





TERRY TOSH
FAW President

President's Message

Well, Hello everyone.

I trust we've all had a bit of a breather in July, though we did have some fantastic events.

I hope you've taken a look at our website recently, for the fun pics from the 10th Anniversary (and Penny's Birthday) Picnic. A good time was had by all! Tons of good food and a delicious cake! Many thanks to all of you who helped make this a successful event!

As well as the picnic pics, you would also have seen several shots of Carol Lee Hall's very successful HPB event. By the time you read this, we will have had another HPB event featuring Marjorie Bicknell Johnson, our August author. You'll find pics

of Marjorie in this issue of Ink Spots and online as well. Thanks, again, Nancy Guarnera for arranging these wonderful opportunities for our writers. They are extremely grateful.

And look for some photos our very own Jan Small receiving her Jack London Award for outstanding contributor to our branch, 2019! I'm proud to say Anita and I are two of her contributions to the team...umm, maybe that's not all that impressive, after all. Anyway, we are happy to have the privilege of calling her our dear friend. Way to go, Jan.

So, back in the saddle, again, and ready to ride into the fray for the coming challenges and victories! You'll see and hear about lots of new and helpful speakers to come, along with more exciting 10th Anniversary activities. Read all about it in the August Ink Spot!

Keep your eye on that website, and please be sure to renew and update your membership, and website profile.

We love all of you, team FAW.

Terry and Company

FREMONT AREA WRITERS MONTHLY CALENDAR

SECOND SATURDAY
Meet Your Local FAW Authors

Second Saturdays

2:00 – 4:00 PM

Half Price Books
39152 Fremont Hub,
Fremont

**SUJU's
OPEN MIC**

Fourth Mondays

7:00 – 9:00 PM

Suju's Coffee & Tea Mtg Rm
3602 Thornton Ave,
Fremont

**MEMBERSHIP
MEETING**

Fourth Saturdays

2:00 – 4:00 PM

42 Silicon Valley Rm 106
6600 Dumbarton Circle,
Fremont

**BOARD
MEETING**

Fourth Saturdays

12:30 – 1:45 PM

42 Silicon Valley Rm 106
6600 Dumbarton Circle,
Fremont

FAW Board Members



TERRY TOSH
President



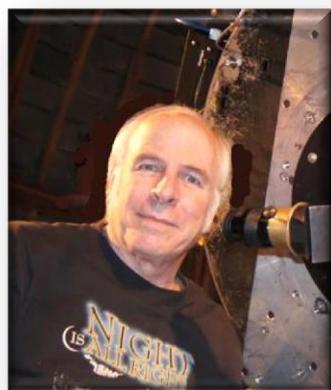
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Vice President



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Secretary



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Past President –
Fremont Area Writers
Past President –
CA Writers Club

JACK LONDON AWARDEES

FREMONT AREA WRITERS

- 2009 Bob Garfinkle
- 2011 Myrla Raymundo
- 2013 Carol Hall
- 2015 Art Carey
- 2017 Shirley Ferrante
- 2019 Jan Small

FAW Chairpersons



ART CAREY
Signage
Facility Liaison



SUE CURTZWILER
Volunteer Coordinator
Hospitality Co-Chair



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Representative



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"Second Saturday"
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Open Mic



JAN SMALL
Book Signings



ANITA TOSH
Membership
Nor-Cal Representative
Authors' Table & Book Exchange



KNUTI VANHOVEN
Speakers Program
Publicity



CARMEN VONTICKNER
Hospitality Co-Chair

FAW MISSION STATEMENT

Fremont Area Writers educates writers and the public by providing:
Forums for educating members in the craft of writing and marketing their works and,
Public meetings, workshops, and seminars open to all writers and the general public
to facilitate educating writers of all levels of expertise. *(Article II Section 1:1.1 and 1.2 FAW Bylaws)*

KUDOS – Members' News

Kudos to Tish Davidson for her second place win in the memoir category of the **2019 Ageless Authors** contest for her story “**Visiting the Bone Man.**” She receives \$75 and publication in the **2019 Ageless Authors** anthology. **AND Kudos AGAIN** for the inclusion of her short story “**When the Medicine Works**” in the CWC North State Writers anthology **Curious Things, A Compilation of Curiously Disturbing & Sometimes Horrifying Short Stories**. Publication is scheduled for September. Congratulations Tish!

Kudos to Carol Lee Hall for her highly successful “**Second Saturday**” event at **Half Price Books** in the Fremont Hub held on July 13. Carol and her seven actors presented a staged reading of her screenplay “**The Angry Angels of Chinatown**” to an audience of more than 50 people. One of the attendees was a “son” of Cameron House, which was established to continue the work of Donaldina Cameron and her “angry angels.” Congratulations Carol!

Kudos to Marjorie Bicknell Johnson for her very successful “**Second Saturday**” event at **Half Price Books** in the Fremont Hub on August 10th. In addition to reading from her two YA adventure/thriller books, **Jaguar Princess** and **Lost Jade of the Maya**, Marjorie regaled the audience with stories of her many exciting visits to the Yucatan and Guatemala in search of the Maya. They still exist today and are preserving their culture and history. From human sacrifice (no longer practiced as far as we know), to jade more precious than gold, and the world’s strongest rope until synthetics, Marjorie is a wealth of information about the Maya. Congratulations Marjorie!

Time to Renew Your Membership

VOLUNTEER ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

1. Volunteer Coordinator **FILLED**

Thank you to **Sue Curtzwiler** for “volunteering” to coordinate our volunteers. If you’d like to help FAW grow and flourish, talk to Sue about volunteering. Sue is also our Hospitality Co-Chair.

2. Webmaster **FILLED**

Thank you to **Scott Davidson** for volunteering to step in as FAW’s Webmaster. If you notice problems with the website, let Scott know at **webmaster@cwc-fremontareawriters.org**. It really does take the village (organization) to help the village thrive!

3. Membership Chairperson and NorCal Representative **FILLED**

Thank you to **Anita Tosh** for volunteering to step in as FAW’s Membership Coordinator and as NorCal Representative. Anita also manages the Authors’ Table and the Book Exchange Table at our 4th Saturday Monthly Meetings.

When the opportunity arises, please thank these brave folks for stepping up to take on these important responsibilities for your organization. Think about how you might contribute and speak to a Board Member!

A Word from Our Editor



Nancy Guarnera
Editor-in-Chief Ink Spots

Welcome to our August 2019 issue of Ink Spots, it contains the latest FAW news, poetry, prose, essays, and articles written by our members. It also contains information from other branches of the California Writers Club and from the literary world beyond.

If you are an avid reader of Ink Spots, you've probably noticed that we have "departments." Some examples: Notes From the World, Kudos, A Little FAW History, FAW Featured Member, FAW Writers' Corner. Some of these appear every month, some are more transitory.

This is your newsletter and I would truly appreciate your participation. If you've had a success, submit it as a Kudo; finished a poem or a short story, submit it for the Writers Corner; have some tips, tricks, contests, websites, or events that would appeal to writers,

submit them for Notes from the World; have some FAW history you'd like to share...you get the idea! This is your organization and your newsletter; please consider contributing to both. If you'd like to submit a continuing series, or have an idea for a new department, let's talk. Send me an email or talk to me at a 4th Saturday meeting.

Send submissions to inkspots@cwcfremontareawriters.org. Please put **FAW Ink Spots Submission** in the **Subject** line of your email. Thank you!

Ink Spots is emailed to members on or around the 15th of each month (*excluding July*) and is available on the FAW website cwcfremontareawriters.org. If you have not received a copy of the newsletter by the 25th of the month, and you've checked your SPAM/JUNK folder and it's not there, contact me at inkspots@cwcfremontareawriters.org and I'll resend it to you. Please put **FAW-NO NEWSLETTER** in the **Subject** line. We email Ink Spots to all the different branches of the California Writers Club, as well.

Enjoy this month's issue! Nancy

Submission Guidelines

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

On or before the **First Day of the Publication Month** (May 1st for the May issue, etc.)

Please submit as attachments, rather than in the body of your email.

WORD COUNT:

Feature articles (Presidents Message, Featured Member, etc.): **300 words max.**

Creative Submissions: **1,000 words max.** (unless you are willing to have longer pieces serialized)

Kudos: **75-80 words max.**

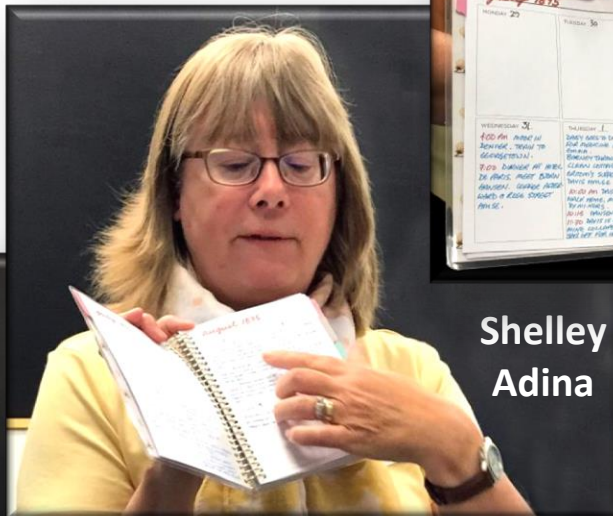
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June's Speaker Recap

Planning and Plotting Your Series

Why do readers love series like Harry Potter, Game of Thrones, Twilight, and Downton Abbey? Shelley Adina believes it's recognition and familiarity. Readers fall in love with the characters, the setting, the time period, and the themes. The deep connection with the authors' on-going vision of the people and world they've created, keeps their fans coming back for more with each new book in the series. There's a comfort level achieved when we know the characters and what to expect from them; when we recognize the setting and can move through the Abbey as if we ourselves were born to the manor; and know that there will be magical things happening in each book, because we're living in a world with wizards and witches, and all sorts of magical creatures.

Shelley Adina once told us at previous FAW meeting, that when she decided to be a writer, she made the choice to build a "writing empire," rather than pursue writing as a hobby. She has created her empire by writing series. In fact, she's written nine series, across multiple genres. You could say she's a "Series Empress!" Shelley Adina knows her stuff and last June she shared that "stuff" with us.



Shelley Adina

Shelley emphasized the value of using a Series Calendar to keep track of past, present and future events.



The author with her new book, *The Matchmaker Wore Mars Yellow*

She took us on a deep dive into the importance of concepts and themes; characters (primary and secondary); and plots, sub-plots and over-arching series plots. The hardest thing...keeping track of everything and everyone! Without fail...she uses two tools to maintain consistency and continuity, a **Series Bible**: to keep track of all the details – character backstories and relationships, settings-maps of towns and rooms, culture, tech, customs, and history; and a **Series Calendar**: to keep track of when things are happening – what year, season, month, day, and time...right down to the last minute. Are you writing a series? These tools are essential!

Calling All FAW Published Authors

FAW-HPB "Second Saturday" Meet Your Local FAW Authors



Half Price Books
at the
Fremont Hub

Fremont Area Writers is partnering with Half Price Books in Fremont to present "Second Saturday" — Meet Your Local FAW Authors monthly readings by FAW published writers. Readings are scheduled from 2:00 to 4:00 PM; a different author will be featured each month.

This opportunity to read and sell your books is available to FAW members who are published authors.

We need an author for October, if you'd like to be October's author or to schedule a month in 2020, please contact Nancy Guarnera at faw-hpb@cwcfremontareawriters.org.

2019 FAW Authors

September
Dave Strom

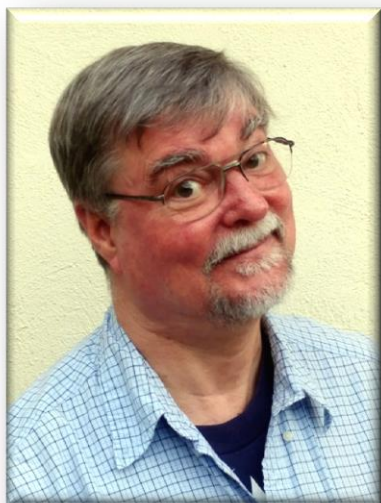
OCTOBER
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November
Anita Tosh

December
Doris Nikolaidis

"Meet Your Local FAW Author" for September 2019

Saturday, September 14th 2– 4 P.M. Half Price Books in the Fremont Hub



Dave Strom

Join FAW comic book author **Dave M. Strom** as he brings to life **Super Holly Hansson** (geek girl/comic book writer turned superheroine), her super friends, and their fiendish foes, as he reads excerpts from **Super Holly Hansson in Super Bad Hair Day**. Whether you're a comic book geek, a graphic novel aficionado, or just a lover of all things written and read, don't miss this extremely talented author "perform" his work. Yep! He does voices! Dave has performed his work throughout the Bay Area.

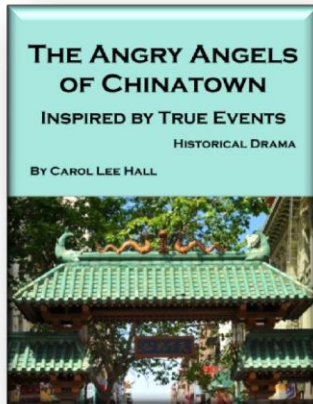
Don't miss this unusual FAW "Second Saturday" event at Half Price Books in the Fremont Hub.

Everyone is welcome!



FAW—HPB “Second Saturday”

July’s “Meet Your Local FAW Authors”



Carol Lee Hall

THE ANGRY ANGELS OF CHINATOWN

A Staged Reading

Carol Lee Hall and her seven actors presented a staged reading of her screenplay “**The Angry Angels of Chinatown**” to an audience of more than 50 people at Half Price Books on July 13th. One of the attendees was a “son” of Cameron House, which was established to continue the work of Donaldina Cameron and her “angry angels.”

READERS CHARACTERS

Lorelie Knutson	Donaldina Cameron
Christine Kang	Anna Woo
Angelica Chan	Ling Soo
	Older Mission Girl
Jaina Manning & Bernadine Cortina	Quan Yee, Ying-Ying
Gerald Suh	Beautician, Raymond Fong
	Wong Luck, Matthew Chin
	Rooster
Daniel Soohoo	Jack Manion, Judge Smith, Clement Gazara, Scar Head
Carol Lee Hall	Narrator, Adolph Ambercrombie

Anna Woo and Donaldina Cameron



Quan Yee & Ying-Ying (above)
Anna Wong, Wong Luck, Ying-Ying, Judge Smith (left)
Narrator (above right)

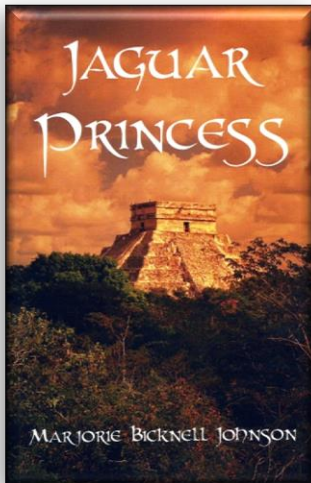


Ling Soo & Scar Head



FAW—HPB “Second Saturday”

August’s “Meet Your Local FAW Authors”

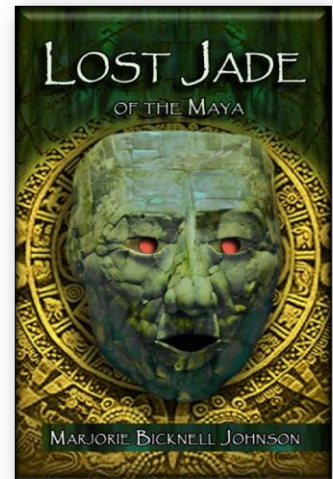


Jaguar Princess AND Lost Jade of the Maya

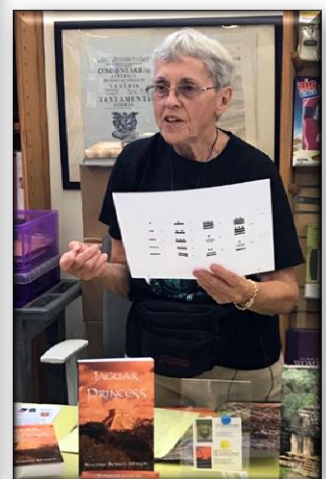
Marjorie Bicknell Johnson

On August 10th YA adventure/thriller author Marjorie Bicknell Johnson treated her audience to a cultural/historical tour of the Maya. She read from her books, *Jaguar Princess* and *Lost Jade of the Maya*, sharing the adventures of her protagonist, archeologist Chanla “Pesh” Pex, on her journey of self-discovery. To enrich the experience, she then shared stories of her own adventures in the Yucatan and Guatemala. It was an enlightening afternoon.

Photos (cw from upper R): the glyph and word, B’alam, for jaguar; the author w/ a *Jaguar Princess*; explaining the numbering system used by the Maya; an example of a “page” from a Mayan book (dots w/ bars are numbers)



Photos (ccw from upper L): the author reads from history appendix in *Jaguar Princess*; inspecting Guatemalan currency for signs of the Maya; a glyph-etched Maya jade pendant, more precious than gold; detail of a Guatemalan bank note w/ Maya glyph in upper right corner (zoom in)



Notes from the World

Better Writing Tip of the Month

HOW GOOD IS YOUR TIMING?

Raj recoiled. A shot rang out.

"We're late." Sandra looked at the clock.

There must be an accident on the freeway.
The sound of sirens pierced the air. Elise
covered her ears.

Sometimes writers' thoughts get ahead of their fingers. In the three examples given here, someone reacts *before* an event happens. Raj responds *before* he hears the shot. Sandra comments on their lateness *before* she checks the time, and Elise decides there was an accident *before* she hears sirens. Often the author is blind to timing inconsistencies. Hunt them down *before* you submit, because editors and readers do notice them.

CONTEST

University of New Orleans Press
Publishing Lab Prize

Deadline: Submissions open until
August 31, 2019.

Entry fee: \$28.00.

Website: unopress.org/lab.aspx

First Prize: The selected author will receive a ten thousand dollar (\$10,000) advance on royalties and a contract to publish their winning manuscript with UNO Press.

Guidelines: See website for full guidelines. The University of New Orleans Press is looking for full-length fiction manuscripts, either novels or short story collections, for the fifth annual Publishing Lab Prize. The work does not have to be regionally focused. There is no word limit or limit on subjects covered. More information, including the Submission link, can be found at: unopress.org/lab.aspx

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FREE Online Honors Class

Jane K. Cleland, author of 12 mysteries and 5 nonfiction books is excited to share a new, completely free program she has created. It's called the **Honors Class**. Designed for thoughtful writers (and readers), the Honors Class provides one-minute lessons to improve and reinforce understanding of the tools skilled writers use to tell captivating stories.

Writers will learn new techniques that they can put to work right away, and readers will discover tricks of the trade that will deepen their appreciation of their favorite books. If this is of interest to you, you can access these in both text and podcast formats using the link above or via my website

<http://janecleland.com/honors-class-overview/>—completely for free!

10th Anniversary Picnic



Saturday
July 6th

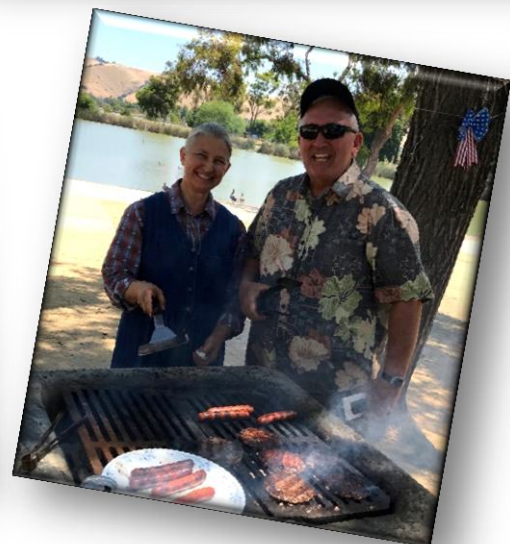
11:00 to 3:00

Lake Elizabeth
Fremont

Redwood 2 Area

It was a warm day in the park. The food was plentiful and delicious. The company was even better. A good time was had by all!

Photos clockwise from right: *Waiting for cake* (from left: Carmen VonTickner, Joyce Cortez, Jan Small, Terry Tosh, Tish Davidson, Marjorie Johnson, Urmila Patel); *The Grill Masters* (Anita and Terry Tosh); *Smile!* (from left: Marjorie Johnson, Art Carey and "Birthday Girl" Penelope Anne Cole)



CONGRATULATIONS!



JACK LONDON AWARDEE 2019

FREMONT AREA WRITERS

Jan Small

*For outstanding service to the
California Writers Club*



Jan Small has been a member of the Fremont Area Writers for nine years. She's served as the Book Signing chairperson since joining FAW, scheduling events at NewPark Mall, at libraries in Fremont, Newark and Union City, as well as other venues.

She is an award-winning artist and writer with more than a dozen self-published books. As a teacher, Jan has successfully conducted a school of art for the past 50 years. Her art has been exhibited nationally and internationally, seen on television, published in newspapers and magazines, and purchased for public and private collections.

She has taught special classes to the mentally and physically disabled, to senior citizens and to abandoned and abused children at Alameda County Juvenile Hall.

Congratulations Jan, and thank you for your years of service!



Left: Joyce Krieg presents Jan Small with the 2019 Jack London Award for outstanding service. Right: Jan Small (seated at left) joins other Jack London recipients.

Thank you again for 10 Years of Service to FAW as Editor of **Ink Spots!**

Myrla Raymundo was celebrated with a delicious cake at the June meeting for her many years of service and commitment.



Coming Events

Book Signings

Book Reading

AT NEWPARK MALL

Calling All FAW Authors

Jan Small has scheduled another book signing at the NewPark Mall in Newark. The signing will be held on **Saturday, September 7th** and is open to all FAW published authors. If you are interested in participating in this event please contact **Jan Small** for more details at jan@jansmall.com.

A Reading for Kids

On Saturday September 21st, FAW children's author Penelope Anne Cole will be reading to children of all ages at NewPark Mall. For additional information please contact **Jan Small** at jan@jansmall.com

AT FREMONT MAIN LIBRARY

Calling All FAW Authors

Jan Small has scheduled another book signing at the **Fremont Main Library** just in time for last minute Christmas shopping. The event will be on **Saturday, December 14th** and is open to all FAW published authors. If you are interested in participating in this event, please contact **Jan Small** for more details at jan@jansmall.com.

FAW Election Results

Members of the Fremont Area Writers branch of the CWC voted for new Board Members at the June 2019 membership meeting. All of the current Board Officers ran unopposed and will each serve a second term.

President Terry Tosh
Vice-President Knuti VanHoven
Secretary Carmen VonTickner
Treasurer Cherilyn Jose

Congratulations to all of you!

FREMONT AREA WRITERS' CORNER

Sunburn

(or Too Much Fun in the Sun)

Burn, blister, and peel...
then I discovered aloe.
Now its burn, and heal!

Claire Wright

Solar Flair

Sun glistened water
A sparkling dance of bright light
My eyes mesmerized

Nancy Guarnera

Send Us Your Submissions

**Don't forget to renew
Your membership!**

**Invite someone to an FAW
meeting or event —
Everyone is welcome!**