



INK SPOTS



*The Newsletter of the Fremont Area Writers, A part of the California
Writer's Club*

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MISSION STATEMENT: For the purpose of providing a forum of educating both members and the public in the craft of writing and in marketing their works. This is served by the monthly public meetings, workshops, and seminars, which are open to all writers and the general public, and is conducted for the purpose of educating writers of all levels of expertise

California Writers Club Authors



**Nancy Curteman, Robert Garfinkle, Carol Hall, Jan Small, Florence Miller,
Tony Pino, Marjorie Bicknell Johnson, Helen Vanderberg, Doris Nikolaidis, Robert
M. Davis, Myrla Raymundo, and Arthur Carey.**



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Holiday Book Signing, Sale

Thanksgiving is approaching, and you know what that means. No, not just turkey. It's time to start thinking about holiday gift buying.

Why not get an early start by buying a personalized gift, an autographed book written by a Bay Area author?

You can do it at the Black Friday Weekend book signing and sale sponsored by Fremont Area Writers at NewPark Mall in Newark Nov. 29-Dec. 1. Hours are from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Exact location to be determined.

A dozen talented authors will be on hand to discuss, sign, and sell their work on a variety of subjects including mystery, thriller, humor, religion, art, science, history, poetry, and memoir.

Writers present will include Nancy Curteman, Robert Garfinkle, Carol Hall, Jan Small, Florence Miller, Tony Pino, Marjorie Bicknell Johnson, Helen Vanderberg, Doris Nikolaidis, Robert M. Davis, Myrla Raymundo, Arthur Carey, and more.

Take a break from shopping to enjoy a candy pick-me-up, free bookmarks, and browse for a gift that can be enjoyed and passed on for someone else's pleasure.

Fremont Area Writers meet on the fourth Saturday of the month from 2-4 p.m. in Room 223 at DeVry University, 6600 Dumbarton Circle, in Fremont starting in January. Meetings are open to the public. Open Mics, at which writers can read their work, are held from 7-9 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month at BookSmart, near Macy's, on the first floor of NewPark Mall.

Fremont Area Writers is a branch of the 1,700-member California Writers Club. To find out more, log on to <http://www.cwc-fremontareawriters.org/> or call Carol Hall at (510) 565-0619.

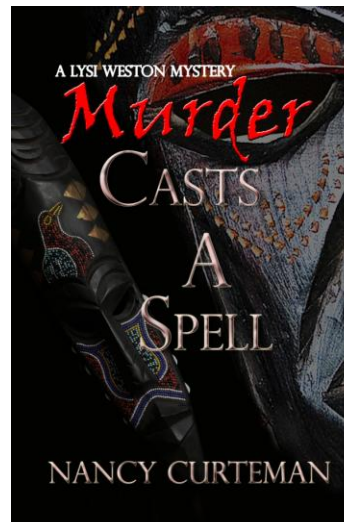


AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR TO SPEAK

Nancy Curteman will discuss her latest mystery

- Free recipes for desserts mentioned in the book
- Free drawing for a copy of “Murder Casts a Spell”
- South African cookies to nibble

MURDER CASTS A SPELL



Globe-Traveling Mystery Writer to Speak

Award-winning mystery writer, local author Nancy Curteman will discuss her latest travel-oriented crime tale, "Murder Casts a Spell."

The event will have a South African air, with South African cookies to nibble and free recipes for desserts mentioned in the book.

Curteman will share inside information about characters and plot. There will be a free drawing for a signed copy of her novel.

Thursday, November 21, 2013

12:00-1:30 p.m.

Fremont Main Library

2450 Stevenson Blvd

Fremont, CA

Curteman is a member of the California Writers Club and Mystery Writers of America. She blogs about writing and international travel. Her website is: nancycurteman.com

October 26, 2013 Gen Membership Meeting

Jordan Rosenfeld – Talked about Self-Editing for Fiction and Non-Fiction Writers to the group.



The attendees





Fremont Area Writers

The Centennial Branch



Penning Reality with a Pulse: Literary Journalism and Audacious Creative Non-Fiction



Combining journalism and literary writing isn't easy, but Scott Thomas Anderson, a crime writer for the Roseville Press Tribune, manages to do it well.

He'll be discussing "Penning Reality with a Pulse-Literary Journalism and Audacious Creative Nonfiction" at a meeting of Fremont Area Writers on Saturday, Nov. 23rd.

An award-winning reporter, he is the author of "Shadow People: How Meth-driven Crime is Eating at the Heart of Rural America," an exploration of the nation's methamphetamine problem. Anderson spent 18 months as an embedded reporter with California law enforcement agencies before writing his book.

You can find out more about him at www.scottthomasanderson.com.

Writers and Poets Open Mic!

When: 7:00-9:00 pm
Monday, November 25th

Where:
BookSmart
(Across from Macy's,
1st Floor)
NewPark Mall, Newark

Sat. November 23rd, 2-4 p.m.
DeVry University, Room 223
6600 Dumbarton Circle
Fremont, CA 94555

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Date: Saturday, December 14th

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Bob and Kathy Garfinkle

32924 Monrovia Street

Union City, CA 94587

510-489-4779

FAW Annual Potluck Holiday Party

Bring your favorite dish to share.

Also bring your own liquid refreshment.

Last Name begins with:

A-G: Salad or Appetizer

H-O: Main Course or Side Dish

P-Z: Dessert

\$10 Gift Exchange



**FAW Vice-President Geraldine Solon
reports:**



**The following are the General
Membership Meeting speakers for the
following months:**

December 14, 2013 – Holiday Party

January 25, 2014 – **Cynthia Sue Larson**
– Social Media Tips for Authors

February 33, 2013 – **Mary Pyefinch** –
Topic to be determined

March 22, 2013 – **Nancy Curteman** -
Topic to be determined

AUTHORS' BOOK TABLE

Carol Hall is the Chairperson of the Authors Book Table. It is a free service of the Fremont Area Writers. Two long tables are set up at each regular meeting, enough space for eight separate titles.

BOOK EXCHANGE

Saroj Kar takes care of our Book Exchange. He urges everyone to bring books to our regular meetings.

WRITERS AND POETS OPEN MIC



Tony Pino, the Open Mic Chairperson, leads the group.

Open Mic will be held monthly at BOOKSMART (near Andersen's Bakery) 1st floor, in NewPark Mall in Newark at 7:00 pm.

Next meeting: November 25,
2013
Monday

Writers attend and read their articles and books to the audience.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Carol Hall

President's Message

I have a lot to be grateful for when it comes to Fremont Area Writers: for the many members who volunteer their time and talents to support the club and make it grow numerically as well as in writing craft.

From the elected board members and appointed heads of different areas who work harmoniously with each other for the good of the club to the unsung heroes who provide refreshments or call members each month, and to the faithful attendees who show up each month, I want to give a big THANK YOU!

I also appreciate DeVry University for our meeting room. If attendance keeps growing, we'll have to ask for a larger room.

As the holiday season comes upon us, may each of us reflect on what's really important in life. Certainly family and friends are near the top of the list.

Where does writing fit in? May we discover the answer for ourselves.

FROM THE EDITOR



Myrla Raymundo welcomes you to our November 2013 issue of the Ink Spots. It contains the latest FAW news and tidbits, poems, prose, essays and articles written by our members.

Ink Spots is issued monthly and is distributed to FAW members at the club general meeting every month. It is also emailed to those with email addresses.

Ink Spots welcomes you to write articles and submit them to this Editor.

When we have enough articles written by our members, we could consolidate them into one book.

Submit your articles in Word format (.doc) and one or two pages maximum to:

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**FREMONT AREA WRITERS
OFFICERS**



President– **Carol Hall**



Vice President – **Geraldine Solon**



Secretary – **Joyce Cortez**



Treasurer – **Myrla Raymundo**



Robert (Bob) Garfinkle –
Past President, California Writers Club

**FREMONT AREA WRITERS
CHAIRPERSONS**

Carol Hall - Donation Drawing and
Authors Table

Nancy Curteman – Central
Board Representative, Hospitality &
Telephone Outreach

Tony Pino – Open MIC

Art Carey – Public Relations

Saroj Kar – Book Exchange

Jan Small – Book Signing and Sale

CALENDAR

BOARD MEETING – Fourth Saturday of the
month 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm – DeVry University,
Fremont.

OPEN MIC – Fourth Monday of the month
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm.

FREMONT AREA WRITERS REGULAR
MEMBERSHIP MEETING – Fourth Saturday
of the month, 2:00 pm -4:00 pm, DeVry
University, Fremont

FAW WRITERS CORNER:

We invite FAW writers to submit their writings to our Newsletter.

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SPLINTERED ETERNITY

I wait, ever hopeful, in the purgatory of the hard, wooden bench, helmet in hand, ears ringing from the unending torrent of cheers and groans. A waving hand summons me to duty. At last! The coach shakes a paper cup. "More Gatorade. Go easy on the ice."...**Art Carey**

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DIALOGUE: Body Language Communicates More Than Words

In real life, body language communicates more than words. Only 7% of meaning is communicated with words leaving 93% of meaning presented nonverbally. This is important information for mystery writers. If dialog is a critical vehicle for moving plot forward, the body language is a critical element of good dialog.

When writing dialog intersperse it with body language that consists of facial expression, posture, gestures and actions.

In writing body language consider your characters' emotions – anger, sorrow, love, hatred, fear, worry, guilt-and feelings-exasperation, disbelief, defiance disagreement, confidence, boredom. Here are a few examples of ways to express meaning through body language.

Anger – Her jaws clenched then she knocked his gift of roses to the floor.

Boredom – While he explained, she checked her watch, looked around the room then started drumming her fingers on the desk.

Sorrow – She didn't answer. She just stared in silence while tears began streaming down her cheeks.

Insincerity – She dismissed his question with a fake smile.

Love – Her eyes brightened and she answered his proposal with a big kiss.

Exasperation – He frowned, rolled his eyes and shook his head then stomped out of the room.

Body language communicates more than words. Mystery writers can add variety to their novels by replacing some dialogue with descriptive body language....**Nancy Curteman**