

~~ *Surfwriters Meeting* ~~

Friday, November 22

~ 10:00 a.m. ~ 11:00 a.m. ~

General Meeting for Members
Business Reports & Upcoming Projects

~ 11:00 a.m. ~ noon ~

Guest Speaker: Jeri Westerson

*Join us to hear Jeri Westerson speak about "The Writing Life" –
why an agent, how to get one, indie publishing, etc.*



Jeri Westerson

- President of the Southern California chapter of Mystery Writers of America
- Vice president of the Los Angeles chapter of Sisters in Crime
- Member of
 - Historical Novel Society
 - Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America
- Author of 11 books including *Shadow of the Alchemist*, nominated for the RT Reviewers' Choice Award for Best Historical Mystery! Named one of the Best of 2013 by Suspense Magazine!

Malaga Cove Library Community Room
2400 Via Campesina, Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274
Map (310) 377-9584 ext. 551

Meeting is free and open to the public. All are welcome.

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~~ Events, November-December 2013 ~~

IWOSC Presents: General Meeting/Panel Discussion

“Writing History: Bringing it to life”

Distinguished panel of authors includes Cari Beauchamp, Jim Dawson, Steven J. Ross and Jon Wilkman. Robert S. Birchard moderates.

Monday, November 25, 7:30 to 9 p.m. (networking follows the program)

According to polls taken in the mid-1990s 25% of college seniors could not pinpoint the date of the first voyage of Christopher Columbus; 40% couldn't say when the American Civil War occurred, and fewer than 2% of American teenagers could name the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court—but for all this seeming historical ignorance, works of history often show up on non-fiction best-seller lists. Either the polls aren't telling the whole story, or there is a fanatic minority out there that voraciously eats up anything to do with the past.

This month's panel on writing history will look at what's happening now about the unpredictable past and explore the motivation, research, writing and publishing that go into creating the chronicle of who we have come to be.

LOCATION: Veterans Memorial Building
4117 Overland Avenue, Culver City 90230
(corner of Culver Boulevard, parking entrance on Culver)
Map of location Free parking!

ADMISSION: IWOSC members - free; Non-members - \$15

E-MAIL RESERVATIONS REQUIRED – Reservations by email only. Email info@iwosc.org to make your reservation to this event. Please write “IWOSC Reservation” in the subject line. You will receive a confirming email from IWOSC, and your name will be on a list at check-in. For proof of your reservation, bring a printout of your email or show a smartphone version of your “sent” email or confirmation. Please arrive by 7:15 pm to be seated. Doors open to everyone at 7:15 and people will be admitted as space permits. Walk-ins permitted, if there is space. Information: (310) 773-8075. If you reserve and can't attend, please notify the office, info@iwosc.org

~~ Events, November-December 2013 ~~

IWOSC Presents: - continued

Please note: The reservation deadline, space permitting, is 12:00 noon on Sunday, the day before the meeting. If you reserve and can not attend, please email the IWOSC office to let us know.

IWOSC, the Independent Writers of Southern California, is a *nonprofit* association, now celebrating its 30th anniversary, providing support, tools, and resources to help self-employed professional writers in Southern California since 1982. Please visit us at www.IWOSC.org.

NOTE: IWOSC's *November* seminar, "Going Solo" with Stacie Chaiken, will take place on Saturday, December 7, 10:30 am ~ 1:00 p.m., at the Veterans Memorial Building. Cost: IWOSC members \$15; nonmembers \$35.

Contact IWOSC for seminar reservations.

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~ Surfwriters December 13 Luncheon & Meeting ~

Details will be discussed at the November 22nd meeting.

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~~ Redondo Poets ~~

Featured Poets & Open Mic

The *Redondo Poets* reading takes place Tuesdays at Coffee Cartel, 1820 S. Catalina Ave., Redondo Beach (310-316-6554).

The reading starts at 8:10 PM and is free.

Open mic before and after the feature.

Your hosts, Larry Colker and Jim Doane

For more info: lcolker@gmail.com or 310-480-4047.

Visit website for list of featured poets.

<http://home.roadrunner.com/~lunadabay/index.html>

"NOTE: On dates where no feature is listed, there is still an open reading. The online schedule is continually updated, so please check back regularly."

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~~ Writing Opportunities ~~

~ Surfwriters: Memoir Workshop ~

Malaga Cove Library Community Room
immediately following the monthly meeting

~ Surfwriters: Recent Writings Project ~

Authors may e-mail submissions to mltrvlarng@hotmail.com prior
to the next quarterly deadline ~ January 15, 2014.

View current work at the Surfwriters website

<http://www.palosverdes.com/surfwriters/>

~ Millie Ames Writing Workshop ~

(Free of Charge)

Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Peninsula Center Library

Conference Room (Main Level)

701 Silver Spur Road

Rolling Hills Estates 90274

Purpose: To help writers get published

Facilitator: Jean Shriver

Frequency: Meets Weekly

(no meeting the last week of the year)

Genre: Fiction

(no non-fiction, drama or poetry)

~ New Workshop at the Peninsula Center Library ~

Non-fiction writers, take note!

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~~ Writing Opportunities -continued~~

~ Calling All Writers ~

A nurturing support workshop for writers at all stages, including new writers!

Meetings are held weekly for helpful critiques & marketing tips.

If Wednesday or Thursday, 3:00pm ~ 5:30pm works for you,
please call or e-mail Jody Wilkinson (310) 376-0720, Jpoet@aol.com.

The group meets at the Catalina Coffee Company
126 N Catalina Ave., Redondo Beach, CA 90277.
(Between Emerald and Diamond) Phone (310) 318-2499

~ Southwest Manuscripters ~

Meets third Monday of each month (unless Monday falls on a holiday)

5:30 PM - Networking

6:00 PM - Reading by an Author of a Work in Progress

7:00 PM - Guest Speaker

8:00 PM - End of Program

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Southwest Manuscripters Website: <http://www.coliserv.net/swm/>
Email: swmtws@hotmail.com

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~ San Pedro Poets ~

The group meets periodically to write and discuss poetry as well as read at various public venues. Interested? Please contact Silvia Morgan at (310) 831-0855.

email: silmmor@earthlink.net

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~~ Writing Opportunities -continued~~

~ Children's Book Writers of Los Angeles (CBW-LA) ~

Originally called the Torrance Children's Book Writing Group (later on shortened to Torrance Children's Book Writers), the Children's Book Writers of Los Angeles (CBW-LA) is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization founded in 2010.

The goal of CBW-LA is to provide education and inspiration for published writers and writers on the road to publication. CBW-LA also provides a venue for the sharing of knowledge and information between writers, members of the publishing industry, educators, libraries, and other members of the Los Angeles community who wish to be involved in promoting children's literature and literacy for children.

CBW-LA offers:

- Monthly critique sessions
- Monthly writing workshops and seminars, often featuring guest speakers who are published in the kid lit industry
- Quarterly newsletter, entitled Scribblers' Scoop
- Online members' forum
- Affordable writing education

Website: <http://www.cbw-la.org/>

E-mail: cbwla2012@gmail.com

Phone: (424) 261-2295

Fax: (424) 731-7318

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~~ Prose, Poetry, Art, Film ~~

~ Beyond Baroque Literary/Arts Center ~

A place dedicated to the possibilities of language

Check website for the many activities including free workshops.

681 Venice Blvd., Venice, CA 90291

Phone 1-310-822-3006 Fax 1-310-821-0256

<http://beyondbaroque.org/>

Surfwriters' Anthology - *The Writing Game*

Surfwriters joined other Peninsula authors at a November 9 book signing at Point Vicente Interpretive Center. Check your local cable channel for interviews with authors.



www.palosverdes.com/surfwriters

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Have questions about Surfwriters? Call Marilyn Litvak
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