

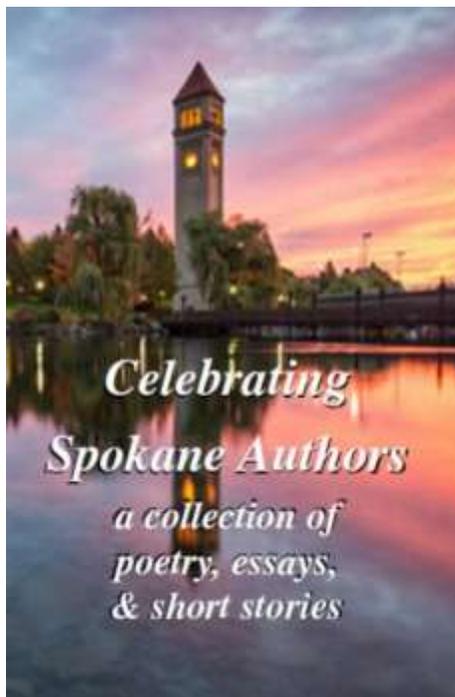


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NEWS

December 2017

Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers
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Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers (SASP) began in 1998 when *Chuck O’Conner, Elmer Freeman, Joe Meiners, and Dan Vollmer*, Spokane area authors formed a club in order to share their knowledge and experience with those interested in writing and alternative ways of publishing. Today, SASP is a large non-profit organization dedicated to anyone with interests in any aspect of writing and art. Members now include aspiring (and successful) authors, poets, journalists, illustrators, editors, publishers, printers, writing instructors, and many others. Monthly luncheon meetings provide inspiration and education by way of knowledgeable and entertaining guest speakers, and the cheerful camaraderie of people sharing common interests and goals. Membership is open to all who love writing, art, and interesting people.

Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers meets the first Thursday of each month at **Golden Corral**, 7117 N. Division Street, in Spokane

Presentations begin at **2:30 pm**. The room opens at **2:00 pm** so members and guests can dine, visit, join, pay dues, browse, and perhaps buy each other’s books. After short break, members and guests relate their accomplishments, mention upcoming activities, and we draw for door prizes.

Members and guests are requested to buy lunch upon entering the establishment, and to leave an appropriate tip for the waiter/waitress.

Members need to be present to win door prizes.

(Schedule variations will be posted on the SASP website, www.spokaneauthors.org, and current members notified via e-mail or telephone.)

Membership benefits include listing on the SASP website, www.spokaneauthors.org. Many members provide short biographies and links to external personal websites, creating more marketing exposure. Current members may list and describe their published works on the SASP website and offer their work for sale at meetings. (Be sure to visit the “links” page on our web-site. It will connect you to many interesting on-line locations, including those of many SASP members.)

Guest speakers at our monthly meetings inform, inspire, and entertain members and guests with a variety of topics, all designed to provide knowledge pertinent to writing and publishing.

SASP members are encouraged to purchase or trade completed works of and with fellow members. They are also encouraged to donate examples of their work for use as door prizes. Those who win other members’ works are expected to provide a review of that work.

Note:

SASP no longer transports name tags and display books to and from our meetings. Please take your name tag with you. It is yours to keep and maintain. Please take any books you have provided for display with SASP. We will provide space and stands for you to display your books, but you must bring them for each meeting.

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“Like” the SASP Facebook Page:

www.facebook.com/pages/Spokane-Authors-Self-Publishers/1640079982945679

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1646364128981815/>

OUR NEXT MEETING!

Please join us on **Thursday, December 7, 2017, 2:30 pm**, at the **Golden Corral, 7117 N. Division**. (The room opens at **2 pm** for dining and mingling prior to the actual meeting at **2:30**.)

Our December meeting will feature an “open mic” session, with various SASP members and guests reading brief (five minute) excerpts from their work. A sign-up sheet will be provided.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT



This year I've had more trouble selling my books than usual. By the end of September, I had sold only 18 books, plus a few on Amazon and Kindle. Part of the reason for this, of course, was due to the closures of the Hastings stores. I needed to find other places to sell my books. But where?

Then a friend clued me in on arts and crafts fairs. She enjoyed doing them and thought that I might, too. I also remembered that a couple of our past speakers had spoken about these events in a positive way.

Most of the fairs are held in schools or churches and usually last for one or two days. The hours are long, usually from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost to participate is anywhere from \$25 to \$65.

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I decided to give it a try and signed up for five fairs. For three of these, I invited other SASP authors to share my table and the cost.

During the fairs I was happy to see there were lots of shoppers, which gave me the opportunity to meet people and sell my books. I enjoyed visiting with my fellow authors and meeting other vendors who had many wonderful things to sell.

However, a downside to all of this was that it was boring the last hour of each day when there were few customers or none at all. But overall, during the last month, I managed to sell 48 books and it was a fun experience.

I still have my fifth and last fair for the year to go to on December 2nd in Newport, WA. And, I've already signed up for another fair for March 2018.

So if you are looking for a place to sell your books, you might want to try one or more of these arts and crafts fairs.

Happy writing!

Esther

FROM THE EDITOR/WEB-MASTER



Sometimes I think I'm one of the people who thrive under pressure... deadlines and all that. You see, I've had all this time since our last meeting to get the web-site updated and a start on the next issue of SASP NEWS. So as I so often do, I put it off until the very last minute. Oh, I've made a couple attempts to

write up the narrative our last meeting and to post it to the web-site, along with updated messages from our President and our Public Relations person. But with the new puppy, Coco, needing attention and the promise of various sports on television, I seem to have set it aside. Tonight I'm trying to at least make a start at it as it will be a few days before I can continue. Tomorrow morning (Monday the 20th of November) I'll be enroute to a local hospital for some surgery. It's to correct a condition found during a recent screening/exam. They are saying I should be back home in time for Thanksgiving. Regardless of when I do return home, I will not be able to update anything on the web-site for those few days I'm gone. NOre will I be able to progress towards a completed and ready December issue of SASP NEWS. So here's hoping that my drive lasts into the evening and allows me to get everything somewhat up to date.

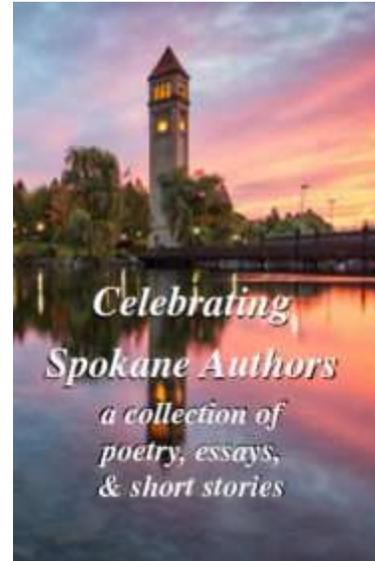
FROM OUR PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR



About SASP's Anthology A Look Behind the Scenes

Everybody's excited about our new Anthology and that launch party at the Shadle Library coming up on December 2. So, how did we get to this point – and what's next?

The idea of an anthology featuring SASP members began just three months ago, at the end of September. Luckily, the SASP board approved our going forward, and Sue Eller and I started mapping out what we would need to do to make this a reality BEFORE the holidays.



1. SUBMISSIONS: We released a Call for Submissions (with appropriate permission for a one-time use by SASP), and YOU responded. Some 19 SASP members submitted their work for . . .
2. EDITING: We read, reviewed, debated, and discussed a style sheet, the submissions, and got each writer's permission to move ahead with final copy.
3. FORMATTING: We then created another style sheet for the final format and Sue took a leadership role in laying out, final editing, and proofing the Anthology, helped by a team of minions – Kate Poitevin, Dave McChesney, Kate Poitiven, and me. Just in time for . . .
4. PUBLISHING: Sue and Kate set up accounts and got our paperback ordered, printed, and delivered through Gray Dog Press in time for our Launch Party. They also worked online with CreateSpace and Amazon to get the final e-book and paperback book for orders online all ready. Yes, I dug in here too. We have most of the bugs worked out as of

yesterday, November 18. Not a bad turnaround for a book of about 120 pages.

5. **MARKETING:** We're in the current phase here with distribution and marketing (press releases, etc). We'll have books ready for pick-up (pre-orders) and sale at the Launch Party.

WHAT'S NEXT? I'm in the middle of planning events for January and February. Are you interested? If YES!!!! Please e-mail or call me.

If you read our anthology and like it, please consider leaving a **REVIEW** on Amazon. Even a sentence or two can make a **BIG** difference. You can also send a review to **SASP** for inclusion on our web-site and in our newsletter.

Do you have friends or relatives, locally or out-of-state who might be interested in our Anthology? Please share the **LINK** (below) with them. Do you "Tweet," share information on Facebook, or use Instagram, feel free to pass the information along that way as well.

Amazon link for:

[CELEBRATING SPOKANE AUTHORS](#)

It's available both in Kindle™ and in paperback, depending upon your preference.

Meanwhile, happy writing! Are you working on your story, poem, or essay for the next **SASP Anthology**!

Beth

NOVEMBER'S MEETING



Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers met Thursday the 2nd of November at Golden Corral on North Division Street. Sue Eller and Dave McChesney teamed up to talk about

establishing a Facebook Author Page and using Twitter as a marketing tool.

Joyce Caudel, Chuck Lehman, and others talked about participating in many of the local craft fairs in the area in order to sell books. A number of other folks mentioned upcoming book signing events. Tiffani Harvey noted she'd held her first ever book signing a few weeks earlier and had sold two sets of her books.

Beth Camp put in a good word for 2nd Look Books and their willingness to host signing events. She noted that they also do a lot of the publicity that normally falls to the author. Beth also provided a signal boost for **NANOWRIMO** and suggested that it is a worthwhile project for every writer to participate in

Sue Eller let us know that Saturday December 2nd was set aside as the Launch Party for **SASP's** anthology. It will be held from 11 am until 1 pm at the Shadle Park Branch of the Spokane City Library. If you pre-ordered copies of the anthology at the November meeting, they will be available for pick-up at the Launch Party.

Jim Parry noted that in the years since publishing *Book All the Teachers*, he has sold upwards of 800 copies. He said he is sometimes stymied when trying to get it into schools and other locations because of a particular word that can be made out on the cover, underneath "book." He has thought to retitle the book and reissue it with a different cover. Some suggested to him that he might want to simply revise the cover to make sure the offending word was not quite so visible. He also mentioned that he has received an invitation to submit the full manuscript of the revised version for publishing consideration.

We talked a little bit about providing a member directory for members. Obvious sticking points involved making it available to all while still protecting individual privacy. Beth Camp and Sue Eller volunteered to work on establishment of a directory.

Among winners of door prizes were: Tom Wallace, Tiffani Harvey, Joyce Caudel, Larry Danek, Dave McChesney, Linda Noble, Paul Sasser, Jim Silliman, Beth Camp, and

Kathy Schrum. There may have been others, but your reporter/editor was amongst the winners and may have missed a few names while selecting a prize.

Our next meeting will be on the 7th of December at usual place and time. (2:00pm at the Golden Corral on North Division Street in Spokane. Meeting proper will start at 2:30.) As always, our December meeting will feature an "Open Mic" session with members and guests reading short excerpts from their work. A first come/first served sign-up sheet will be provided.

SASP's FINANCIAL STATUS

Submitted by Kate Poitevin

On 6 October 2017, a deposit of \$40.00 gave us a balance of \$2436.95. Since then we have deposited an additional \$285.00. Expenses during that time come to \$890.68, leaving us with a balance, as of 14 November, of \$1831.27.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Contact daveeva@comcast.net to get your event listed.

Launch Party... Saturday, December 2, from 11am to 1 pm at the Shadle Park Branch Library. Celebrate the release/launch of SASP's very own anthology. Pre ordered copies will be available. Copies will also be available for sale, along with food, fun, music, and more!

For Writers....here are some events you won't want to miss. (The following information courtesy of Jan Cline)

Spokane Christian Writers One-Day Conference, March 17, 2018. More information to come.

Chip MacGregor, Literary Agent: Half-day seminar in Spokane, April 21, 2018. More details to come, but you won't want to miss the chance to hear him.

[James L. Rubart Writing Academy](#) in Chelan, WA, May 3-6, 2018. An intensive 4 day event designed to get you on the path to publication.

[Northwest Christian Writer's Conference](#) in Seattle, June 1-2, 2018, Rachel Hauck, keynote speaker.

[Connecting Writers with Hollywood Conference](#), in Spokane, June 7-9, 2018. Last year's conference was a hit. Plan to come and broaden your opportunities for your writing.

SASP BOOKS ON AMAZON & KINDLE

Many SASP members' books are available on Amazon and/or Kindle™ (Contact the editor/web-master at daveeva@comcast.net to get your Amazon/Kindle books listed)

To speed your search, add the provided ten digit numerical or alpha-numerical code (ASIN) to: [www\(dot\)amzn\(dot\)com/dp/](http://www(dot)amzn(dot)com/dp/) (You may not need the "www.") For example: www.amzn.com./dp/B008TXC332 or: www.amzn.com/dp/1936178044 (Note: Alpha-numeric ASINs indicate a Kindle™ book. Numeric ASINs are for hard copy editions. Generally, one can find links to alternative editions on the chosen site.)

Various SASP members

Celebrating Spokane Authors:

A Collection of Poetry, Essays, and Short Stories

B077GBTQ67

D. Andrew McChesney:

Beyond the Ocean's Edge:

A Stone Island Sea Story **B008TXC332**

Sailing Dangerous Waters:

Another Stone Island Sea Story
B00HF9Y05K

James Parry:

Book All the Teachers:

An Irreverent Ride through Middle School

1501042211

Bob Weldin:

The Dry Digger's Club 0578106825
The Adventurists 153027253X

Sue Eller:

Return from Armageddon B005JVAJKQ
Meadowlark Madness B0097D599
Send in the Drones Coming Soon!
The Gluten Free Gourmand 150853134X
Taming of the T-Bird 1505963982

Beth Camp:

The Mermaid Quilt and Other Tales B0090VHKBC
Standing Stones B0013RYFW6
Years of Stone B00LF3FY4S
River of Stone Coming Soon!

Kate Poitevin:

Saving Tir Gaeltacht 1503167844

James Vasquez:

Men Who Knew Jesus Well 1604941901
Women of the Bible: their Story in Verse 1604942703
Prophets of the Old Testament: A Classic
Collection of Bible Heroes in Verse 1615661166
Words Jesus Spoke: In Verse 1452077894
The Psalms: In Verse 1449710344
Prayers from the Bible: In Classic Verse 1449727794

Joyce Caudel:

The Hat Pin Murders 1936178397
The Hat Box Mystery 1481959107
A Hat to Die For 1530028612

Helen Christine (Foster):

Full Disclosure 0990722201
The Lenders 0990722228

Chuck Lehman:

Angels Three Six B00KMJXQR8
The Big Woods B007SQ4CTE
Asher B00HNZ6TTG
Lazarus Arise B007R0NPW6
The Shepherd B00HJBN4P6
Rogue 6 B01H7N8G2G

Exposure: A Story of Survival and Intrigue

B01H5W4V64

T. A. Bratcher:

The Road Chosen 1495293165

B. J. Campbell:

Close Calls: True Tales of Cougar Bob 1936178044

Bob Manion:

Santa's Heroes 1936178095
The Tree House B004IZLHLE
Springer's Heart 0978850742
Summer Rain B00ZM3S2IM
Vampire and the Cop B00ZM4BBOS

Sandra L. Mason:

(Illustrated by Natalie J. Apodaca)
N is for Nativity 1517614880

Don Brockett:

Tyrannical Rule of the U. S. Supreme Court B01GW712VU

Stan Parks:

Jakob's Ladies 1532910762

Tiffani Harvey:

A Journey to Independence 1533499438
Growing Independent 1533499926

Allen Dorfman:

Reaching: A Vietnam War Novel 1500489638

Fred Jessett:

Mountains Melt Away B00KD5KWIW
My Name is Tamar B00DH3REWO
Drummer Loves Dancer B073H2RP7P

Lewis Meline:

Lies Exposed! The Truth about Diets... 0997915501

J. B. Rivard

Illusions of Magic:
Love and Intrigue in 1933 Chicago B01EGSC8N8

Larry Danek

I'm the Ghost in this Body:
The Nomadic Ghost B01I0Z500Q

Republished as:

I'm a Ghost in This Body:

A Story of the Nomadic Ghost

Jed's World

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Ghostly Reunion:

A Nomadic Ghost Story

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Diana Wickes

Home is Where the Heart Is

1523381841

Elegy to a Montanan: A widow's Song

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Andy Brown

Warnings Unheeded:

Twin Tragedies at Fairchild Air Force Base

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Meadow Pond

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Mr. Inky: Spider with an Attitude

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Marie's Marvelous Tomato

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Kathy Rae:

The Jewel of Hope: Book 1:

The Hope Trilogy

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Ducky Day or Yucky Day...You Choose

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Deprogramming a Bully: Book 1:

The Barber Chair Series

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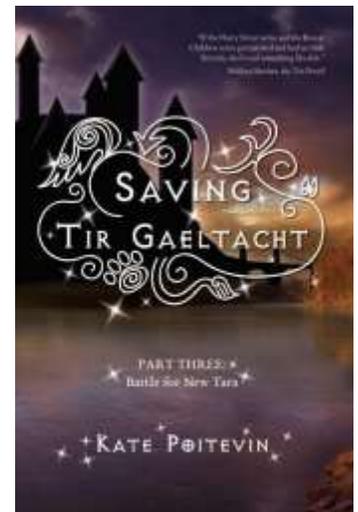
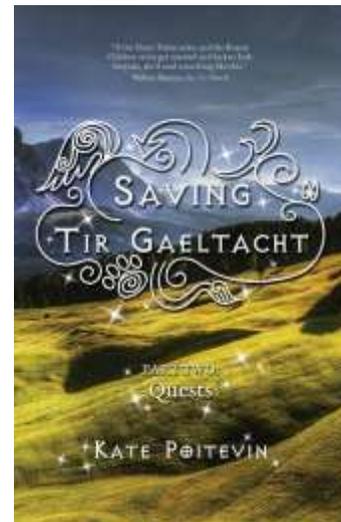
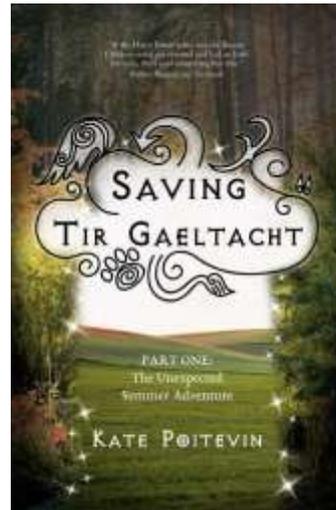
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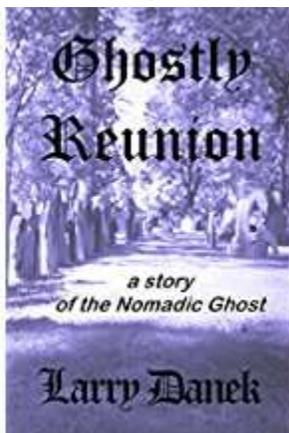
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Larry's latest Ghost Story is now available!

Kate's exciting Fantasy story is being reissued as a three volume set.