

## OUR JULY 2025 MEETINGS

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On Friday July 11, at 2:00 pm., Spokane Authors met at the Sans Souci West Club House. Those attending were Caryl Briscoe-Michas, Beth Camp, Larry Danek, Mary DeBord, Sheri Decker, Betty Deuber, Carolyn Eller, Sue Eller, Mark Golden, Denise Guy, D. J. Guy, Bob Hildahl, Esther Hildahl, Kevin Hostbjor, Joan Kopczynski, Amy Logan, Bob Manion, Dave McChesney, Carl Northrup and wife, Elena Smith, Linda Sonntag, Mikel Stevenson and wife, Terry Stratton, and Shandra Tanner. Guests included Gary A. Edwards and Katie Hauritz. Katie has since joined and is now a member of Spokane Authors.

President Carl Northrup introduced Vice-President Sue Eller, who in turn introduced our speaker, Lee Kessler. Lee has performed on stage, screen been a producer and is the author of several suspense/thriller novels. Her focus for the day was on imagination. She stated that imagination is not just for artists or authors. People need to be artists in life, and that “imagination creates the future.” While we can create based on facts or data, data is in the past. She also noted the possibility of artists and authors not receiving acknowledgement for the results of their imagination.

We were told there would be a Craft Sale and Sans Souci West on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. We'll send out details as they become available

We ended the day with drawings for door prizes. On this occasion someone had donated a number of books on writing as well as writing oriented magazines. There was a good chance that everyone went home with something.

We met at St. Francis of Assisi Church at 2:00 pm on Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. In attendance were Caryl Briscoe-Michas, Larry Danek, Bob Manion, Dave McChesney, Carl Northrup, Mikel Stevenson, and Terry Stratton. Because nearly everyone arrived at about the same time, we only had to open the door for one individual.

We helped Carl choose a picture or cover art for his newest book, *Caroline's Secret*. He had brought four variations of the basic theme, and all seemed to agree on the same one. Everyone thought the close up of the young lady where we could

see the apprehension on her face was the best. It turns out Carl was leaning towards that one as well. We also discussed the plot of this book, with Carl giving us a general rundown of the story. He also mentioned he was starting on volume two of *Boxers or Briefs*.

Mikel brought a book with him he had won at our door prize drawing the week before. He said it was very informative, and that he had learned a lot from it. The book is *Self-Editing for Fiction Writers: How to Edit Yourself into Print* by Renni Browne and Dave King. If anyone is interested, it is still available on Amazon and elsewhere online.

With time running down and topics for discussion fading away, we called it a day, shut off the lights, locked the door, ensured the building was secure, and went home.



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