

OUR OCTOBER 2022 MEETING

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Thursday, October 13th saw members of Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers gather once again at the Shadle Library. Attending were: Caryl Briscoe-Michas, Sue Eller, Esther Hildahl, Bob Hildahl, Marilee Hudon (and husband Gene), Bob Manion, Dave McChesney, Carl Northrup, Linda Sonntag, and Sarah Vail. Present as guests were Ed Hart, Mary De Bord, Kay Comer Liepton, Peter Quint, Micheala Hutsell, Anna Bade, Dwight Thompson (and daughter), and Suzanne Holland. Mary, Dwight, and Suzanne joined during the meeting and are now members of SASP. (Apologies for any misspelling of our guests' names.

Sue Eller welcomed everyone and then introduced our guest speaker - Shannon Potratz, an artist, illustrator, and graphic designer. He told us he attended an outstanding program at Spokane Falls Community College and then worked for a couple of companies for about twenty-five years before he started freelancing through social media.

He created the mural for a taco stand before the pandemic hit and everything shut down. He felt he was at a crossroads and in April of 2021 he started self-publishing and began a novel in October that year.

He has designed the covers for M. J. Hudon's *Waxing is Useless* and *Lilac City Lunacy*. By chance M.J. revealed the cover of her second book at the meeting. He also created the Sasquatch logo for the 1974 World's Fair. Following his presentation, he answered our questions, and we were able to examine a lot of his work up close and even purchase examples if desired.

Sue Eller talked a little about branding and logos, with input from Shannon. She also noted that we would be electing officers in November.

Marilee Hudon announced that our November speaker would be Terece Hahn Metzger, author of *Attached*, a work of historical fiction. Several members announced upcoming events, largely at school and community craft fairs. As we neared the end of our time, we drew for door prizes and went home. As always, thanks go out to those members (and guests) who donated books and other items for the drawing.



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