

Spokane Authors & SelfPublishers



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January 6—Alan Chidester, our new Webmaster, and his wife Dona, owners of Arts & Crafts Bookbinding & Publishing of Oakesdale, Washington, since 1992 will lay out the necessary steps necessary to publish your book and answer all of your questions about the processes involved.

February 3—Researching, Writing, and Assembling a Book is the working title for a panel discussion by SASP past president Don Johnson and Byron King, publisher of Nostalgia Magazine and owner of King's

Publications, will conduct a panel discussion on the creation of Don's new book Dear Old Nat. To kick things off, Byron will show an interesting, short video on the history of Spokane.

March 3—Doctor Your Own Manuscripts
Dr. Larry Godwin offers edit and critique services from Missoula, Montana, and will share with us his suggestions for doctoring our own manuscripts, both prose and poetry. He brings a background in university teaching to his work, and has written for many

national publications. He organized and leads a critique group in Missoula.

April 6—
Digital Pitching
Tim Hillebrand, Ph.D., a retired archaeologist, novelist, and technical writer, will show you step by step how to create a fun and informative PowerPoint presentation easily and quickly on your home computer. There is no reason to bore audiences with mechanical slide shows and clumsy (cont. p 2)

Meet Our New Officers and Board Members

Barbara Cagle—President
After supporting her husband's naval career, raising two children, and a successful real estate career, Barbara has retired and vowed to write a book about growing up 13th in a family of 16.

David Demers—VP



David Demers is a former newspaper reporter and currently is associate professor of communication at Washington State University in Pullman. He is author or editor of 11 books and operates Marquette Books, a full service book publishing company, in his spare time. On January 29, he will be teaching a four-hour seminar on book publishing at the City of Spokane's Corbin Center.

Michael Hinz—Treasurer
Michael has been a member of

SASP for several years, and has been writing for over thirty years. He has written a number of magazine articles on a variety of topics. His first published book is How to Argue With an Atheist, which explains how to present religious ideas to nonbelievers in a rational and logical manner. His first novel, Satan's Gold, is a treasure-hunting adventure story. Both books were printed by Xlibris. Recently retired after 34 years of Federal service, he plans to write full time.

May you have a productive New Year



President's Message

Letter From The New President

I would like to thank the past officers and board members for a job well done: Stan Wood, Fran Wicht, Jan Loehr, and Ruth Stafford thank you! Marji Lybers kept our tables festively decorated. Marji will continue as table decorator in 2005. I thank you, Marji! Alan Chidester has taken on the onerous task of Webmaster. He needs all of our co-operation to keep our site www.spokaneauthors.org up-to-date. I thank you, Alan! Peggy De Hart has been the SASP Historian for seven years and will continue her services in 2005. She has paid attention to details at our meetings and has artistically displayed noteworthy pictures in our member album. Please take time to look at it at our next meeting. I thank you, Peggy! James Hooppaw produced our SASP Statement of Purpose Brochure. I thank you, Jim! Dan Vollmer has produced yet another List of SASP Authors Books Brochure. I thank you, Dan! Tim Hillebrand has done an outstanding job producing and distributing our Newsletters. I thank you, Tim. I am honored to be your new President and hope to perform with all the integrity you expect from me. I look forward to working with our new officers: David Demers Vice-president, re-elected Jan Loehr Secretary, and Mike Hinz Treasurer and all the board members. We are going to have a great year. I look forward to all of your newly published books in the year 2005.

Your president,
Barbara Cagle



New Officers and Board Members

Newsletter Editor—Tim Hillebrand

Tim has been a member since the beginning of SASP seven years ago, served as president for two terms, pioneered as Webmaster, has been newsletter editor for five years, and is ready to retire if you know of anyone yearning to be a newsletter editor.

Webmaster—Don Chidester

Don promises to have a new site with our own domain at www.spokaneauthors.com up and running any day now. He is the proprietor of Arts and Craft Bookbindery and Publishing.

Historian—Peggy DeHart

Peggy has carefully compiled a

growing volume on the Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers since its inception in 1998, complete with minutes, photographs, and articles. Be sure to take a look at this fascinating document at the next meeting.



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transparencies when you can give a dazzling multi-media presentation on your book to a prospective publisher or to a book signing at a bookstore or to an audience of thousands at a conference.

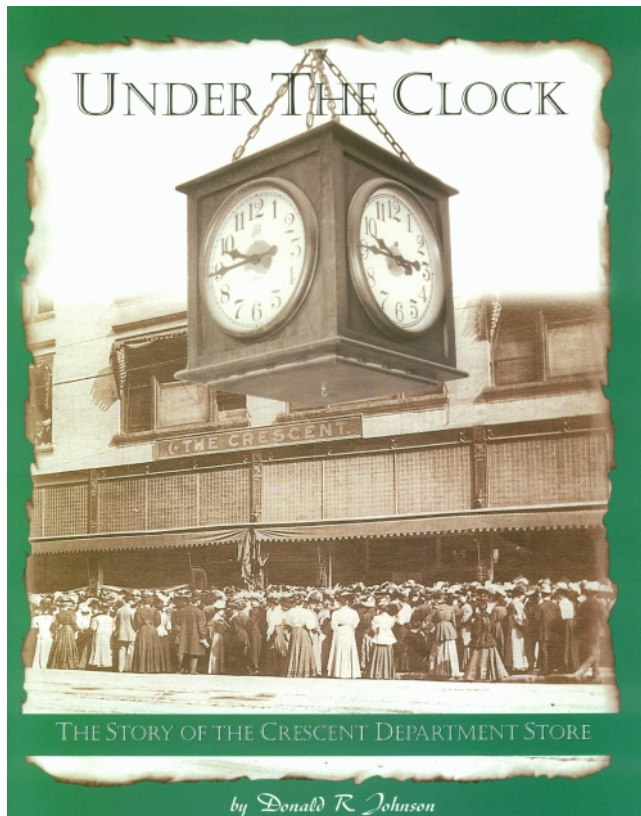
May 5—Avoiding Embarrassing Errors will be the topic presented by Romana Hillebrand, a member of the English faculty at WSU and professional editor. One of the most stinging and deserved criticisms of self-publishing is how poorly edited the work is in general. Nothing can make you look worse than errors in usage, grammar, spelling, and punctuation. You'll have fun with Romana reviewing common errors to avoid. She has prepared a valuable guide for you for future reference that will make a big difference when you have questions as you're writing or editing in the future.

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

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Book Review



Under the Clock

(The story of The Crescent Department Store)

By
Donald R. Johnson

The Crescent, Spokane's First Lady of Commerce from 1889-1988, was the premier department store of the area. It grew from a small business with Robert Paterson and two clerks to 101 departments in a beautiful seven story building in those 99 years.

In early 1889, Captain James Comstock sent Robert Paterson out to Spokane to check out the business climate. Paterson liked what he saw and later that year opened Comstock and Paterson's Crescent Store in the Crescent Building on Riverside with the help of two lady clerks. The humble beginning developed over the years into The Crescent Department Store, the largest and finest department store between Seattle and the Twin Cities. The author deals with the history of the store and personalizes the story with dozens of interviews with former employees and customers of the store.


Paper, 8 1/2 X 11, 144 pp., with over 100 photographs and illustrations.

Common Errors

The common errors for this issue represent problems to avoid in your writing.

1. Never use a colon unless it is preceded by a subject and a predicate.
 - A. A list of my favorite authors: Hemingway, Fitzgerald, White, and Strunk. (incorrect)
 - B. A list of my favorite authors includes the following: Hemmingway, Fitzgerald, White, and Strunk. (correct)
2. Always use a comma to separate the elements of a compound sentence.
 - A. She loved to write and would often stay up all night working on her novel. (no comma require)
 - B. She loved to write, and she would often stay up all night working on her novel. (comma required)
3. This is the most common of all errors and you look bad if you are guilty of the improper use of the contraction versus the possessive form of it's and its. Watch it!
 - A. The book contains it's author's experiences.. (incorrect)
 - B. The book contains its author's experiences. (correct)
4. Be ever watchful in the correct use of indirect pronouns.
 - A. Just between you and I. (Arrgghh...don't ever say that)
 - B. Just between you and me. (now that's better)

More next time...

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New Website coming soon

Member Starts Self-Syndication

Tim Hillebrand has lectured widely on the subject of electronic publishing and eBooks to writers groups and library conferences, university classes and business groups. Coupled with his passion for computers, wireless connectivity, and electronic toys the result has been in an ever-widening circle of columns, articles, and reviews in newspapers, magazines, and online publications in seven languages. He estimates that his columns are read by over 100,000 people a day around the world.

His goal is to get out the word on how computers, especially hand-held devices, can change your life in terms of productivity, connectivity, creativity, and recreativity (to coin a term). Recreativity refers to recreation, for PDAs (personal digital assistants) are powerful entertainment centers that fit in the palm of your hand. You can watch feature films, read an electronic book, listen to audio books, listen to live radio broadcasts from all over the world over the Internet, send email, cruise the Web, take and view photos and movies, download and listen to your favorite music, and talk on the telephone over the Web, and even watch TV. Or you can give a PowerPoint presentation with one. And yes, you can even write a novel on a PDA because Pocket PCs use a Windows operating system already familiar to the whole universe, and you can hook them up to a portable keyboard. Tim claims that a Pocket PC saved his marriage because he didn't have to read tree books in bed with the light on anymore.

Currently he holds the title of Editor of eMobie an electronic magazine based in Britain. He is a contributing editor for PocketPC Magazine the authority in its field, where he has a regular column that deals with how to use hand-held technology on the road to stay in touch and to conduct business as usual. He has a newspaper column known as Tim's Hotspots and serves as a contributing editor for reviews and articles to several other publications such as Pocket Anywhere and Computing Unplugged.

Tim always carries his black bag of tricks with him. If you ever want a demo, you need only ask, and he will be happy to extol the virtues of his little toys, as his wife calls them. His favorite saying is "eBooks rule, tree books drool."