wynne Dunbar Vladimir Lange Tony Johnston Markos Margolis M.L. Madelon  
Michael McClure Rethanne Lum McLean Lucille Lang Day Oakley Hall  
Nik C. Colyer Robyn McGee Kelly Lange Tamin Ansary Nancy Huebner  
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Theodore Kroeber Alan Clements Beverly Sizer Jose Davidow  
John Leserott Linda Palmer Robert Haas Louis R. Jones Sylvia Boorstein  
John Forbes William O'Daly Shirley Ann Parker Maxing Hong Kingston Wadsworth Lee John Collins Penny Warner  
Taylor Smith Ruben Martinez Peg Bracken Joe Gores Jean Harlow Lee Lofland Paul Erdman Ona Russell Shesha Foster  
Molly Katzen Mikel Durham Laurel House Jean Ardell Judy Reeves Melba Beals Robert A. Davies Rick Wartzman Marybeth Bond  
Judith Greber Dona E.H. Crow Ann Bastian Jack Hirschman Edwin Markham Donald DeNeve Emanuel Reed David Masumoto Andrew  
Sean Gower Floyd Sells Jimmy Hopper Tillie Olsen Stewart Emory Michael Parenti Jeremiah Abrams Jean Simonda Holm Fanny  
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Callenbach Richard Rodriguez Erik Enkson Annee Liu Ritzra Grande Stewart Brand Regina Lettine Helen Benedict Dona Gioia  
Elliot Feldman Jaime de Angulo Hector Tobar Gina Berriault Ellen Sussman Carri Gentry Eric Stone Elizabeth Sorrentino Maria Espinosa  
and the list goes on



Watch for special events sponsored by:

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## NSW NEWS

**North State Writers Presents**

**Batalina's  
Beastly Book Bash**

**October 23rd**  
3pm - 4pm

**Calling little monsters (aged 3 — 9)  
to join  
Batalina and her Boo Crew  
for a**



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spooky stories, ghoulishly good goodies,  
and creepy crafts.



We put the **Boo** in **Books**



**North State Writers Presents**

**Batalina's  
How to Write Scary Stories:  
The Haunted House**

**October 23rd  
4:15 pm - 5:15 pm**



**Calling all writers (age 7 - 12)  
to join**

**Batalina and her Boo Crew**



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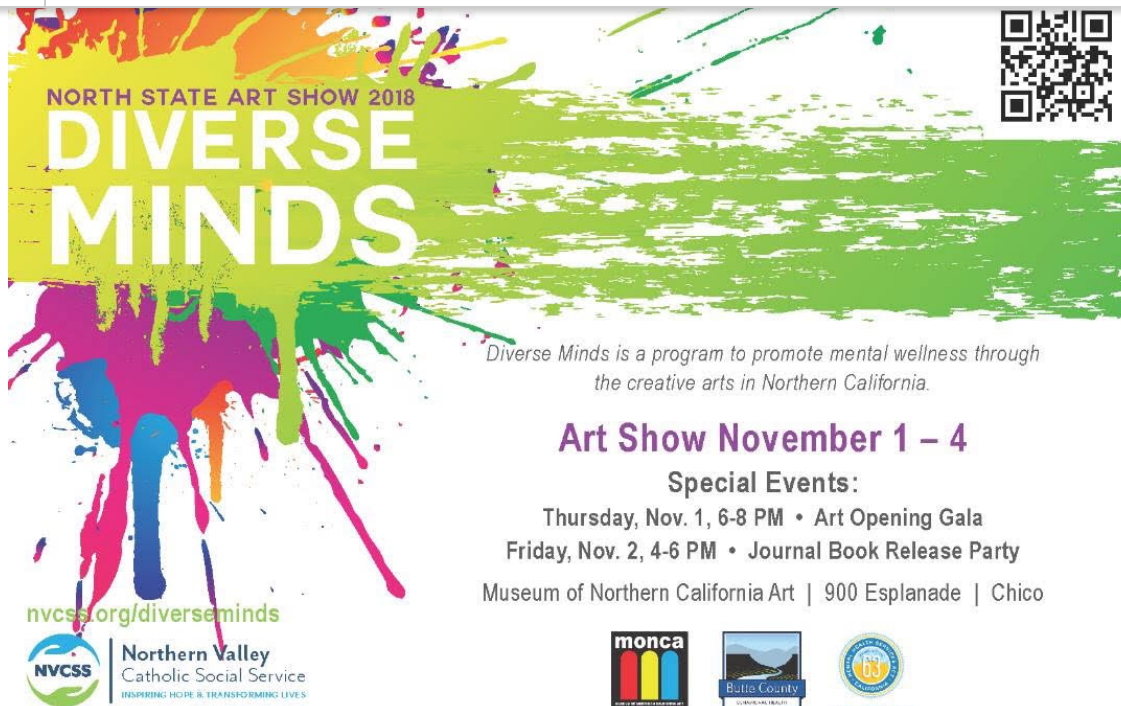
North State Writers extends a warm welcome to new members Cody Kilgore, Illustrator, and Andrea Wulf (Writing as Rose Wulf)



Our September speaker was NSW Member Dr. Cara Gubbins who graced us with an informative presentation on using the Amazon algorithm and how to get our books in front of the target audience that would be interested in purchasing them. The proper categories and keywords can propel your book to the top.

Visit her website for more information on her teachings: <http://www.caragubbins.com/>



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The poster for the North State Art Show 2018, titled "DIVERSE MINDS", features a vibrant background of colorful paint splatters in yellow, green, blue, and red. A QR code is located in the top right corner. The text on the poster includes:

NORTH STATE ART SHOW 2018  
**DIVERSE MINDS**

*Diverse Minds is a program to promote mental wellness through the creative arts in Northern California.*

**Art Show November 1 – 4**

**Special Events:**  
Thursday, Nov. 1, 6-8 PM • Art Opening Gala  
Friday, Nov. 2, 4-6 PM • Journal Book Release Party

Museum of Northern California Art | 900 Esplanade | Chico

[nvcss.org/diverseminds](http://nvcss.org/diverseminds)

**NVCSS** Northern Valley Catholic Social Service  
INSPIRING HOPE & TRANSFORMING LIVES

Logos for **monca**, **Butte County**, and the **State of California** are also present.

Several NSW authors, including Hope Hill, Joan Goodreau, Cathy Chase, Andrea Wagner, Kandi Maxwell were featured in the [Diverse Minds North State Journal](#) which will be released as part of the North State Art Show. Join us in celebrating and supporting our authors on Friday, November 2 from 4-6 pm at MONCA. The journal is already available on Amazon. For information about having a table with your books at this event please contact Andrea Wagner at [awagner@nvcss.org](mailto:awagner@nvcss.org)



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At the September 2018 meeting, NSW thanked our volunteers for all their hard work in making our branch successful. A special treat and decorations were provided by Social Activities Director Jeannie Holden.

Thank you Jeannie for joining our team.



The photos below are from the Arts and Craft event at the Elks Lodge which was a great success for our NSW authors who took advantage of the opportunity to sell their books and promote North State Writers.





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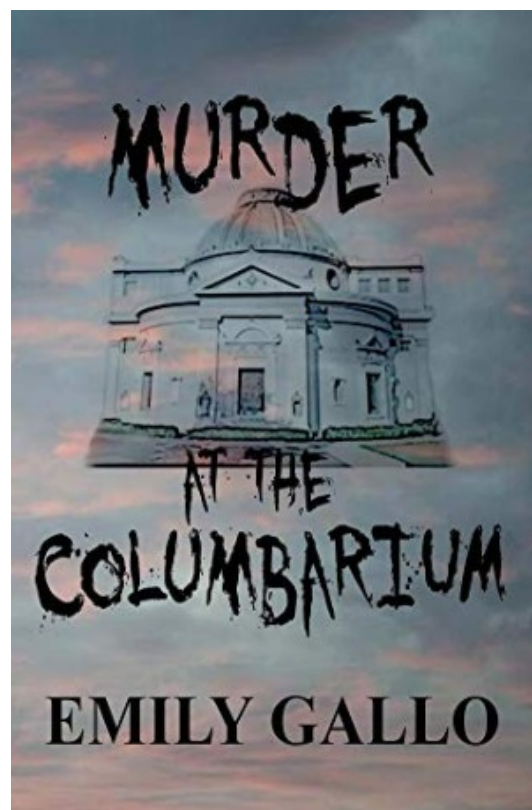
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## NSW MEMBER NEWS



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New release by NSW  
member Emily Gallo



## Murder at the Columbarium

by [Emily Gallo](#)

Jed's quiet life as caretaker of the San Francisco Columbarium is turned upside down when he comes upon a dead woman's body and a crying baby just inside the gate. His search for answers thrusts him into a world of corruption, bigotry and drug trafficking and he becomes one of the principal suspects.







New Release by Cathy Chase

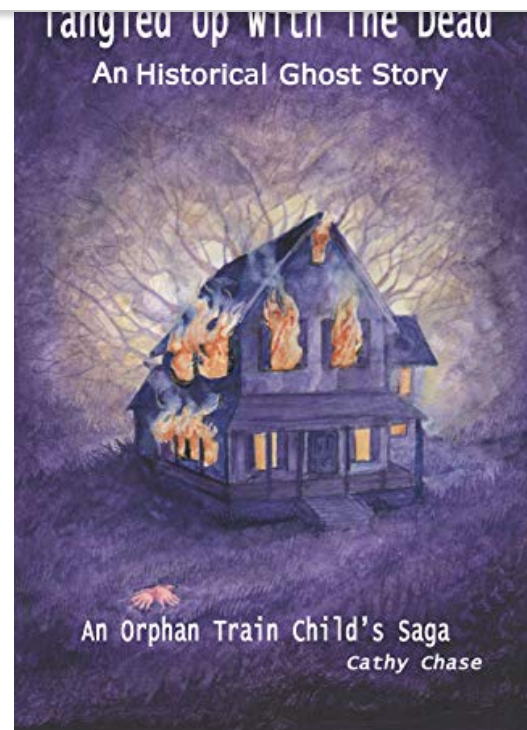
## Tangled Up With The Dead

In 1884, human laws didn't exist in the Haunted Mansion ruled by a century-old ghost demon and shape-shifter. Hannah, an Orphan Train child, thought she was traveling towards a new life. But, in a dusty train station in the middle of nowhere, she is spirited away by an enigmatic woman in black to a mysterious looming mansion. Soon



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and scarred by the paranormal ruler of the house. She must gather strength and harness undiscovered powers within herself to fight for her life or die trying. In the fight between good and evil, who will win? It is a ghost story for those from 12 to 100.



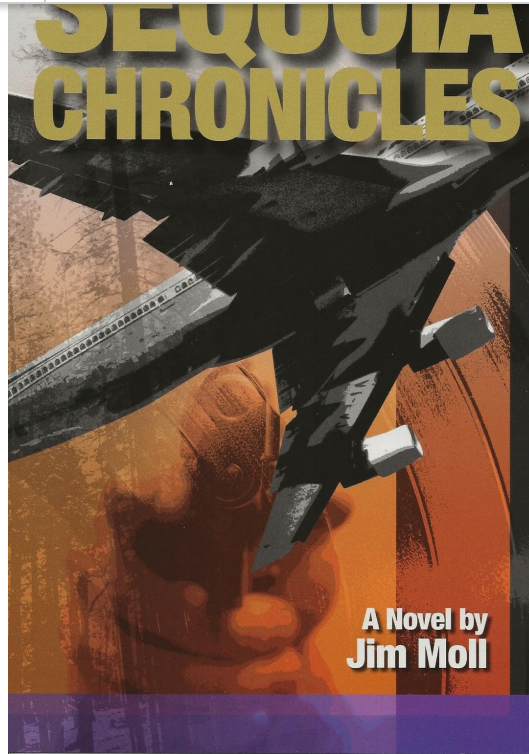
New release from NSW Author  
[Jim Moll](#)



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Mark Keating is a radio reporter in a small Northern California community and has spent most of his life alone. [SEQUOIA CHRONICLES](#) is drawn from Keating's journal, written during what he believes is the last weekend of his life in December 1978. Alone in a deserted campground, Keating chronicles the events of the past year including the murder of his best friend, witnessing two violent deaths, having his own life threatened and, finally, the loss of everything he cherished. SEQUOIA CHRONICLES



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readers on a journey from rural Northern California to Washington, D.C., Eastern Europe, the Middle East and finally to India. Set in the 1970's.

## TRIVIA BEE BASKET DONATIONS NEEDED

The 12th annual Trivia Bee For Literacy is asking for signed book donations from North State Writer authors to place in raffle baskets. The Trivia Bee is a fun-filled event held at the Sierra Nevada Brewery and designed to promote awareness and to raise funds for the Butte County Library, Literacy Services. Funds raised will be used to provide learning materials, resources, and support for adults and children in our community working to improve their basic reading and writing skills!



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NSW meeting. If you are unable to attend these meetings, please let us know and we will be happy to pick up your donation on a date and place that works for you.

## CWC BRANCH NEWS

**November 3, 2018** - Central Coast Writers sponsors a workshop: [“Ten Key Scenes That Frame Up Your Novel”](#) with writing coach [C.S. Lakin](#). Monterey Peninsula College, Sam Karas Room. Registration starts at 8:30; workshop from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. Open to the public. \$40.00 CWC members and \$60.00 non-members. [centralcoastwriters.org](http://centralcoastwriters.org)

**April 13, 2019** - Tri-Valley Branch is having it's third full day writers conference featuring keynote speaker, *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and Amazon bestselling author, **Robert Dugoni**. Dugoni is the winner of the 2015 Nancy Pearl Award for fiction. He has twice been a finalist for the Harper Lee Award for Legal Fiction, twice been a finalist of the Silver Falchion Award for his mysteries, was a 2015 and 2017 International Thriller Writer's finalist for thriller of the year, and a 2017 Mystery Writers of American Edgar Finalist. His books are sold worldwide in 30 countries and have been translated into a dozen languages.

They will also have presenters: Jim Azevedo, Stephanie Chandler, David Corbett, Rachael Herron, Linda Lee, Penny Warner, Angela Bole from IBPA, and Robin Cutler from IngramSpark.



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[NaNoWriMo](#) is coming in November,

50,000 words in one month

Are you up to the challenge?

Track your progress, get pep talks and support and meet fellow writers online and in person. Check out their website for more information.

<https://nanowrimo.org/>



## WHO AM I?

Suyan Woo

Can you identify this fictional character, what book is he in and who wrote it?

\*\*\*\*\*

Last months' character was Ed Tom Bell, the local sheriff and protagonist in Cormac



## Conferences and Workshops

Information on Conferences and Workshops provided by  
Margie Yee-Webb.



### **Litquake**

<https://www.litquake.org>

San Francisco's  
Literary Festival –  
“Words matter.  
Litquake sparks critical  
conversations, and  
inspires writers and  
readers to celebrate the  
written word with  
diverse literary  
programming,  
interactive workshops,  
and a ten-day festival.”

### **Finding and Working with a Literary Agent** with Andy Ross

October 20, 2018

San Francisco CA

<https://www.milibrary.org/events/finding-and-working-literary-agent-oct-20-2018>

<https://sfwriters.org/mil-classes>

Class co-sponsored by Mechanics  
Institute and San Francisco Writers  
Conference/San Francisco Writers  
Foundation.

### **Drafting the Perfect Query: A Workshop** with Andy Ross



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October 20, 2018

San Francisco CA

<https://www.litquake.org/lit-crawl-sf.html>

“Where literature hits the streets” in The Mission.

With **First Annual Lit****Crawl Book Fair**

“Join local presses, businesses, and literary magazines for a book fair like no other...at The Chapel in the heart of the Mission District on the afternoon of Lit Crawl San Francisco.”

**Great Valley Bookfest**

October 13, 2018

Manteca CA

<https://greatvalleybookfest.org/>

“Benefiting Literacy Organizations in the California Central Valley”

October 11-20, 2018

San Francisco CA

with Diane Frank**The****Journey from Poet to**

<https://www.milibrary.org/events/drafting-perfect-query-workshop-andy-ross-oct-20-2018>

<https://sfwriters.org/mil-classes>

Class co-sponsored by Mechanics Institute and San Francisco Writers Conference/San Francisco Writers Foundation.

**Writer’s Digest Novel Writing Conference**

October 26-28, 2018

Pasadena CA

<http://novel.writersdigestconference.com/>

“3 days of learning. 3 days of inspiration. 3 days of focus.”

**Nonfiction Writers Conference**

November 8-9, 2018

Online Virtual Conference

<https://nonfictionwritersconference.com/>

Fall Event Theme: “Become a Profitable Author”

October 13, 2018

San Francisco CA



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[www.sfwriters.org/events/journey-poet-author-oct-13-2018](http://www.sfwriters.org/events/journey-poet-author-oct-13-2018)

<https://sfwriters.org/mil-classes>

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