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**Join us on Monday March 19, 2018 at
the Veteran's Memorial Hall, 554 Rio
Lindo Ave, Chico, CA, 6:00 pm social
time, 6:30 p.m. meeting**

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North State Writers Hosts...

Sarah Pape

The Art of Self Editing

Sarah Pape teaches English at CSU, Chico and is the Managing Editor of Watershed Review. Her poetry & prose has been published or is forthcoming in: *New England Review*, *Passages North*, *Ecotone*, *Crab Orchard Review*, *Bluestem*, *The Pinch*, *Smartish Pace*, *Hayden's Ferry Review*, and others. Her chapbook, *Ruination Atlas*, was published this year (dancing girl press). She curates community literary programming & is a member of the Squaw Valley Community of Writers. www.sarahpape.com

March 19th 6 pm

Veterans Memorial Hall
554 Rio Lindo Ave, Chico

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You can't wait for inspiration. You have to go after it with a club. —

Jack London



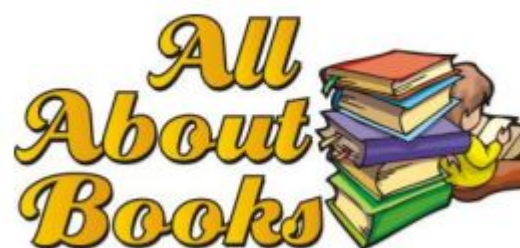
NSW NEWS

Welcome new members Joe Abbott and Pamela Saraga, this brings our total membership to 56. Thanks to everyone for continuing to support our club.

February's Tidbit Panel - Andrea Wagner, Robyn Engel and Heidi Nalley

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Our February meeting featured The Tidbit Panel and was both informative and entertaining. Heidi Nalley was first up and dazzled us with her power point presentation on book covers. Robyn Engel was next and had the crowd roaring with laughter as she provided tips on using humor in our writing. Last was Andrea Wagner who provided a helpful handout sheet with tips and tricks on creating our author bios. This event and photo was also memorialized in the local newspaper. Awesome trio, we look forward to more from these three.



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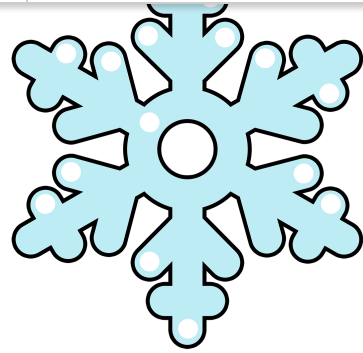
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THE SNOWFLAKE METHOD

There are many different methods of creating a story and each author must find what works best for them. One way is to use Randy Ingermanson's Snowflake Method. The author has granted permission to share information on his Snowflake method for writing a story. The following is a simple description of his process, more details can be found on his website, <https://www.advancedfictionwriting.com/articles/snowflake-method/>

Step 1) Write a one-sentence summary of your novel

Step 2) Expand your summary sentence to a full paragraph (approximately 5 sentences)

Step 3) Create a one page summary sheet for each character

Step 4) Expand each sentence in your summary paragraph from Step 2 into a full paragraph each

Step 5) Create a one page description of each major character and a half page description of the other important characters

Step 6) Expand the one page plot synopsis from Step 4 to a four page synopsis. Expand each paragraph from step 4 into a full page

Step 7) Expand your character descriptions into full-fledged character charts

Step 8) Take your four page synopsis and make a list of the scenes you need (Ingermanson recommends using a spreadsheet)

Step 9) Take each scene on your list and make it a multi-paragraph description

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Ingermanson's method may seem cumbersome initially, but it would help to understand your story, your characters and provide direction for your first draft.



Conferences and Workshops

APRIL

2018 Las Vegas Writer's Conference

Apr 19 - 21, 2018

The Tuscany Suites & Casino, 255 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas NV

www.lasvegaswritersconference.com

WordSpring Conference

April 28, 2018

Butte College

<https://buttewordspring.org/>

Pen to Published [2018 Redwood](#) Writers Conference

April 21, 2018

Santa Rosa CA

<http://redwoodwriters.org/2018-conference/>

Bay Area Book Festival

April 28-29, 2018

Berkeley CA

<https://www.baybookfest.org/>

"Fourth Annual Bay Area Book Festival"

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Non-Fiction Writers Conference

May 2-4th, 2018

Tele-conference

<http://nonfictionwritersconference.com/>

LDS Storymakers Conference

May 3-4th, 2018

Provo, UT

<http://ldstorymakersconference.com/>



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