

# Spokane Authors & Self-Publishers



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## Timothy S. Hillebrand, Ph.D.—February Speaker



Tim Hillebrand

### PowerPoint for Writers

Tim has agreed to give us another session on computer technology useful for writers. Last year he gave us a primer on how to publish eBooks. If you missed it, you can view his PowerPoint presentation on the SASP Website at [www.synergetics.org/sasp](http://www.synergetics.org/sasp).

And speaking of PowerPoint, that will be the subject of his presentation at our meeting on February 5th. He promises to make it simple so that everyone can do it because it is simple. Maybe those already experienced in PowerPoint will pick up a few tips too on the new version of PowerPoint 2003, only recently released. He'll also be showcasing a new TabletPC, which he'll use for the presentation. Since Tim

is a writer for *PocketPC Magazine*, he will no doubt show you how to use a PocketPC for PowerPoint presentations as well.

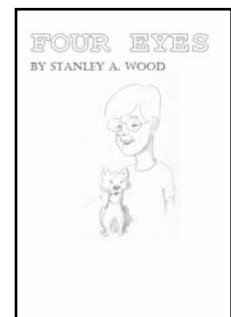
PowerPoint is the greatest invention ever for anyone who needs to give a presentation to an audience. Writers, in order to promote their work, should constantly be in front of an audience. PowerPoint will help you to be organized and professional. You need to know PowerPoint if you want to promote your work successfully. Don't miss this valuable presentation.

At a recent Idaho Library Association convention, Tim gave a Power Point presentation on Lexicons for Libraries. Since this subject is also of interest to writers, he will use this program as a demonstration of a PowerPoint production. Come prepared to learn about some valuable tools available to writers and each participant may receive a surprise gift of great value. Our February session will be packed with useful information for authors. Don't miss it.



### Four Eyes

By Stanley A. Wood



"What I liked about this book was when I got to the end of a chapter I couldn't wait to start the next to see what happened."  
Mary Anne Littlemore, Elementary Librarian (retired)  
"I found the book to be true to life and mirrored how children act and react in any given situation."  
Virginia Stare, 6th Grade Teacher (Retired)  
"I really liked the book. It was exciting."  
Nels Evenson, Grade 5, Spokane Elementary School Student

### Dan Poynter Workshop Rescheduled

Regrettably we were forced to cancel the January Dan Poynter Workshop due to inclement weather.

Fortunately, Dan can fit us in his busy schedule again next October and promises to have even more new tricks up his sleeve. Sign up now.



## Sign up now for Dan Poynter Workshop



### President's Message

Letter From The New President:

Greetings to one and all for the new year. It is my hope that this will be a productive year for all of us writers and authors and that many of us will get published. Please don't forget that your 2004 dues are now due to be paid. It is again just \$5 for the year, a bargain. We have secured Dan Poynter for next fall in October and we will have better weather this time. We have most of our speakers booked for the year, but still need to fill a few gaps. If any of you have an idea for a great speaker for our club, please feel free to let any one of our officers know about it. We'd appreciate it. If anyone has a public announcement to make at our meetings please try to let me know before the meeting starts so that I see you get the attention you deserve. Thanks to Tim Hillebrand for getting out this newsletter, his last one after four years. Veda Van Zee will be doing the newsletters after this one so let us know if you have any book signings coming up or any other good news. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of our outgoing officers for their service and dedication this past year, two years in the case of Don Johnson, past president. Our vice president Fran Wicht has signed up for another year and I look forward to serving with her. Phil Colozzi did a colossal job as treasurer, as did Karen Hol as secretary. I wish you all a happy, healthy, and productive New Year. May your publications be many and your typos few.

Stanley Wood

### Future Meetings

#### February 5

PowerPoint for Writers and Electronic Lexicons by Tim Hillebrand (see cover story)

#### March 4

Attorney Michael Keyes will address our group on copyright law, pictures used in publishing and their copyright and other ramifications of publishing as they pertain to copyright.

#### April 1

Jennifer McCord, president of Media Weavers and long time book promoter, will talk to us about the tricks and traps of marketing, promoting, and public relations.

#### May 6

Steve Oliver, a local Spokane author who is both published and self-published as a mystery writer, who helps other authors put together their books and covers will share with us some of his experiences to expand our knowledge of self-publishing.

#### June, July, August

We are dark during the summer months.

#### September 2

Christ Crutcher is tentatively scheduled for September. Chris is a popular author of young adult books with many awards and banned books to his credit. He's a witty, entertaining, and inspiring

speaker whom you will not want to miss as we kick off the Fall season.

#### October 7

Dan Poynter, the guru of self-publishing will visit us again for the second time with a post-graduate seminar on how to promote and sell your book. This is an all new workshop packed with valuable information.

**SIGN UP FOR DAN POYNTER WORKSHOP**

To sign up and reserve your place for the workshop, send your check for \$50 to our treasurer,

**November 4** to be announced

**December 2** to be announced

**“Electronic Publishing is definitely the wave of the future.” John Dalmas**

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## Book Review



Our September speaker Christina Crawford's new book **Daughters of the Inquisition** is now available. If you ordered it in September, you will be receiving it shortly in the mail. If you have not ordered it and would like to receive a copy, you may purchase it online at [www.sevenspringspress.com](http://www.sevenspringspress.com). The price is \$30.00, plus \$4.95 shipping. But, if you mention that you are a member of SASP, the price is only \$24.00.



## Meet the New Officers

### President-Stanley Woods

Stanley Wood is a retired school teacher who taught in Spokane for many years and is the author of the children's book **Four Eyes. Also a poet**, he has been a member of the club for two years. One of his limericks was published last year in the Spokesman Review Limerick contest. He is presently writing a novel of intrigue about the middle east for adults.

### Vice President-Fran Wicht

Our Vice -President enjoyed the last 25 yrs of her professional career teaching in the RN/LPN program at Spokane Community College. She attended Whitworth College for her B.S., Eastern Washington University for a M.Ed. Fran has been writing for years but has only published short articles in professional and organizational journals. She has been inspired since joining SASP to become a self-published author. She enjoys traveling and circled the globe during one of her sabbaticals to visit hospitals and nurses in other countries. She will have been married 50 years in 2005 and hopes to celebrate her wedding anniversary in Hawaii where she met and married. She has two daughters and one granddaughter.

### Secretary-Veda Van Zee

The first 30 years of her life were spent in Iowa where she was born, raised, graduated from the University of Iowa, taught school, married her high school sweetheart, and had her first two boys.

The next part of her life has been spent in the Northwest. Her last two boys were born in Spokane. Besides raising a family since she came here, she received her Masters degree from EWU, taught, ran her own business, and sold real estate. She has also done extensive volunteer work with Boy Scouts, Special Olympics and in the community.


To relax, she enjoys her children, five granddaughters and one grandson, reads, writes, knits, sews, makes porcelain dolls, motor home traveling and playing with her toy poodles.

One of her biggest accomplishments was to learn alpine skiing when she was 54 years old. She's pleased about having one of her poems published in several periodicals including one that was distributed internationally.

At present she is working on two books, one fiction. and one non fiction.

### Treasurer-Ruth Stafford

Ruth has enjoyed writing poetry since she was eight years old. She is currently working on a memoir with the help of a class she's taking at the senior center and hopes to publish it soon.

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## **Veda Van Zee will Take Over as Newsletter Editor**

After what was supposed to be a one shot deal and turned into a four year stint as editor of the SASP Newsletter, Tim is happy to be turning over the job to our new secretary Veda Van Zee starting with the next issue. Start sending her news items and book reviews now for the next newsletter.

## **New Webmaster Needed for SASP Website**

Tim has also been trying to resign as Webmaster. So if there is anyone out there would like to take over that job, Tim will double the salary of the new Webmaster position. Heck, he'll even triple since it's zero, but it does have its rewards and he'd like to find one of our members to carry on and to move the Website upward and onward so that it will eventually become a viable platform for selling member's books Please contact Tim at [chief@synergetics.org](mailto:chief@synergetics.org) or one of the board members if you are interested.

## **Bamontes Publish New Magazine**

Our members and publishers of many historical tomes on the history of the Spokane area Tony & Suzanne Bamonte have a new magazine out called the **Spokane Times and Coeur d'Alene Nugget**. It can be purchased through Cheryl Starr 326-9205.