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Newsletter

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2002 Meetings Highlights: January through May

Check List

- Mark your calendar for upcoming meetings
- Submit your bio for publication on the website
- Write a review for another member
- Send a note on your accomplishments to Tim Hillebrand
- Pay your dues

The new century is well under way as we launch the new year with five exciting programs that you will not want to miss because of the valuable information they will convey and the ideas they will stimulate.

January 3

Poetiers Unite

January is POETRY time at SASP and our opportunity to shine and show off some of favorite *stuff*. SASP is allowing us another hour to read at the January meeting, as we did last year. There

are a few minutes open if you haven't signed up for this event. Come give us your best and help support the poetic faction of SPOKANE AUTHORS AND SELF-PUBLISHERS.

Tell me not in mournful numbers we can't shake this world apart.

All the brave souls fear a poet, for their words strikes at the heart.

POETS, ARISE AND UNITE!!!

Contact Chuck O'Connor, if you want to sign up,
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e-mail ceogro@msn.com

February 5

John Church and a panel of experts will take us on a genealogical journey exploring the finer points of research and where to go for information. They will discuss online resources and computer databases, as well as computer programs that will help you organize and publish your material.

March 7

Jack Poole, in order to produce his latest volume, **Valiant Dreamers**, engaged in

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Book Review

SATIN GLOVES AND OTHER SURPRISES

The Seniors Program Writers' Workshop Anthology **Satin Gloves and Other Surprises** is hot off the presses and selling well at local book stores. Big, Bold, Bright, and Beautiful, this large book is one all participants are justly proud of. Ninety-one authors contributed over 250 stories and poems to this massive 456-page anthology. Most works in the book come from assignments given Writers' Workshop students by instructor Virginia White. Conceived over three years ago by

Virginia White, the project was quickly endorsed by the Seniors Program manager, Pat Freeman. Since the anthology's inception Pat and Virginia have been the editing and production team for the fine effort, assisted by program staff Katherine Emerson and Karen Liguori. The Seniors Program of the Institute for Extended Learning at the Community Colleges of Spokane is the educational entity sponsoring this beautiful book.

Stories and poems in the anthology cover the gamut of senior adult experiences from hilariously funny to poignant and heartfelt. A true reflection of at least three generations' experiences, the authors range from mature 55'ers to young

and vibrant 90-year-olds. Beautifully illustrated by senior artists Cora Oliver, Gail Lindsay and Lola Moore, **Satin Gloves and Other Surprises** is truly a local winner and deserving of your interest and support.

The book retails for \$25 and is available at a discount (\$20) directly from the Seniors Program 533-3393 or pfreeman@iel.spokane.cc.wa.us

All proceeds benefit the Seniors Program scholarship fund.

Review by Chuck O'Connor



President's Message

I hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving and will have a wonderful holiday season wherever it takes you. As we look to the new year we have a new slate of officers to approve, which include Tim Hillebrand for president, Don Johnson as vice president, Pat Kobza for treasurer, and Mickey Alferez for secretary.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our previous officers, Jim Hooppaw as vice president, Phyllis Heinel as treasurer, and Jolene Feher, as well as her husband Ferenc for their dedication and hard work. It was a pleasure serving with them.

As you can see from the run down of programs, you have something to look for-

ward to at lunch the first Thursday of each month until our summer hiatus in June through August. My goal is to make this organization useful to its members. One of the best ways to do that is to make our meetings highly informative and packed with valuable information.

Other ways SASP can be useful to its members is first for us all to get to know one another a little better. In that way, we know where to go for advice and expertise. We're here to help one another. The best way for this to happen is for all of us to publish our biography on the Website. So, if you haven't submitted your bio yet, please sit down and compose one right now, and then send it to me for publication.

Another useful mechanism for SASP members is that we

can write book reviews for one another. These can be published on our own Website, as well as on Amazon.com and other book seller Websites. Let's try to do that for one another. Why not ask someone to write a review for you, even if it means giving them a copy of your book. I'm sure they would be happy to return the favor.

If you visit the SASP Website, you will notice that I have started a new offering on the right hand column of the home page. It will feature highlights of each presenter's presentation, so that if you had to miss the meeting, you will still be able to benefit. So far, we have Robin Heflin's tips on creativity and Romana Hillebrand's common errors and sentence patterns. All you have to do is click on the hyperlink and the information is yours.

This is a reminder that it will

be time to pay our dues in January. Please come prepared to fork over five bucks to Pat.

Tim Hillebrand



The next generation of Pocket PC's is here with WindowsCE 2002. Check them out as eBook readers: www.microsoft.com/mobile/pocketpc/learnmore.asp

Check this out

James Nelson continues to be one of our more prolific members with a host of new articles published and parts of his book **The Way It Was and the Way it Is** just out in audio form with Books in Motion.

How to Argue With an Atheist

by [Mike Hinz](#)

ISBN: 1-4010-1391-0

(Trade Paperback)

Pages: 121

Subject: RELIGION / General

www1.xlibris.com/bookstore/

Book Review

Hooked on Little Goose

By Ed Muzatko

Ed tells stories that I enjoy. He also tells them in a short, but to the point manner. It is as if he is sitting across from you sharing a cup of coffee or some stronger substance. I like the method, probably because I tend to write the same way and have sat with many a group and told many a story of a different subject, but with the same enjoyment. Telling a tale amongst a group with similar interests in reminiscent of the old radio program. Can You Top This? I would guess that most of you recall radio and the programs.

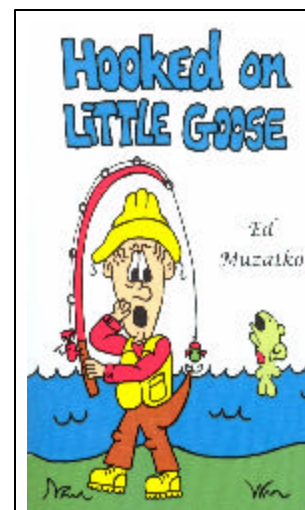
One would think that the subject of the book is fishing. It is and it isn't. Fishing and the expeditions to Little Goose Lake just set the scene for a

series of short takes on how a group of men with similar interests spend their time when engaged in a fishing trip. Occasionally, a fish is caught. Fishing widows may or may not want to know the truth about these excursions, which will tend to authenticate their suspicions.

Eastern Washington is the scene for the book, which is not fiction, except when relating the size of the fish caught. Reading about an area with which you are familiar only adds to the enjoyment, for the mind does not have to create images of unknown places.

It is not until the Afterword that one realizes the book is much more than a series of fishing stories. It is a tribute to friend and relationships which grow out of the love of fishing.

Review by Jim Hooppaw





Future Meetings Continued...

extensive research, bringing together material from a variety of sources. He will discuss the journey he took and share some of his tricks, tips, and traps, with particular focus on online resources and how to access and evaluate them.

April 4

Tim Hillebrand will give a hands-on mini-workshop on electronic publishing. He'll discuss the virtues of various formats and walk you

through the process using state of the art software and a PowerPoint presentation. He will also discuss marketing strategies for eBooks.

May 2

We have invited (and are working on coordinating schedules) Chris Crutcher, well-known Spokane author, mostly of young adult books, who will share with us his approach to writing and the sources of his inspiration. Not only will he keep you on

the edge of your seat, but he'll have you laughing in it.

**Please Remember to
Pay your Dues**

**Don't Forget to Submit Your
Biography
for Our Website**



Book Review

The Private Eye had a Mind of His Own

By C. J. Cherryh

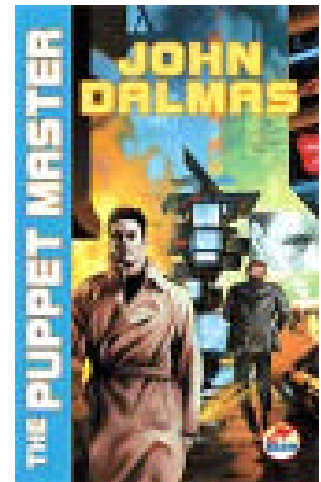
In an alternate time line, a breakthrough in basic physics has catapulted technology centuries ahead in only a few years. Everyday life has become very different, but crime always goes on, and criminals have found new ways to steal and murder and cover their

tracks. It hasn't made life any easier for private eye Martti Seppanen, in a Los Angeles that Philip Marlowe would barely recognize.

Murder is still murder, but the weapon may be a bioengineered disease, the murderer may be someone who can control other people mentally, and the victim may be someone whose legal status as a human is in limbo, and whose existence is a government secret.

But when Seppanen is on the case, it gets solved, with legwork, with muscle, and often with the help of some unusual friends -one of them much more than a friend-with their own very unusual mental powers.

The Puppet Master
By John Dalmas



Book Review

Valiant Dreamers

by [Jack Poole](#)

\$34.95

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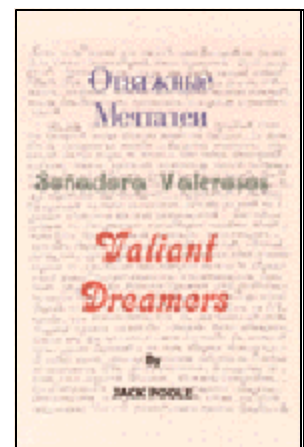
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An adventurous and romantic trip through Russia and northern California in the 19th Century.

In the 17th and 18th centuries,

the great powers of the world were concentrating energy, wealth, and ingenuity on the expansion of their empires far beyond the historical examples of Rome, Greece or Egypt. The Empire of Russia, expanding her borders under Peter the Great and Catherine the Great, was pressing toward the development of a Russian North America in the reign of Tsar Alexander. His weapon, unlike the military conquests of Spain, Portugal, France and England, was trade and commerce like the Dutch. Along with the giants of the North, Pribylov,

Bering, Golikov and Shelikhov, Count Nikolai Rezànov earned fame and fortune as an intrepid explorer of the 18th Century. This is his story, and the story of the valiant men and women who adopted his dream of an Empire stretching from St. Petersburg to San Francisco.



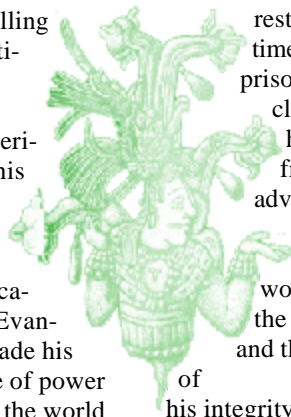
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Book Review

The Green Jade Head By Tim Hillebrand

The second in a series of archaeological sagas featuring Dr. Blake Garvin is set on the border of Guatemala and Belize where an amazing Maya city has been discovered that dates all the way from the Pre-Classic to Post Classic. Blake's goal is to use this site as a model of economic and ecological development for the region and its impoverished people. His project gains world-wide recognition and respect until his world starts disintegrating when he starts trying to recover a priceless, carved, green jade head that was stolen from a tomb. The

Maya site is the focus of an international situation because it straddles the borders of both countries who share no love. He is accused of selling reproductions of artifacts for his own profit. An internet slander campaign seriously undermines his credibility, and he is on the verge of having his funding stripped and the excavation shut down. Evangelistic hippies invade his site seeking a place of power where they believe the world will end according to Maya legend. The CIA attempts to arrest him, even though he has become a citizen of Belize.



Guatemalan guerillas seek revenge and Colombian drug lords are after Blake. To make matters worse he is arrested and held for a time in a Belize prison. Then it becomes clear to Blake that his love interest from the previous adventure in Baja California now clearly prefers women. His quest for the green jade head and the re-establishment of his integrity takes him to Colombia where he battles drug lords. Resolution, at least of some matters, comes with an internationally aired show

broadcast from the site by CNN on the Larry King Live Show when Blake stages some surprises for the whole world and is surprised in turn by the native Maya. The unresolved issues become the basis of the next book, **The Soles of the Runners.**

The Green Jade Head

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