

OUR OCTOBER 2025 MEETINGS

Compiled by Dave McChesney

Spokane Authors met on Friday, October 10th at the Sans Souci West Club House. Members present included Caryl Briscoe-Michas, Joel Craig, Larry Danek, Mary DeBord, Gary Edwards, Carolyn Eller, Sue Eller, Mark Lee Golden, Denise Guy, D. J. Guy, Esther Hildahl, Bob Hildahl, Steve Lalonde, Amy Logan, Bob Manion, Dave McChesney, Carl Northrup, Elena Smith, Linda Sonntag, Terry Stratton, and Sarah Vail. There were no visitors or guests according to the sign in sheet. (Apologies if you attended as a member or as a guest and were not acknowledged as having been there. Memory suggests there may have been more in attendance than those listed above, but records indicate these were the folks present.)

As is standard procedure, President Carl Northrup introduced Vice President Sue Eller, who in turn introduced our speaker. Fellow member of Spokane Authors Sarah Vail's presentation was "Writing an Engaging Fiction Scene." She began by talking about points of view, *first person* and *third person*, both *close* and *omniscient*. She suggested that while possible, it would be extremely difficult to write in *second person*. Sarah also spoke about how much a viewpoint character could know, with first person and close third person being the most restricted.

She also passed out an information sheet, which had a participant exercise on it. Based on very basic information, we were to flesh out a conversation between two people. Several participants read their results to the group.

Debby Putman told us about her new book, *The Swedish Elf*, which is for children from 11 to 13 years of age. She also noted differences in quality, cover color, and more, depending upon where the books were sourced, Amazon or Draft to Digital.

Upcoming Arts and Craft Fairs were announced, including Mt. Spokane High School that coming weekend. Chattaroy Community Church would be Saturday the 25th Of October, and Stratton Elementary School would be on Saturday December 6th.

Sue is looking for a Beta Reader for the late Marilee Hudon's last (third) book. Her husband hopes to publish it on her behalf.

We will hold elections in November. The following have volunteered or have been nominated to run: President, Carl Northrup (incumbent): Vice-President, Sue Eller (incumbent): Secretary, position is open and available: Treasurer, Dave McChesney (incumbent): Public Relations, D. J. and Denise Guy: Advisory Board Members (three positions) Caryl Briscoe-Michas, Debby Putman, and Mary De Bord (incumbent).

Please note, ballots will go out with the November Edition of SPOKANE AUTHORS LITERARY GAZETTE. You can vote and return them via e-mail, USPS, or bring them to our November meeting. You must be a current paid member for our vote to count. Yes, you can pay when you turn your ballot in.

Here is the link to the video of our Friday October 10th meeting.
<https://youtu.be/X5R9Tt2YT1c>.

Spokane Authors also met on Saturday October 18, 2025, at the St. Francis of Assisi Social Hall. In attendance were Carl Northrup, Bob Manion, Terry Stratton, and Dave McChesney. We talked in general about publishing and educating members. We agreed that we should put more emphasis in “how to.” It was also suggested that the Spokane Authors Speakers Bureau should be revived and brought to the attention of newer members and the public

As often happens at our Saturday meetings, discussion veered towards topics having little to do with writing, publishing or marketing. This time we ended up talking about firearms.

Finally, we decided we had been there long enough, realized that no one else was coming, packed our stuff up and went home, or to our next destination.

Please note we will not meet on the third Saturday of November or December. We will resume our Saturday meetings in January, and if our location should change, we’ll let everyone know.



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