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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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OUR NEXT MEETING!

Please join us on **Thursday, October 5, 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 guest speaker will be **Bill Bancroft**.



He has been a professional musician for over 46 years, primarily playing country, rock, and blues. He plays drums, percussion, sings, and writes songs. Throughout the years he has played in numerous "bar bands" and has toured extensively with famous nationally known acts.

Bill spent time in the corporate world rising to become Vice President of a Spokane, Washington based bank. He also served stints as Director for various projects all over the U.S., and in England, Mexico, China and Poland.

Retired from the business world, Bill has gone back to playing music full time. He divides his time between *The Bobby Patterson Band* in Spokane and fills in with other bands when needed, whether for shows, tours, or recordings.

Bill is also an actor with a recurring role as "Billionaire #2" on the nationally syndicated, Spokane based, SYFY show, *Z-Nation*. He also was a principal in the independent film, *Checkers*. He has also modelled for various photo shoots, including *Henry VIII*, *Mr. Green*, *Gangster*, and many others.

Bill decided to recount his memories of his years on the road as a musician. He wanted to relate how an inconsequential young boy from Greenacres, Washington came to share the stage with incredible musicians and famous stars.

Bill is happily married to Sue. They have five grown children, eight grandchildren, and have two more on the way!

**Ten Minute Discussion:
"Exploring Connections Between Art
and Writing"**

FROM OUR PRESIDENT



I always said that I would never go on a TV or radio show. Well, that was before our September speaker, Stephen Pitters, gave his presentation about his radio program to our group. I was very impressed with what he had to say and when he asked for authors to sign up for his show, my husband, Bob, urged me to do it.

Then we went on vacation down in Oregon, and I forgot about it. However, when we got back home, there was a message on our answering machine from Stephen. I hadn't expected to hear from him so soon. I was nervous about doing the show and considered cancelling, but after two of our authors told me

how much fun they had doing the show, I gave him a call.

So last Monday morning, at ten o'clock, I found myself sitting with my husband in Stephen's office, on 35 W. Main Street. As he prepared, he talked to us and told us what we could and could not do during the interview. Actually, the interview was mostly about me since I was the author. He gave Bob the job of promoting his show by having him say during a station break, "You are listening to *Spokane Open Poetry* on KYRS, heard on 92.3 & 88.1 FM, and streaming at www.kyrs.org."

I chose to read two parts from my book, *Mr. Inky: Spider with an Attitude*. From time to time, Stephen asked me a few questions about my writing, teaching, etc. Before my time was up, I talked briefly about my other two books and future books. I informed the audience where my books were available and then the interview was over. The whole thing went pretty fast. Stephen is a great interviewer and he made the whole experience very enjoyable. I'm glad I did it.

Before we left, Stephen burned a CD copy of the interview for us, and he talked to us about streaming his program. My interview will be heard on the radio on December 9, 2017. Other SASP members who did their interviews before me, will be heard during the month of November.

If you forget and miss the shows, you can stream them by going to www.kyrs.org. This will take you to the KYRS Official Site. Push "Schedule" and you will see the listing of all the programs. Scroll down to Saturday at 11:00 a.m., *Spokane Open Poetry*, and push that. The current list is displayed and is made up of four people who have already given their presentations. Play which one you wish to hear. Enjoy.

If you haven't signed up yet, I urge you to do so and get some free publicity for your book(s).

Happy writing!

Esther

FROM THE EDITOR/WEB-MASTER



Those who check my web-site, www.stoneislandseastories.com on occasion have probably noticed I try to keep a running list of the books I read. Sometimes I forget to update for a while so it's a question of whether or not I include everything. Recently I realized I had skipped a book read earlier in the year. To make matters worse, it was a book by a SASP member. Apologies to the author and I'll add it to the list the next time I update my site. I will also add it to the appropriate pages and locations in SASP NEWS and on the SASP web-site, www.spokaneauthors.org as well.

The moral? If I haven't posted your book or a fellow SASP member's book on our web-site, tell me. I sometimes have trouble keeping track of my own stuff, let alone stuff for SASP.

And finally... in her column, Beth talks briefly about a typo she found in a book she was reading. Not all that long ago, one of you sent me an image of a book cover with a very obvious typo... right there on the cover. I can't find it now, and I wouldn't have put it here anyway, as there is no need to embarrass the author. But we should all be doubly aware to check our book covers for accuracy and eliminate any mistakes.

FROM OUR PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR



Online Writing Challenge: Should I?

As Spokane heads away from summer and into cooler temperatures, some of us take writing classes, attend workshops or conferences, or set up new goals and/or deadlines. Have you participated in an online writing challenge? This can be an interesting way to stretch into new territory, meet other writers, and share your work.

Are you a poet? Why not consider participating in October's poetry writing challenge? Could you write a poem a day for each day in October? If you'd like to try, check out OctPoWriMo 2017 at <http://www.octpowrimo.com/p/poetry-challenge.html> You'll post your poem daily on your blog, receive daily e-mail writing prompts, and read the poems of other participants. Yes, it's time to sign up for OctPoWriMo 2017, now in its 6th year.

Could you write 50,000 words of your novel in one month? Hop over to NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month) for a wealth of resources and sign up for this annual challenge during the month of November. You don't have to 'finish' to participate. Lots of writers use NaNoWriMo to jumpstart a new writing project, and there just might be local meet-ups to encourage those words. Here's the link: <https://nanowrimo.org/>

EDITING FAUX PAS? Earlier this month, I was reading a pretty interesting story (title and author omitted on purpose), to find this line: "Her mind wandered to fairy tail endings." Obviously, the writer's mind had wandered as well.

May your writing go well, your words flow smoothly, and your editing eye stay alert!

Beth



SEPTEMBER'S MEETING



The September 7th meeting of Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers featured Stephen Pitters. He is a poet and the host of, "Spokane Open Poetry," on KYRS, Thin Air Community Radio. Besides poetry, the weekly program also features creators of prose and music.

Stephen described a typical program taping evolution and invited members of Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers to join him and record a program for later airing on KYRS. He stated he could provide “fame, but not fortune.” Additionally, he said, it was an invitation to be “heard around the world.” He also spoke at length about the six shows per year that he hosts from the Barnes and Noble store in the North Town Mall, and invited everyone to stop by for the next event on September 20th.

Joining us as members of Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers were Caryl Briscoe-Michas, Henry P. Sasser III, Linda Noble, and Kylea Carter. Welcome!

Beth Camp announced Spokane Author’s and Self-Publishers’ anthology project, setting out the planned time line and noting the requirements for submitting work for the volume. She noted that submissions could be sent by electronic means to her or Sue Eller.

Bob Manion announced his upcoming book signing on September 9th at 2nd Look Books on Spokane’s South Hill. Stan Parks noted an upcoming signing at the Barnes and Noble store in the Valley, and Dave McChesney mentioned a signing at 2nd Look Books on September 30th. Tiffani Harvey will be signing books at Auntie’s Bookstore on October 7th, from 1:30 to 3:00 pm.

Kate Poitevin noted that the second volume of her trilogy, Saving Tir Gaeltacht was now in print. Originally released as one volume, it was suggested that it be split into three volumes due to its length. Following earlier discussion by Officers and Advisory Board Members in which it was decided to provide a bit more information on the status of the group’s finances, Kate, who is our treasurer, noted that we currently had \$2376.95 in our credit union account. (In the future we will provide a more detailed Treasurer’s Report each month in SASP NEWS.)

Our Ten Minute Discussion focused on “Goal Setting for Marketing,” with advice from Sue Eller, Beth Camp, Kate Poitevin, and Bob Manion. Next month’s topic will concern “The Connections Between Art and Writing.”

When it came time to award door prizes, we discovered that a number of people had left after Stephen’s presentation. We drew several ticket numbers before anyone claimed a prize. Winners include one of our new members, either Kylea Carter or Linda Noble, Jim Silliman, Caryl Briscoe-Michas, Bonnie Stichert, Bob Weldin, Tiffani Harvey, Jim Parry, Betty Deuber, Bob Hildahl, Joyce Caudel, Henry Sasser, Sue Eller, Bob Manion, Dave McChesney, Esther Hildahl, and Cindy Silliman. If anyone else won a door prize it may have occurred when your reporter won and stepped away from his notes in order to choose and claim his prize.

Our speaker for October 5th will be Bill Bancroft. He is a musician and actor, and has written a book about his experience as a drummer in the 1970s. Bill will share the process of writing this book from his perspective.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

BOOK SIGNINGS

Stan Parks

Saturday, October 7th at 11 pm

Barnes And Noble (Valley)

15310 E. Indiana Ave., Spokane Valley, WA

Tiffani Harvey

Saturday, October 7th, from 1:30 to 3:30 pm

Auntie’s Bookstore

402 W. Main Ave., Spokane, WA

Stan Parks

Thursday, November 23rd

Barnes And Noble (North Town Mall)

4790 N. Division St., Spokane, WA

WRITE ON THE SOUND WRITERS' CONFERENCE

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

NYT Best-selling author

Kristin Hannah

Pre-conference

Full Day workshop with **Mary Buckham**

October, 6, 7, & 8, 2017 (Friday, Saturday, & Sunday)

Registration open July 20th, 9:00 am (PDT)

Schedule and information available at:

www.writeonthesound.com

To receive conference information electronically, sign up for newsletter at: tinyurl.com/WOTSnewsletter

Contact: (425) 771-0228

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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.)

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

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Bob Weldin:

The Dry Diggin's Club

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The Adventurists

153027253X

Sue Eller:

Return from Armageddon

B005JVAJKQ

Meadowlark Madness

B0097D599I

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

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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 148971183X
Jed's World B00MWDJ1YY

Diana Wickes

Home is Where the Heart Is 1523381841
Elegy to a Montanan: A widow's Song
1523382414

Andy Brown

Warnings Unheeded:
Twin Tragedies at Fairchild Air Force Base
0997863404

Esther J. Hildahl

Meadow Pond 154244828X
Mr. Inky: Spider with an Attitude 1542451248
Marie's Marvelous Tomato 1548307653

Kathy Rae:

The Jewel of Hope: Book 1:
The Hope Trilogy 1500236578
Ducky Day or Yucky Day...You Choose
154139142X

Deprogramming a Bully: Book 1:
The Barber Chair Series B06W5NP6Y1

**Margaret Albi Verhoef &
Rita Gard Seedorf:**

Letters from Brackham Wood B00JEMX656
Letters from a Wary Watcher B01EKOH02C

Russell H. Ford

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FIFTY COMMON INTERVIEW QUESTIONS.

In his recent presentation, SASP member Bob Weldin mentioned a list of fifty questions commonly asked during author interviews. He used approximately half of them during the mock interview portion of his presentation. He has since provided the entire list. Over the next several months we will endeavor to include a few in each issue of SASP NEWS.

Courtesy of John Fox at BookFox
<http://thejohnfox.com/2016/06/good-questions-to-ask-an-author/>

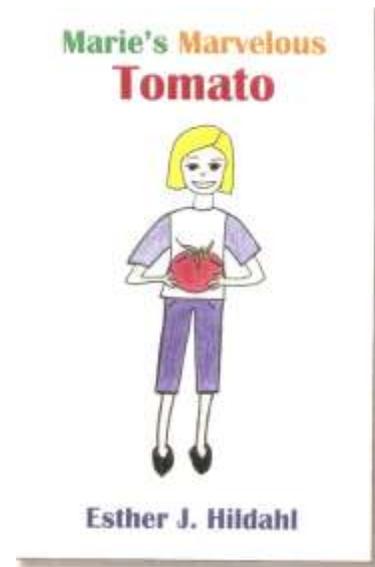
“50 Good Questions to Ask an Author”
(Questions 1 – 35 appeared in previous issues of SASP NEWS)

36. What are the ethics of writing about historical figures?
37. How do you select the names of your characters?
38. If you didn't write, what would you do for work?
39. Do you read your book reviews? How do you deal with bad or good ones?
40. Do you hide any secrets in your books that only a few people will find?
41. What was your hardest scene to write?
42. Do you Google yourself?
43. What one thing would you give up to become a better writer?
44. What are your favorite literary journals?
45. What is your favorite childhood book?
46. What is the most difficult part of your artistic process?
47. Does your family support your career as a writer?
48. If you had to do something differently as a child or teenager to become a better writer as an adult, what would you do?
49. How long on average does it take you to write a book?
50. Do you believe in writer's block? (DO NOT ask whether they've had writer's block).

Consider your answers to these
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questions. They may be of help in the future.

BOOK REVIEWS



Reviewed by Joyce Caudel

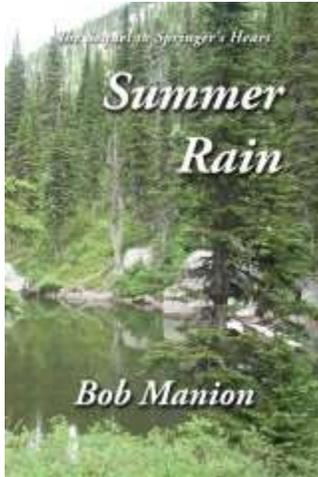
Marie's Marvelous Tomato is a delightful story of a young girl's summer project. Marie and her best friend, Ginger, have planned a summer full of excitement. When Ginger announced her parents were getting a divorce and she must move to Seattle to live with her grandparents, Marie's summer plans all vanished. Marie felt very sad for Ginger because her own parents divorced years ago and she lost touch with her father.

Marie is a girl that loves to eat tomatoes and suddenly she comes up with a plan for her summer project, she will grow a tomato plant. She plants it with care and tends to it daily. Finally, a small green tomato appears on her plant. It is the only tomato on the plant, but it grows and grows into a giant tomato! Marie's family encourages her to enter her tomato in the fair.

The judges agreed, Marie's tomato was the largest tomato entered in the fair but it had the best shape and color. Marie was given a blue ribbon for her successful summer project.

The story ends very happy when Ginger announces her parents are getting back

together and she won't have to move to Seattle. Marie receives a letter from her father saying he missed her and her brother and would like to come to visit them if it would be alright with her mother. Marie was very happy, she had her best friend back and was going to get to know her father.



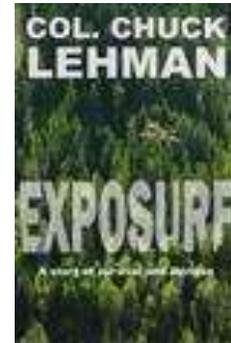
Reviewed by D. Andrew McChesney

Sara Bennett is a Smokejumper, earning her living by parachuting out of airplanes to fight forest fires. On a training and qualification jump she is injured. While recovering she meets a young doctor that she feels may be the man in her life. At the same time she is forced out of the Smokejumpers and becomes a Ranger with the Federal Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement Service. Here she meets fellow Ranger Randy Springer. They soon become a team in a number of ways.

On the job, their pursuit of lawbreakers goes way beyond tracking down the occasional poacher or the fisherman with an expired license. Escaped prisoners, illicit drugs, terrorists, and corruption at the high levels of government make life interesting for Sara and Randy.

This was an interesting and entertaining story, one that was difficult to put down. It nicely combines action, romance, great characters, with an appreciation of both the wild lands of America with deep respect for those in the Armed Forces and Law

Enforcement. It is a fitting sequel to Manion's earlier *Springer's Heart*.



Reviewed by Robert G. Hildahl

Another great book by Col. Chuck Lehman. Using his survival training skills, he has successfully created an exciting suspense-filled thriller and a page turner.

The story begins with Cal, a pilot, being forced to crash land his plane into the tree tops of a Canadian forest. Now he and his photojournalist, Jillian, must not only survive in the woods but must also avoid being shot by a mysterious stranger who is shooting at them. With a little romance mixed in, *Exposure* is a great read.

Reviewed by Fred Jessett

I don't usually read thrillers but this looked like it might be a good read so I decided to give it a shot. I was not disappointed. A routine aerial photo mission for a mining company turns deadly when the plane carrying former U. S. Air Force pilot Cal Cunningham and risk-taking photojournalist, Jill Adams is forced down in the wilderness of northern Canada. They soon discover that they have to deal with the wilderness but also a Russian sniper and a Mexican drug cartel. All of Cal's survival training and his resourcefulness are put to use as Cal and Jill devise ways to survive both nature and those out to kill them. In the process Cal and Jill also find themselves relying on prayer and on each other in ways that rekindle faith and love in lives that had lost both somewhere in the past.