



SASP

NEWS

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Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers
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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.

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.

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.

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

OUR NEXT MEETING!

Please join us on **Thursday, October 6, 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.)

SASP Member **Mark Hoffmeister** will speak on "The Art of the Book Presentation."

FROM OUR PRESIDENT



This coming November 3rd, at our SASP meeting, we will be electing our new slate of officers and advisors for 2017. If you are newly running or wish to be re-elected to your current position, you need to inform Dave so that he can include your name on the ballot. Each office is for a term of two years.

I have decided not to run for re-election. Being your vice-president for two years and now your president has been a very rewarding and fun experience for me, but for personal reasons I need to step down at this time. I strongly urge any of you who are thinking about running for any of these positions to go ahead and give it a try. You won't be sorry. When I first joined SASP, I never thought I would be one of its officers one day. I was content to sit and let other members who were braver when it comes to oral speaking and taking charge do just that. In fact, I had to be talked into running for vice-president. Now after almost four years, I find that oral speaking

doesn't bother me nearly as much as it used to. A big plus for me.

Several months ago, I was at a memorial service for a relative who had recently passed away. When the minister asked the 200 or so mourners if anyone wished to speak about this person, I surprised my relatives and myself when I stood up and told everyone about my happy childhood memories with this relative. I was able to do this because of SASP.

I've been asked what my duties are as president. They are as follows: I run our meeting each month, which includes calling on our vice-president to introduce our speaker who will then give his or her presentation. After that, we take a short break. Then I ask the members, guests included, if they have any news or information they wish to share. Since I am the keeper of the large brass bell, I ring it after each bit of good news. If any member has written a book review the past month, I name that person and ring the bell. Next we have a ten-minute discussion on a chosen topic for the month. Drawing for door prizes, reminding members to leave a tip, and reminding members, if they haven't paid, that membership dues are due are the last things I do before adjourning the meeting.

At home, I answer emails. Some come from members who have questions or suggestions about this or that. But mostly the emails are from those wanting to know more about our club.

Once a month, I write something for our website and send it to Dave and he posts it on the President's Page and in the SASP Newsletter. I worried that this would be a difficult task for me to do. I wasn't sure I would be able to come up with something to write about each month. But I surprised myself again. While thinking about my writings each month, often an idea will pop into my head and turn out to be a good subject to write about.

Also, from time to time, I have projects of my own making that I think is important for the club. One project, along with the help of our other elected officers and advisors, was to update our Bylaws. Another was encouraging members to write more book reviews for our

website. Another project, when I was vice-president, was to have our members practice proofreading. And, I'm always trying to think of ways to promote our club and website, like handing out SASP business cards at book signings and other events.

If you haven't taken your turn as an officer or advisor yet and you want our club to grow and be productive, now is the time to step up and run for one of these positions. Remember, you are creative, and you care about writing, and you are very capable of doing a good job. What's stopping you? Sign up now and let's move forward and have a great election!

Esther

P. S. The topic for our "10 Minute Discussion" will be: "How To Do I Book Signings?"

FROM THE EDITOR/WEB-MASTER



I hope at least some of you are finding the included ASINs in the listing of members' books on Amazon to be helpful. They should make it easier to locate books you are interested in on the Amazon web-site.

The numerical ASINs seem to be the ten-digit ISBNs assigned to the particular book, and apply to the hard copy version. Kindle™ books use alpha-numerical ASINs. If a book is available in both paperback and on Kindle™ book, it will have two different ASINs. Audio books will have another ASIN. However, any ASIN for that book will get you to a listing for it. At that point you should find an option to choose which format, if available you want. Thus I've generally been providing only one ASIN for each title.

It certainly is convenient and easy to buy books on-line, via Amazon, Barnes and Noble On-Line, and other sites, but we shouldn't neglect our local bookstores. Even if the books we want might aren't on the shelves doesn't mean the store can't or won't special order them. Prices should be comparable and shipping times similar. Plus, when we order or buy locally, we put some of our hard-earned cash back into the local economy.

Recently I received an e-mail from **Second Look Books**, here in Spokane. They were nice enough to include a link to the SASP web-site on their web-site. While my first impression is that they deal primarily in used books, they may turn out to be a marketing alternative for at least some of us. They are located at 2829 E. 29th Ave. on the South Hill, not far from the Southside Senior Center. Their web-site is at www.2ndlookbooks.com

We have also been contacted by Cave Art Press, a small independent publisher in Anacortes, Washington. They primarily deal in non-fiction historical and nautical-adventure based books and have put out a call for submissions. Guidelines and specifics can be found at www.caveartpress.com

In addition, I have a few ideas for the web-site, which I hope to implement over the next few months. One idea is to include links to members web-sites and blogs on the "Members" page, as well as links the information about member's books by their names. In addition, I hope to combine all books by each author into a single web-page, much like we've done with book reviews. (And yes, the "Books" page will remain and will link to our authors' book information as well.)



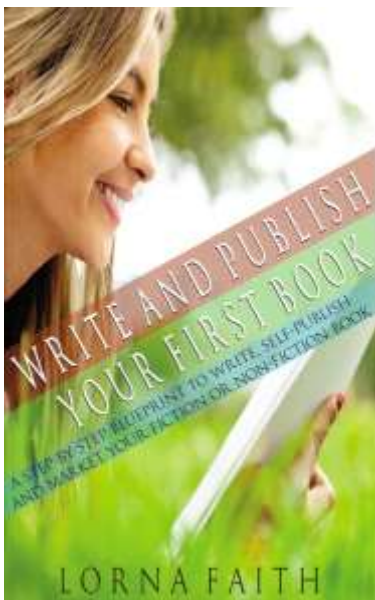
FROM OUR PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR



WRITING CLINIC AND MORE

As we slide into fall, much like any quarterback trying to avoid a head-on tackle, we know the days will be shorter, colder, and snow is not that far away. So whether we're drafting, writing, or revising, how do we keep writing at a steady pace?

Lorna Faith on a recent post to her blog www.lornafaith.com identifies three ways to improve our writing productivity:



Minimize uncertainty about what comes next by ending each writing session with a short note to yourself about what this next scene needs. This could be research or more

information about the character, plot, setting, or scene.

Sidestep procrastination by changing your inner dialogue. Instead of saying, "I only have 30 minutes, so I can't do any real writing now." Say: "I have 30 minutes. What can I get done?"

Avoid being overwhelmed by breaking a large (and intimidating!) task into smaller steps. Lorna also offers a neat free e-book, *Write and Publish Your First Book: A Step-by-Step Blueprint* on her website, an incentive for signing up for alerts from her blog.

DO YOU WANT TO JOIN SASP MEMBERS AT A VETERANS' DAY READING? Please come to our October SASP meeting ready to sign up to read at one of two locations – either the North Spokane branch OR the Moran Prairie branch of the Spokane County Public Library. The readings are set for Saturday, November 12, from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm. SASP members will read for about 15 minutes from their own poetry, nonfiction, or fiction that honors our veterans. A table will be available for signing and book sales after the readings. Please let me know by October 15 if you would like to participate. Thank you! bluebethley@yahoo.com

What's New? 2017 is just a few months away. Let's start planning one SASP presentation or reading each quarter next year. Want to work with me on this? I'd like to use either library meeting rooms (free) or local senior centers. Please e-mail Beth at bluebethley@yahoo.com to let me know your interest in helping with this project. Thank you!

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.

SEPTEMBER's MEETING

The September 1st meeting of Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers was very well attended. J. D. DeWitt spoke about getting books made into movies or television shows.



As a co-founder of Ink Slinger Entertainment, Ms. DeWitt is positioned to do just that, and to explain how it happens. She also noted that the conference on Connecting Writers with Hollywood, originally scheduled for September of 2016 had been postponed until late May of 2017. In addition a proposal writing workshop is scheduled for early March of 2017. The company's web-site is at

www.inkslingerentertainment.com

Our membership level rose by three. Anya Carlson, J. B Rivard, and Mike Stultz all joined the group. Welcome! Guests were Marilee Hudon and Brett Smith. Hopefully they enjoyed their time with us and will return and join the group.

Larry Danek talked a little about his new book, a ghost or possession story. Jim Parry mentioned the article and interview that Cindy Hval had done a week earlier in the Spokesman-Review with SASP member Stan Parks. New member J. B. Rivard pitched his book, *Illusions of Magic*, mentioning that he was bringing back the long defunct illustrated novel.

Our ten minute discussion focused on finding an illustrator, whether for cover art or for illustrations within the book. Erik Schubach noted that he quite often went through www.deviantart.com to find potential artists and

illustrators for his books. Next month we'll look at how to do book signings.

President Esther Hildahl announced that Kate Poitevin is taking over as Treasurer, allowing Bonnie Stichart some well-deserved time off from the job. Beth Camp spoke briefly as a part of her Public Relations duties. She noted that SASP's participation in the Southside Senior Center's Artisan Market went very well... and that we could call it a successful venture. Beth is working on something for members of SASP to participate in in celebration of Independent Author Day on October 8th, and issued a call for military themed prose or poetry in commemoration of Veterans' Day in November.

Chuck Lehman noted that he had a second book, *Lazarus Arise*, out in audio format. When the reader asked how he had done, Chuck reportedly said, "the reader is better than the writer!"

Door prize winners included Beth Camp, Sue Eller, Kate Poitevin, J. B. Rivard, Dennis Held, Esther, Hildahl, and Lewis Meline.

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Let's all extend a hearty SASP Welcome to Russell Ford. He has joined via the United States Postal Service.

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/) It should look like this: 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 1503167844

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:

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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:

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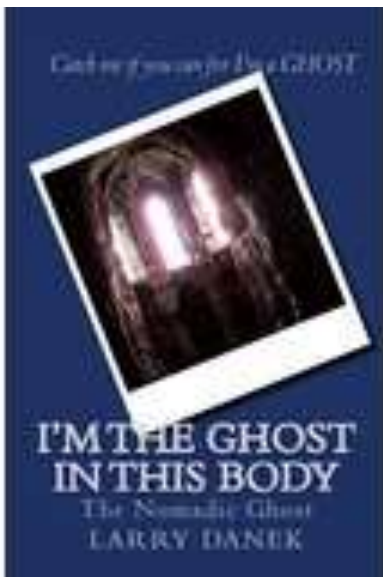
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Love and Intrigue in 1933 Chicago B01EGSC8N8

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

By Larry Danek



The Nomadic Ghost travels from body to body as required. He never knows when or where that will be. He is accompanied by less visible fellow ghosts. They help him to understand what his purpose in this body is but don't always make it easy. He tends to go from one crisis to another. He remembers a couple past lives but knows there were more of them. He has some abilities that no other humans have. The latest body is recovered from a person that was shot and declared dead. What will he do with this one?

Reviewed by Sue Eller

Not just another ghost story...

As the nomadic ghost was drawn into a recently expired body, I was drawn into his story. Author Larry Danek masterfully relates the tale of a spirit being who struggles to take charge on the physical plane and strives to tame the mental chaos of memories from past and present lives. This story could only be told from the perspective of the nomadic ghost himself, and Danek masterfully weaves a tale of cold-blooded murder and revenge contrasted with compassion for some down-and-out but decent people who need his help.