

# SASP

# NEWS

October 2018

Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers  
P. O. Box 18573  
Spokane, WA 99228-0573



*Our booth at Art at the Market in Liberty Lake.*

**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.

**Membership benefits** include listing on the SASP website, [www.spokaneauthors.org](http://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 for you to display your books, but you must bring them to each meeting.

**SASP now has a dedicated e-mail account. Contact us at:**  
[authors@spokaneauthors.org](mailto:authors@spokaneauthors.org)

**2018 Officers:**

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|--------------------|--|
| President:         | <b>Esther Hildahl</b><br>mr.inky@yahoo.com     |
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| Public-Relations:  | <b>Marilee Hudon</b><br>mjnoduh2@gmail.com     |

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| Member: | <b>Bob Weldin</b><br>minersquest@comcast.net |
| Member: | <b>Chuck Lehman</b><br>cmlehman4@yahoo.com   |

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[www.facebook.com/pages/Spokane-Authors-Self-Publishers/1640079982945679](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Spokane-Authors-Self-Publishers/1640079982945679)

**“join” the SASP Facebook Group:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1646364128981815/>

**“Follow” us on Twitter:**  
<https://twitter.com/AndAuthors>

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PUBLISHERS THE  
ORGANIZATION  
YOU WANT IT  
TO BE!!!**

**Contact the SASP NEWS  
Editor/SASP Web-Master by  
Sunday October 21<sup>st</sup> to get  
your name on the ballot!**

**[authors@spokaneauthors.org](mailto:authors@spokaneauthors.org)**

**or**

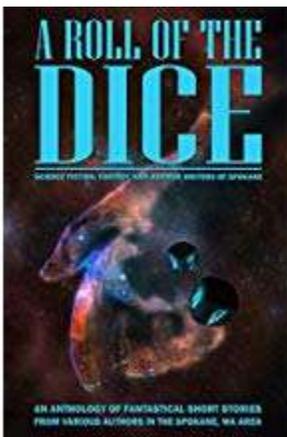
**[daveeva@comcast.net](mailto:daveeva@comcast.net)**

## OUR NEXT MEETING!

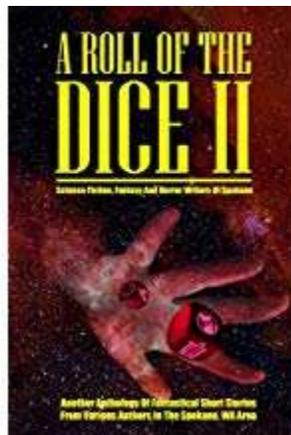
Please join us **Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>** at the **Golden Corral** on Spokane's **North Division Street**. The meeting room will be available for dining, conversation, and general socializing at 2:00 pm. **Our meeting and scheduled presentation begin at 2:30.**

This month we will have a **Power Point presentation** from another local writing group, **The Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of Spokane**. One of the members had planned to speak to us but will be unable to attend. Instead they are sending the slide show presentation and our **Public Relations Person, Marilee Hudon** will make the presentation. The group was formed in 2016. They meet at the Barnes and Noble Café at the North Town Mall on the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

To date the group has published two anthologies.



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## FROM OUR PRESIDENT



I have indicated my desire to resign as SASP President January 2019. Our treasurer Kate has emailed our board of elected officers that she, for reasons of her own, must resign her position as treasurer for now. And Dave has indicated that he would like someone to take on the position of secretary, which means taking notes of what goes on at our meetings, so that he can better concentrate on being the webmaster of our club—a very big job. Our election will be held on November 1<sup>st</sup>. It is very important that other members step up and run for one of these offices, or any other office if they so choose. As many of you know, I have been an officer for six out of the eight years I have been a member. This has been a very rewarding experience for me and I'm glad that I chose to do this. However, I think it's time for me to step back and give other members a chance to participate. Perhaps, you think our club should go in another direction or we should try new things. Well, here's your chance. One plus for me was that I used to be terrified of speaking with a microphone. Not anymore! Now I prefer to speak with a microphone. So please, fellow members, be brave, take my message to heart, and notify Dave that you would like to run for an office so that he can put your name on the ballot. If no one steps up and our club has offices with no one willing to fill them, eventually, we may have no club at all. I think that would be very sad, don't you?

On another note, it has come to my attention that someone with the email address

[executivepresident808\(at\)gmail\(dot\)com](mailto:executivepresident808(at)gmail(dot)com) is still sending emails to some of our SASP members using my name. Often this person asks for money. Please know that this is not my email address and that I would never ask you for any money or anything else. If you get one of these phony emails, send it to spam or delete it.

On a happier note, my latest book, *Poopie the Fly and Friends* is now on Amazon and Kindle. Also, I'm looking forward to our SASP yard sale at Joan Carter's place on October 6<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Let's hope for a wonderful sunny fall day. See you at our next meeting, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

*Happy writing!*

*Esther*

## FROM THE EDITOR/WEB-MASTER



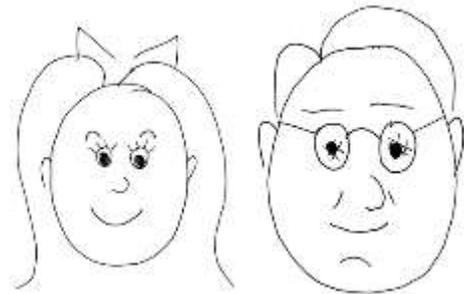
Election time is here, not only for the United States of America, but also for Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers. We will be voting at our November 1<sup>st</sup> meeting to determine who will guide our group for the next few years.

All positions are open: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three Director or Advisor Positions. At present, no one has contacted me with intentions of running for any of our offices. This includes anyone who may be planning to retain their position(s) for the future. **If you plan to run for an office, or if you plan to retain your position, please let me know by Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> of October.** I need time to get ballots made and sent out. Then you may return them

via e-mail, USPS, or bring them with you to our November meeting.

For your ballots to be counted, you must show as being a paid member of SASP for 2018. When sending in or presenting your completed ballot, you might also want to think of paying your dues for 2019. It's never too early to do so, and it is fast coming time when dues will once again be due.

I am always ready and willing to update and flesh out your individual Member Web-Pages. If you want more than a generic biography saying, "he/she has been a member of Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers for several years." If you want to be pictured as you truly are and not as our generic members shown here, or if you wish to



have your available books listed, please make sure I have the information. While I can and often do dig up the information, I'm never certain if it is the latest or the best.

For anyone who writes under a pseudonym and would prefer not to have those books and that author connected with the real individual, I can and will set up a separate Member Web-Page. Here you can expect to be pictured as a typical generic member with a biography that simply says, "One of our members also writes as John (or Jill) Doe." The remainder of the Web-Page will be the same as any other, as much as possible, including information about books you write as that individual.

## SEPTEMBER'S MEETING



On Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> of September, Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers was honored to have Kate Reed of Spark Central as our featured speaker. Spark Central is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit that focuses on igniting the creativity, innovation, and imagination necessary for people to forge the path to their best future. She told of us several of the programs and activities this organization provides and mentioned they have a library for books by local authors.

We also had the pleasure of welcoming surprise guest Mark Anderson, who is Spokane's Poet Laureate. He spoke a bit about Spokane Arts; the poetry excerpts found on sidewalks around town, and read his poem about the Louff Carousel horses.

Sue Eller verbally forwarded word from Russ Davis of Gray Dog Press regarding Create Space. Basic advice from Russ was to have a little patience as Amazon phases out Create Space and transfers things over to KDP Print.

Our guest Timothy Irwin introduced himself and noted that he was writing to help move past some tragic aspects of his life. Another guest, Mike Scanlon read a short and humorous children's story he had written.

Our Public Relation's Person, Marilee Hudon suggested that folks who want to have

their books available at the Art at the Market should drop them off at her place no later than Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> of September. Secretary and Web-Master Dave McChesney agreed to make sure everyone had her address.

Steve Webber mentioned that he is looking for editing assistance; while Tiffani Harvey told us her books have been retitled. They are now known as *Freedom Seeker* and *Freedom Seeking*. President Esther Hildahl told us a bit about her recently published children's book, *Poopie the Fly and Friends*.

We once again spoke about having a book sale this fall at Joan Carter's place in Green Bluff. We'll investigate and have more defining information in the near future.

As usual door prizes existed in abundance. Winners included but were not limited to: Melvin Brown, Joan Carter, Cindy Silliman, Bill Tracy, Joyce Seebaum, Dave McChesney, Stan Parks, Mark Anderson, and Mike Scanlon.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> of October. Information about our speaker will be posted on "Programs" as soon as it is available.

## ART AT THE MARKET

Spokane Authors and Self-Publishers took part in this event at Liberty Lake's Town Square Park on Friday and Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. While primarily a showcase for artists in more visual disciplines... painting, photography and the like, the organizers enthusiastically asked for and warmly welcomed our literary efforts. Marilee Hudon, our public relations person took charge of our involvement in this art sale and coordinated everyone's efforts and contributions.

On Friday night, Marilee, Kate Poitevin, and Dave McChesney set up the donated tables and put the collected books of several SASP members on display. They then ran the booth until the event closed for the night. That first evening, sales were a bit on the slow side, but many passersby seemed interested and it

was possible to tell a lot of folks about SASP and the many fine writers who are a part of it.

Saturday morning found Sue Eller, Joyce Seebaum, Fred Jessett, and Marilee running the booth. Sales improved from the night before, with over two dozen books finding eager readers, making participation in Art at the Market worthwhile.

We received the following comment from a buyer on Saturday. "A treat to meet the authors. I wouldn't have considered purchasing but you two were actually there!"



*The SASP booth at Art at the Market.*



*Kate setting up the books for display*

### **SASP FINANCIAL STATUS**

At the beginning of August our balance was \$2816.74. We had no income for the month but show expenses totaling \$58.89. This includes \$15.00 paid to our speaker and \$43.89 to Go Daddy for continuing our web-site. Our ending balance is \$2757.85

### **HELP!**

If you recently paid dues and did not get a receipt, and if the roster shows you as not paid, please contact our

treasurer. She received dues from two gentlemen but cannot identify or credit them for the payments.

### **MEMBER WEB-PAGE GUIDE**

We are providing the following guide for those that wish to provide information for a member web-page.

1. Name and photo/headshot
2. Brief biography
3. Links to any web-site, blog, or other on-line locations.
4. Information about any books published.
  - a. Book cover shot/thumbnail
  - b. Brief description/blurb.
  - c. Amazon ASIN, ISBN or other
  - d. Locations where available.

In many cases your editor/web-master can find much of this on-line, if it is there. If it's not and you would like to have a member web-page that is as complete as possible, please e-mail information to [daveeva@comcast.net](mailto:daveeva@comcast.net), [authors@spokaneauthors.org](mailto:authors@spokaneauthors.org), or send via USPS to:

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You are encouraged to check out other member web-pages posted on our web-site at [www.spokaneauthors.org](http://www.spokaneauthors.org). Click on the "Members" button along the left and then click on the member whose page you wish to view.

Please note: We are always ready and willing to update and correct any web-page. Do not hesitate to contact your web-master if you think your page needs attention.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Contact [daveeva@comcast.net](mailto:daveeva@comcast.net) or e-mail [authors@spokaneauthors.org](mailto:authors@spokaneauthors.org) to get your event listed.

## WRITE on the SOUND

Writers' Conference  
Edmonds, Washington

Keynote speaker:

NYT best-selling author **Cara Black**

Pre-conference FULL DAY WORK SHOP

with **Michael David Lukas**

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday,

**October 5, 6, & 7, 2018**

Registration opens

**Wednesday July 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 am PDT.**

Complete Information and Schedule at:

[www.writeonthesound.com](http://www.writeonthesound.com)

## SASP BOOK SALE YARD SALE

at Member Joan Carter's  
16921 N. Day Mt. Spokane Rd.  
Mead, Washington (Green Bluff area)

**Saturday October 6<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 10 am.**

Members wishing to take part contact

President Esther Hildahl at

[mr.inky@yahoo.com](mailto:mr.inky@yahoo.com)

## CRAFT FAIR

At the Apartment Complex  
43 E. Weile Ave.

**Saturday October 6<sup>th</sup> 9 am to 3 pm**

Resident and fellow SASP Member Tiffani  
Harvey will be participating.

## 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](mailto:daveeva@comcast.net) or at

[authors@spokaneauthors.org](mailto:authors@spokaneauthors.org) to get your

Amazon/Kindle books listed)

To speed your search, add the provided

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or: [www.amzn.com/dp/1936178044](http://www.amzn.com/dp/1936178044)

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## Various SASP members

*Celebrating Spokane Authors:*

*A Collection of Poetry, Essays, and Short  
Stories*

**B077GBTQ67**

### 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*

**B0097D599**

*Send in the Drones*

**Coming Soon!**

*The Gluten Free Gourmand*

**150853134X**

*Taming of the T-Bird*

**1505963982**

### Beth Camp:

*The Mermaid Quilt and Other Tales*

**B0090VHKBC**

*Standing Stones*

**B0013RYFW6**

*Years of Stone*

**B00LF3FY4S**

*Rivers of Stone*

**B077M1TFLP**

### Kate Poitevin:

*Saving Tir Gaeltacht*

**1503167844**

(This book is currently being reissued as a three volume  
set. Information will be provided when available.)

### 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  
*Rogue 6* B01H7N8G2G  
*Exposure: A Story of Survival and Intrigue* B01H5W4V64

**B. J. Campbell:**

*Close Calls: True Tales of Cougar Bob*  
 1936178044

**Bob Manion:**

*Santa's Heroes* 1936178095  
*The Tree House* B004IZLHLE  
*The Tree House (new edition)* 1946882003  
*Springer's Heart* 0978850742  
*Summer Rain* B00ZM3S2IM  
*Vampire and the Cop* B00ZM4BBOS  
*Sabrina's Promise* 0996864407

**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  
*My Name is Tamar* B00DH3REWO  
*Drummer Loves Dancer* B073H2RP7P

**Lewis Meline:**

*Lies Exposed! The Truth about Diets...*  
 0997915501

**J. B. Rivard**

*Illusions of Magic:*  
*Love and Intrigue in 1933 Chicago* B01EGSC8N8  
*Illusions of Magic: The Movie* 0751RL53G

**Larry Danek**

*I'm the Ghost in this Body:*  
*The Nomadic Ghost* B01I0Z500Q  
*Jed's World* B00MWDJ1YY  
*Ghostly Reunion:*  
*A Nomadic Ghost Story* B077KHR33M  
*The Runaway Ghost:*  
*A Story of the Nomadic Ghost (Vol. 3)*  
 1986978605

**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

**Esther J. Hildahl**

*Meadow Pond* 154244828X  
*Mr. Inky: Spider with an Attitude* 1542451248  
*Marie's Marvelous Tomato* 1548307653

**Kathy Rae:**

*The Jewel of Hope: Book 1:*  
*The Hope Trilogy* 1500236578  
*Ducky Day or Yucky Day...You Choose*  
 154139142X  
*Deprogramming a Bully: Book 1:*  
*The Barber Chair Series* B06W5NP6Y1

**Margaret Albi Verhoef & Rita Gard Seedorf:**

*Letters from Brackham Wood* B00JEMX656  
*Letters from a Wary Watcher* B01EKOHO2C

**Russell H. Ford**

*Depop* B019NGA00Q

**Wayne Kyle Spitzer**

*That Thing We Killed* B076QF8XZY  
*Comes a Ferryman* B074SJF1TJ  
*The Tempter and the Taker* B074SV557F  
*The Pierced Veil* B074STJMGW  
*Black Hole, White Fountain* B074SY83RW  
*To the End of Ursathrax* B074SWXM61  
*X-Ray Rider 1* B0755QN1N6  
*X-Ray Rider 2* B0755PY9NB  
*X-Ray Rider 3* B0755QPM67

## FEATURED BOOK REVIEWS

Algernon Blackwood's "The Willows," a  
Scriptment **B07575JDFS**  
Flashback **B07689XLTX**  
Flashback Dawn: "Naaygi" **B07836PYT5**  
Flashback Dawn: The Devil's Snambnala  
**B078NHDKZN**  
Faraway, Nearby **B076PNH7V8**  
Behind a Pale Mask **1973289415**  
Wet Bark **B077RJ463S**  
Killer in the Looking Glass **B0779DM1QH**  
Lean Season **B074VD53SF**  
How About a Coke and Some Fries?  
**B077TPR77D**  
Flying the Fog Roads of Cascadia **B077WTSXZN**  
Red Marillion **B077M3ZHWP**  
Coffin Road **B076XQY5FK**  
Napoleon **B076FBPRYV**

### Azalea Dabill

Falcon Heart **B00VOEQXIO**  
Falcon Flight **B019YRTIRO**  
Lance & Quill **B010ZD7PVS**  
Path of the Warrior **B00W4JYHL8**  
Falcon's Ode **B075ZZBPKR**  
Nightshade & Knitbone **1943034109**

### Karen Jean Matsko Hood

*Blood Heiress* **1592108857**  
*Bloom of Autumn Gold* **1592102166**  
*Huckleberry Delights* **B0045U9U34 1596493852**  
*Transracial Adoption* **1594346186**  
*Petting Farm Fun* **1594346186**  
*Finding Rudolph* **B074JZPG9X 1598082957**  
*Morning Reflections* **B00DH70LVG 1930948557**  
(This is a partial list of Karen's books. More will be added with time.)

### Tom Wallace

*To Kill a Poacher: A Psychological Case Study in Empathic Health and Applied Spirituality*  
**0595475442**

### Ed Des Autel

*III Minutes to XII* **B07B3YDPLK 1641382511**



By Niki Breeser Tschirgi

Reviewed by D. Andrew McChesney

During her first grade year, Niki and her family moved to Tok, Alaska. Her Dad worked with the Fish and Wildlife Service, and the position in Alaska fulfilled a lifelong dream. Niki soon adapted to the uniqueness of life in a small remote town in Alaska. The cold long dark winters, the brilliant short summers, and the distances travelled to connect with others became normal. She and her family resided there until she was nearly ready to graduate from high school. Once again they followed her Dad as he moved on to another desired position, this one back in the *Lower Forty-Eight*.

This slender volume is Niki's recounting of the time spent in Alaska, starting with the trip north. Besides describing the realities of live in such a rugged and cold place, she vividly describes the people, the animals, and the bonds that made her experience unique and memorable. It allows the reader to sample a small portion of what life was (is) like in Alaska, and perhaps causes a desire to partake of it themselves.

Born and raised in Alaska until beginning the first grade, this reviewer has a special interest in this book. It points out what life may have been like during his school years, had he and his folks stayed. Much of what Niki describes brings back ancient, half-buried memories or provides a sense of familiarity and understanding. Reading this also reinforces the idea that once someone experiences Alaska, it will always be a part of them.  
(Niki was our guest speaker several months ago.)