

OUR SEPTEMBER 2025 MEETINGS

Compiled by Dave McChesney

Spokane Authors met at the Sans Souci West Club House, on Friday September 12 at 2:00 pm. Attending were Caryl Briscoe-Michas, Joel Craig, Larry Danek, Mary DeBord, Betty Deuber, Carolyn Eller, Sue Eller, Robert Eversole, Denise Guy, D. J. Guy, Tina Hammond, Kevin Hostbjor, Joan Kopczynski, Amy Logan, Bob Manion, Dave McChesney, Carl and Mrs. Northrup, Debbie Putman, Elena Smith, Mikel and Mrs. Stevenson, Terry Stratton, and Sarah Vail. Guests included William G. Oliver and Gary A. Edwards. Gary later joined Spokane Authors.

President Carl Northrup introduced Vice-President Sue Eller, who in turn introduced our speaker, Robin Bishop. Robin is currently Managing Editor of the Deer Park Tribune and was previously with Art Chowder Magazine. Her presentation focused on journalistic writing.

Journalistic writing's primary goal is to provide clear and factual information rather than to entertain. It should be neutral in style, showing no bias. Journalistic writing requires research and verification of multiple sources. It's best to "triangulate" or use information from an official source. It deals with facts, rather than imagination.

The pace can be hectic, based on the publication time schedule and deadlines. Ethics for journalists are in black and white and haven't changed.

After a break, several announcements were made. Nominations are open for any who want to serve as an officer or board member for the coming year. Please let us know no later than our October meetings if you would like to be on the ballot. We will hold elections at our Friday meeting in November.

We will meet on the third Saturday of both September and October, in the St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall at 2:00 pm. We will not meet on the third Saturday in November and December.

For those planning ahead, our Friday meeting in December will feature an open mic, in which members and guests will be invited to share a short excerpt of their work.

Amy Logan told us she had work published after fifteen tries.

Congratulations. Sarah Vail mentioned a book signing and wine tasting in Post Falls on September 20. Kevin Hostbjor said he would be signing and selling books at a Harry Potter themed event in Milton-Free Water, Oregon. Carl Northrup plans to do the same at the Garlic Festival north of Spokane, and Bob Manion has a signing scheduled at the Barnes and Noble in the Valley.

Elena Smith mentioned that Kevin Hostbjor and she had sold books at a recent farmers market event. She said that such an event appeared to not be the ideal venue for selling books, as people seemed more interested in the farm produce available.

Once we drew numbers for, and awarded several door prizes, Carl declared the meeting adjourned.

The video of Robin's presentation can be found at:

<https://youtu.be/8FANhLQxeg0>

We met at St. Franics of Assisi Church at 2:00 pm on Saturday, September 20th. Members present included, Bob Manion, Dave McChesney, and Terry Stratton. Joining us were guests Dave and Jean Rottmayer and Brenda V.

Bob Manion led a general discussion about short stories, and we talked about writing in general, hoping to pass along a little of what knowledge we might possess to those who joined us as guest.

Note: Since we are required to keep the door accessing the building locked, if you arrive and can't get in, you can call Dave McChesney. He will post his number in the window of the entrance door on Heroy Avenue. Call him and he will come open the door so you can get in. Also, we will meet again on the third Saturday of October, but we will not meet on the third Saturday of November or December.



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