

OUR APRIL 2023 MEETING

Our April meeting was notable on a couple of counts. First, it was the first time for Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers to meet at the Corbin Senior Activity Center. Secondly, it was the first time, as far back as anyone can remember, that the group had ever met on a day other than Thursday. Present for our Friday April 14th meeting were: Caryl Briscoe-Michas, Larry Danek, Mary DeBord, Betty Deuber, Esther and Bob Hildahl, Marilee Hudon, Fred Jessett, Bob Manion, Dave McChesney, Rich McKay, Carl Northrup, Peter Quint, Mikel Stevenson and quest, and Bob Weldin. Guests included David Wyrick, who has since joined, Bob Slack, and Andrea Griffin.

President Sue Eller was unable to attend, so Vice-President Marilee Hudon took charge. After a brief welcome she introduced our speaker, fellow SASP member Bob Weldin. Bob spoke briefly about his background before launching into his primary topic, which dealt with ranking some of the most common rules of writing. At this point the program became a group participation event, with Bob asking members to offer comments and reflections on the rules brought up for discussion. Rules discussed included: Having a solitary workplace, having a regular writing schedule, creating and keeping back up files, don't edit as you write, and more.

Following Bob's presentation, we took a short break. When we resumed, Marilee told us of several events taking place in the near future where those interested might have a chance to market their books. Events include *Artspiration* in the Garland District on Saturday July first from 10 am to 4 pm. Booths are \$30.00. Point of contact for this event is Denny Carman, who can be found on Facebook. He is also point of contact for *Art on Monroe*, which is slated to be held on Saturday September 9th.

The Garland Business District will be holding the *Garland Summer Market* every Wednesday afternoon beginning May 24th through September. It goes from 3:30 to 7:30 each week, and if there is enough interest from SASP members, Marilee will see about getting us a booth. We would want to have at least one or two members available to take part each and every Wednesday over the summer.

Other upcoming events include Xmas in July in Athol, Idaho, sponsored by Northwest Crafters and the River Park Square Christmas event, also known as BrrrSAAR 2023, sponsored by Terrain.

As this was a great deal of information for members to copy down, Marilee agreed to send an e-mail with the details. That has been sent and has been forwarded to the membership, although it focuses primarily on the events on Garland Avenue and Monroe Street. Marilee would no doubt be willing to provide more detailed information on the other events if anyone would want it.

Peter Quint announced he would be participating in a couple events connected with the upcoming Get Lit! festival, while Mary De Bord will take part in Books and Brews in Moscow, Idaho in June. Following these announcements we drew for door prizes and adjourned until next time.

Our next meeting will be on Friday, May 12th at 2:00 pm. Once again, we will be meeting at the Corbin Senior Activity Center, 827 W. Cleveland Ave., Spokane, Washington. At this time a speaker or program has yet to be announced, but when it is, information will be posted on our website and will be included in the May issue of SASP NEWS.



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