

OUR DECEMBER 2025 MEETING

Compiled by Dave McChesney

Spokane Authors met on Friday, December 12th at the Sans Souci West Club House. Members present included Gail Bergan, Caryl Briscoe-Michas, Joel Craig, Larry Danek, Mary DeBord, Sheri Decker, Gary Edwards, Sue Eller, Mark Lee Golden, Denise Guy, D. J. Guy, Tina Hammond, Esther Hildahl, Bob Hildahl, Joan Kopczynski, Steve Lalonde, Amy Logan, Bob Manion, Dave McChesney, Jon H. Miller, Carl Northrup, Elena Smith, and Terry Stratton. No visitors or guests attended.

At the start of the meeting, Carl elicited a few groans from the group by sharing some “dad jokes” that had been passed along to him by Sue. He also noted that this would be our last meeting of 2025, with our second meeting of the month resuming on Wednesday, January 21, at 5:30 pm, at the Sans Souci West Club House.

Mark Lee Golden announced that he was doing a major edit to *The Ring of Torrents: A Jewish Mary*, so it would have more appeal to a wider audience. Terry Stratton is working on writing projects originally begun in his childhood. Gary Edwards also has ongoing projects. Carl Northrup’s immediate plan is to finish *Yank* and then work concentrate on the biography he is working on.

Most of the meeting was given over to our annual December *Open Mic Session*. Those reading an excerpt of their work included:

Larry Danek...his annual Christmas letter,
Joel Craig... the opening scene of a work in progress,
Joan Kopczynski...an essay about writing a complaint letter to a utility company.

Carl Northrup/Nathaniel Bennett... a story based on “A Dark and Stormy Night,” as a writing prompt.

Mark Lee Golden...winter at the lake,
Caryl Briscoe-Michas...

Sue Eller... the first chapter of the new Emily Trace Mystery,

Amy Logan... *Butter, Yeast, and Milk*,

Dave McChesney...excerpt based on page 78 of *Darnahsian Pirates*,

Steve Lalonde...
Jon Miller... contrasted huckleberries and sugarplums,
Elena Smith... her transition from one country to another, and the encouragement to write about it,
Tina Hammond... from her *Team Red* books,
Terry Stratton... a very short humorous poem by fellow Spokane Author Lily Reiersen.

Because we went later into the day than usual, Carl drew one or two numbers for door prizes between each of our presentations. When all who wished to read were done, and all door prizes were claimed, we called it a day and quickly rearranged the room for the next event.



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