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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
MERRY CHRISTMAS
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers (SASP) began in 1998 when *Chuck O’Conner, Elmer Freeman, Joe Meiners, and Dan Vollmer*, Spokane area authors formed a club in order to share their knowledge and experience with those interested in writing and alternative ways of publishing. Today, SASP is a large non-profit organization dedicated to anyone with interests in any aspect of writing and art. Members now include aspiring (and successful) authors, poets, journalists, illustrators, editors, publishers, printers, writing instructors, and many others. Monthly luncheon meetings provide inspiration and education by way of knowledgeable and entertaining guest speakers, and the cheerful camaraderie of people sharing common interests and goals. Membership is open to all who love writing, art, and interesting people.

SASP members are encouraged to purchase or trade completed works of and with fellow members. They are also encouraged to donate examples of their work for use as door prizes. Those who win other members’ works are expected to provide a review of that work.

Note:

SASP no longer transports name tags and display books to and from our meetings. Please take your name tag with you. It is yours to keep and maintain. Please take any books you have provided for display with SASP. We will provide space and stands for you to display your books, but you must bring them for each meeting.

Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers **meets** the first Thursday of each month at **Golden Corral**, 7117 N. Division Street, in Spokane

Presentations begin at **2:30 pm**. The room opens at **2:00 pm** so members and guests can dine, visit, join, pay dues, browse, and perhaps buy each other’s books. After short break, members and guests relate their accomplishments, mention upcoming activities, and we draw for door prizes.

Members and guests are requested to buy lunch upon entering the establishment, and to leave an appropriate tip for the waiter/waitress.

Members need to be present to win door prizes.

(Schedule variations will be posted on the SASP website, www.spokaneauthors.org, and current members notified via e-mail or telephone.)

Membership benefits include listing on the SASP website, www.spokaneauthors.org. Many members provide short biographies and links to external personal websites, creating more marketing exposure. Current members may list and describe their published works on the SASP website and offer their work for sale at meetings. (Be sure to visit the “links” page on our web-site. It will connect you to many interesting on-line locations, including those of many SASP members.)

Guest speakers at our monthly meetings inform, inspire, and entertain members and guests with a variety of topics, all designed to provide knowledge pertinent to writing and publishing.

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www.facebook.com/pages/Spokane-Authors-Self-Publishers/1640079982945679

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1646364128981815/>



Spokane Authors And Self-Publisher's First **VETERANS' DAY READING!**

In a first for Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers, a number of members met at the Moran Prairie Library on the afternoon of November 12th. The purpose was to share works with each other and any attending members of the public in order to celebrate, commemorate, and honor our Veterans. Nine members or soon to be members took part, including Herb Batterson, Joyce Caudel, Allen Dorfman, Nancy Hartley, Bob Manion, Dave McChesney, Lewis Meline, Stan Parks, and Larry Danek. Fellow member Beth Camp, the group's Public Relations Person, introduced each of our readers. Besides those participating, a number of family members and friends joined us to hear the stories, poetry, and shared experiences.

HOLIDAY BOOK CATALOG

Pacific Northwest Writers Association's Holiday Book Catalog is [available here](#).

OUR NEXT MEETING!

Please join us on **Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 2:30 pm**, at the **Golden Corral, 7117 N. Division**. (The room opens at **2 pm** to allow for dining and mingling prior to the start of the meeting.)

We'll have an **Open Mic Session** in which our members and guests may share their work with us.

Please limit readings or presentations to no more than five minutes. A sign-up sheet will be provided.

Ten Minute Discussion: What Are the Best Research Tactics?

FROM OUR PRESIDENT



I remember when I was a little girl my paternal grandmother using the contractions *'tis* (it is) and *shan't* (shall not) in her conversations. To me these words sounded strange and since no one else I knew used them, I wondered why my grandma did.

One day she explained that even though *'tis* and *shan't* were considered old-fashioned words, they were still good words. She liked the sound of them. She liked saying them. Thus, she chose to use them.

As I grew up I learned that our language is always changing--new words added and many words, like *'tis* and *shan't*, not being used as often as they once were.

One word I've noticed that is currently going out of style is the word *whom*. One of the reasons for this could be that many people become confused when trying to follow the rules on when to use *whom* and when to use *who*. One of these rules that I have always followed is that you use *whom* after a preposition--to whom, for whom, from whom, with whom, etc.

But now when I watch TV, I hear actors and news anchors not following this rule at all. Instead of saying *whom*, they say *who*--to who, for who, from who, with who, etc. I pick up on this all the time. It's like fingernails on a blackboard. It's irritating. It doesn't sound right and I don't like it. Often I find myself talking back to the TV. "Whom, not who," I say, frustrated.

As a writer you can follow the latest trends or you can follow the rules. It's your choice.

Until next year, Happy Holidays!

Esther

FROM THE EDITOR/WEB-MASTER



To amplify Esther's situation a bit, I've usually found that if I could use *him*, *her*, or *them*, in the phrase, I should then use *whom*. Basically, it's an object, as opposed to a subject.

Like many others, I suppose I have favorite words. I might use them because of the period of time I write about. Commonly, I'll use *amongst*, rather than *among*. Perhaps I feel that it helps set my writing in an earlier time?

There are also words and phrases used in today's world that grate on my nerves. One is use of the word *disrespect*. There was a radio and TV commercial a while ago in which the individual selling a self-help book asked, "Does your child *disrespect* you?" It's a perfectly legitimate question, but the use of the word seems wrong to me. I believe it would be better to ask, "Is your child *disrespectful*?" or, "does your child show *disrespect*?"

FROM OUR PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR



AT THE END OF THE YEAR, many writers like to take some time to think about their yearly goals. We can be thankful for what we achieved, but I find myself asking, "What's the next step?" What might we do in the coming year to improve our writing process, our drafting, editing, or marketing skills? Is it time to attend a writing conference? Take an online or F2F writing class? Revamp or update our blog?

My inbox this month brought some tough love and encouraging truths about **the writer's life** from Kristen Keiffer's blog <https://www.shesnovel.com/blog/hard-truths> Her bottom line: We all improve the more we write. For now, I'm finding 750 words at <http://www.750words.com> most helpful in keeping me researching, writing, and editing every day. This simple, online blank page

(completely private) offers word counts and a steady sense of progress.

Some nine SASP writers read at last month's **SASP Veteran's Day reading** at the Spokane County Public Library's Moran Prairie branch. Our very diverse readers did have a small, but appreciative audience, and the consensus is we'll schedule a similar reading next year.

Spokane's **2017 Get Lit Festival** is scheduled for April 17-24, and they're calling for submissions now! Interested in doing a reading or presenting with a panel? If so, visit <http://getlitfestival.org/>

Happy New Year, everyone! See you at the next SASP meeting!

SASP member and Spokane author Beth Camp writes historical fiction and blogs from time to time at

<http://bethandwriting.blogspot.com>

She currently serves as SASP's public relations person.

Visit [Beth's Amazon Author Page](#)

Audiobook now available for *Standing Stones!*

Scottish proverb: "Bend, don't break."

Have a writing tip? Why not send it to daveeva@comcast.net for inclusion in a future edition of SASP NEWS.

NOVEMBER'S MEETING

Contrary to the popular saying, people do judge books by their covers. Coeur d'Alene resident, graphic artist, and book lover Michelle Cline joined members of Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers to discuss what makes an interesting book cover. She noted that while many established artists charge a considerable sum for their services, hers are more reasonable as she attempts to establish herself in the field. For more about Michelle's art work and services, visit her web-site at www.clinecoversanddesign.com

Our guests included Will Murray who has since joined the group and Nolly M. (Your editor is not sure of the spelling of this

individual's last name and thus will not attempt it.)

Stan Parks presented a preview of the reading he will be doing at the Moran Prairie County Library on Saturday November 12th. In addition he led a rousing cheer and sang a short song written in honor of the Chicago Cubs winning the World Series for the first time in 108 years.

Larry Danek talked about his grandson who currently is stationed in Afghanistan and noted that troops generally love to receive books. He will be willing to send any and all that his fellow Spokane Authors would care to donate. If you would like to contribute books and can't get in touch with Larry, contact SASP's Secretary/Web-Master Dave McChesney and he will connect you and Larry. Dave's e-mail is daveeva@comcast.net.

Chuck Lehman told us he'd recently been in Canada and had sold a number of books at various events. While he had previously not heard of it, he was told about the Tucson Book Festival and will be attending in January.

Both Sue Eller and Bob Weldin mentioned up-coming appearances and presentations. Sue's will be the result of the brochure sent out by Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers for those members willing to speak to various groups. Perhaps if there is sufficient time prior to these events or appearances, Sue and Bob will contact our Editor/Web-Master and get them listed on the web-site and in SASP NEWS as upcoming events.

Esther Hildahl noted having received an e-mail from a local teacher saying she was reading *Mr. Inky: Spider with an Attitude* to her class... and that the class was enjoying it. Erik Schubach will be presenting information about self-publishing at the North Spokane Public Library on Saturday November 26th, from 2 until 4:30 pm.

Most importantly, we elected officers and members of the advisory board for another two years. Everyone ran unopposed and with ballots cast, no names were seen to be written in. Officers are as follows: Esther Hildahl, President; Sue Eller, Vice-President; Dave

McChesney, Secretary (Web-Master and Editor); Kate Poitevin, Treasurer. Advisory Board members will continue to be Chuck Lehman, Jim Parry, and Bob Weldin.

The title of this month's 10 minute discussion was, "POV! Focus! Focus! Focus!" Dennis Held did a masterful job of explaining just what this meant. Next month we'll consider the "Best Research Tactics."

Once again we had a table full of door prizes. Winners included, but may not be limited to: Bob Manion, Larry Danek, Dennis Held, Chuck Lehman, our guest Nolly, Joan Carter, Bob Weldin, Bob Hildahl, Bonnie Stichert, Joyce Caudel, Betty Deuber, Billie Bennett, Will Murray, and Tiffani Harvey.

We'll next meet on Thursday the 1st of December. In what has become a tradition, we'll hold an open mic session, enabling our members and guests to share what they have written with the rest of us. There will be a sign-up sheet provided, and due to time considerations we ask that anyone reading to the group limit their time to five minutes or so.

Please remember that the calendar year and thus our membership year is nearly up. You are more than welcome to pay dues for 2017 early or in advance. As usual, dues are \$15.00 for the calendar year. You may pay at a meeting or send them via check or money order to: Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers, P. O. Box 18573, Spokane, WA 99228-0573. Mail for the organization is checked on a weekly basis and any payments deposited to the group's account shortly thereafter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Contact daveeva@comcast.net to get your event listed.

SASP BOOKS ON AMAZON & KINDLE

Many SASP members' books are available on Amazon and/or Kindle™ (Contact the editor/web-master at daveeva@comcast.net to get your

Amazon/Kindle books listed. Please ensure your books can be found!)

To speed your search, add the provided ten digit numerical or alpha-numerical code (ASIN) to: [www\(dot\)amzn\(dot\)com/dp/](http://www(dot)amzn(dot)com/dp/) (You may not need, "www.")
www.amzn.com/dp/B008TXC332
or this: www.amzn.com/dp/1936178044

D. Andrew McChesney:

Beyond the Ocean's Edge:

A Stone Island Sea Story B008TXC332

Sailing Dangerous Waters:

Another Stone Island Sea Story

B00HF9Y05K

James Parry:

Book All the Teachers:

An Irreverent Ride through Middle

School

1501042211

Bob Weldin:

The Dry Diggin's Club

0578106825

The Adventurists

153027253X

Sue Eller:

Return from Armageddon

B005JVAJKQ

Meadowlark Madness

B0097D599I

The Gluten Free Gourmand

150853134X

Taming of the T-Bird

1505963982

Beth Camp:

The Mermaid Quilt and Other Tales

B0090VHKBC

Standing Stones

B00I3RYFW6

Years of Stone

B00LF3FY4S

Kate Poitevin:

Saving Tir Gaeltacht

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James Vasquez:

Men Who Knew Jesus Well

1604941901

Women of the Bible: their Story in Verse

1604942703

Prophets of the Old Testament: A Classic

Collection of Bible Heroes in Verse 1615661166

Words Jesus Spoke: In Verse 1452077894

The Psalms: In Verse 1449710344

Prayers from the Bible: In Classic Verse

1449727794

Joyce Caudel:

The Hat Pin Murders 1936178397
The Hat Box Mystery 1481959107
A Hat to Die For 1530028612

Helen Christine (Foster):

Full Disclosure 0990722201
The Lenders 0990722228

Chuck Lehman:

Angels Three Six B00KMJXQR8
The Big Woods B007SQ4CTE
Asher B00HNZ6TTG
Lazarus Arise B007R0NPW6
The Shepherd B00HJBN4P6

T. A. Bratcher:

The Road Chosen 1495293165

B. J. Campbell:

Close Calls: True Tales of Cougar Bob
 1936178044

Bob Manion:

Santa's Heroes 1936178095
The Tree House B004IZLHLE
Springer's Heart 0978850742
Summer Rain B00ZM3S2IM
Vampire and the Cop B00ZM4BBOS

Sandra L. Mason:

(Illustrated by Natalie J. Apodaca)
N is for Nativity 1517614880

Don Brockett:

Tyrannical Rule of the U. S. Supreme Court
 B01GW712VU

Stan Parks:

Jakob's Ladies 1532910762

Tiffani Harvey:

A Journey to Independence 1533499438
Growing Independent 1533499926

Allen Dorfman:

Reaching: A Vietnam War Novel 1500489638

Fred Jessett:

Mountains Melt Away B00KD5KWIW

Lewis Meline:

Lies Exposed! The Truth about Diets...
 0997915501

J. B. Rivard

Illusions of Magic:
Love and Intrigue in 1933 Chicago B01EGSC8N8

Larry Danek

I'm the Ghost in this Body:
The Nomadic Ghost 1532863764

Diana Wickes

Home is Where the Heart Is 1523381841
Elegy to a Montanan: A widow's Song
 1523382414

Andy Brown

Warnings Unheeded:
Twin Tragedies at Fairchild Air Force Base
 0997863404

RECENTLY PUBLISHED:

Home Is Where the Heart Is

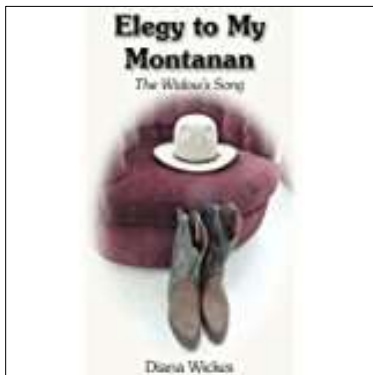
Diana Calista Wickes



Diana Wickes takes you on her journey, an action-packed ride through her long life. Along the way she visits Jamaica, her mother's homeland; Cuba, deserted by her father; Miami, gaining a stepfather; Montana, gaining a husband and extended family. Diana and Tom travel the world by auto, ship and by plane, visiting Europe and Africa. She ends her trip with an eventful retirement in Spokane, Washington.

Elegy to My Montanan: A Widow's Song

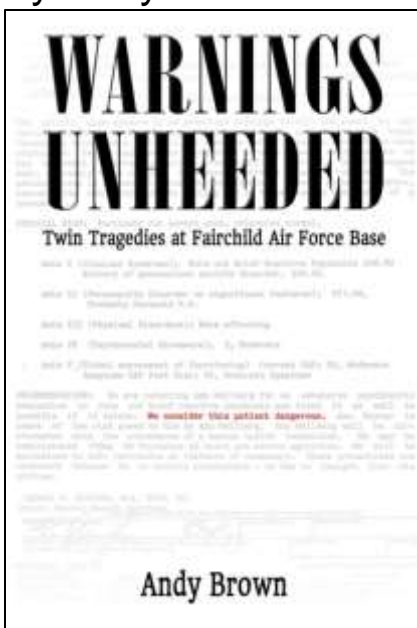
Diana Calista Wickes



What do you do when a life companion passes away after a union of 60 years? Diana Wickes enjoyed a relationship with a Montana man who was strong, gentle and understanding. During her first year of mourning, the author wrote poems and essays to comfort herself. These poems, written from deep inside the hurt, may help ease a heart suffering from the loss of a loving partner.

Warnings Unheeded: Twin Tragedies at Fairchild Air Force Base

By Andy Brown



This is the true story of two separate mass-casualty incidents that occurred within days of each other at a US Air Force base. Using the words of the people who experienced the tragedies, the book provides an in-depth look at the before, during and after of a preventable "active shooter" incident and an avoidable fatal plane crash.

In one tragic week at Fairchild Air Force Base, an "active shooter" terrorized the base hospital and a talented but reckless pilot crashed a B-52 bomber near the flight line. Both fatal tragedies had been repeatedly predicted by numerous airmen and mental health professionals. In "vivid and thoroughly researched detail" *Warnings Unheeded* delivers an unprecedented, revealing look at the events that led to the twin tragedies.

Warnings Unheeded, ISBN 9780997863406, is available on Amazon at www.amzn.com/dp/0997863404 currently priced at \$17.71. (Cover price is indicated to be \$19.99.)

Web-sites of interest relating to this book:
<http://fairchildhospitalshooting.com/book/>
<http://fairchildhospitalshooting.com/warnings-unheeded-media-kit/>
<http://www.breachbangclear.com/warnings-unheeded-lessons-from-a-man-who-killed-an-active-shooter/>