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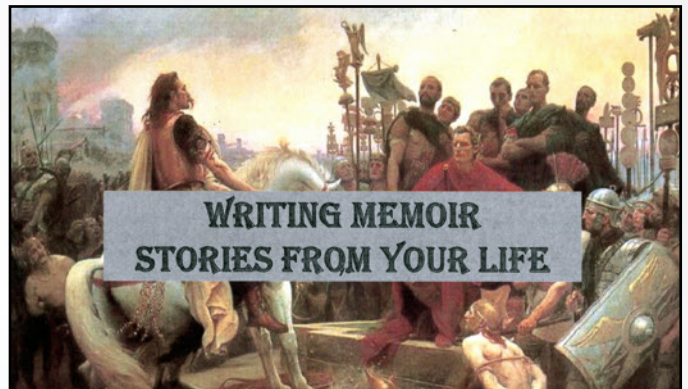
*Formerly Arizona Press Women*

## Explore memoir writing on Nov. 10

by Sheryn Smith

**H**ave you ever thought about leaving a legacy for your children or family? Perhaps you are a distant relative of Billy the Kid or some other historical figure. What better gift than a memoir or family history? You might even want to publish it.

Lawyer, author and APW Past President Brenda Warneka, JD, presents the Writing Memoir workshop on Nov. 10 at the Laughlin Library, 2840 Needles Highway, Laughlin, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Nevada time. Her shared knowledge and experience will provide attendees with the basic tools needed to write a



memoir, as well as the legalities attached to the undertaking.

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## Rim District meeting to focus on writing humor



by Carol Osman Brown

**A**PW members are invited to join the Rim Country District for a special treat at their Nov. 18 meeting where Jodi Weisberg will present “Comedy Tips and Techniques to Improve Your Writing.” Beginning at noon, the free program takes place at the Payson Public Library, 328 N. McLane Road.

A stand-up comic and award-winning writer, Weisberg was bureau chief of the *Arizona Journal*, a statewide newspaper for the legal community, and director of communications for the ASU College of Law. Currently working for the League of Women Voters, this busy APW member continues to do freelance writing, public speaking and stand-up comedy nationally.

For information, call 928-468-9269. No reservations required.

# Central District to tour Arizona's Attic

by Brenda Warneka

Much interesting history has taken place since congress created Arizona Territory in 1863 – from the legislative halls of Prescott, Tucson and Phoenix to the streets of Tombstone and John Slaughter's ranch on the Mexican border, the Harvey Girls to Winnie Ruth Judd, the Poston Japanese relocation camp during WWII to the murder of Don Bolles, and the discovery of Kartchner Caverns to today's hot-button issue of immigration across the southern border.

Have you ever wondered what the state of Arizona keeps in its attic about its history and how and who determines what is preserved? Are you interested in accessing information about Arizona's history from any



Melanie Sturgeon

time between 1863 and today for any reason and want to know how to do it, or are you just plain curious?

Bring your questions and join Central District for a tour of the Arizona State Archives at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 19. The tour will be conducted by Director of History and Archives Division Melanie Sturgeon, Ph. D., at the Polly Rosenbaum Archives and History Building, 1901 W. Madison, Phoenix. Parking is free in the lot in front of the building or on the street.

After the tour, lunch at the popular Phoenix Market Café, 14 E. Pierce, Phoenix. Order from the menu with separate checks. Send your RSVP to [apw.reservations@gmail.com](mailto:apw.reservations@gmail.com). Info: Barbara Lacy 480-620-1358.

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## Writers learn about book distribution options

by Carol Osman Brown

“Writers can increase sales and reach more readers if they have good book distribution,” said Eileen Baughman, president and book buyer for Gardner's Book Service. She provided insight into the book business and how books reach readers locally and nationally during her talk at the Oct. 21 meeting of Rim Country District at the Payson Public Library.



Photo by Bing Brown

Baughman started her Phoenix book service business 32 years ago to help teachers buy books economically for students and facilitated school book fairs and literacy programs throughout Arizona. She still provides quality books at discounted rates to educators and libraries, but expanded to help authors at school visits and conferences. She also buys young adult and adult books directly from authors.

“The book publishing business operates more than six months ahead. I work with 300 publishers who send

information and advance book review copies in hopes I will stock their books and distribute them. Picture book samples often have unbound pages,” said Baughman. “I buy books from publisher reps during spring, fall and summer. Right now, I am buying for spring releases.”

During the meeting, Baughman discussed industry changes including eBooks and digital catalogues.

“I've seen some authors get really upset when their books did not arrive in time or they ran out of books at a conference or book signing event. Always allow extra time for book delivery,” stressed Baughman, who also works with book stores and small publishers.

Baughman assisted authors at the Payson Book Festival and plans to be at the 2016 event on July 23.

“Authors attending a school visit, seminar or book festival should order their books from me at least two to three weeks ahead of the event. I can get several book titles for each author. That way, I bring the books to the event and handle sales for the author, who can set the retail book price and then is free to sign books and talk to readers. I give the author their profits minus 10 percent, and return any unused books.” she explained.

For more information visit [gbsbooks.com](http://gbsbooks.com) or contact Baughman at [ebaughman@gbsbooks.com](mailto:ebaughman@gbsbooks.com).

# Colorado River District tours Mojave Desert Heritage Cultural Center

by Brenda Warneka

On Oct. 5, nine members and friends of the APW Colorado River District traveled, eight by Dick Warneka's bus, to Essex, California, for a tour of the Mojave Desert Heritage & Cultural Center. The cultural center is at the former town of Goffs, which closed in 1937 with the moving of Route 66 south of town.

Archivist Chris Ervin led a tour of the Dennis G. Casebier Library, built in 2008 in the image of the Goffs Santa Fe Railway depot (1900-1956). Ervin, who formerly worked in the high tech industry, pursued a Master's degree and became a certified archivist specifically to work there, a position he took seven months ago. He volunteered for 20 years before that. The APW group brought picnic fare for lunch on the grounds, after which Executive Director Hugh Brown gave a tour of the restored Goffs Schoolhouse (1914-1937), now a museum.

Ervin describes the library's collecting area of interest as the Mohave Desert, and its concentration as unpublished materials. The library was built to house materials collected over 50 years by renowned desert historian Dennis Casebier. The collection, the largest single collection in existence covering the American history of the Mojave Desert, includes 6,000 volumes, 50,000 historical photographs and 700 oral histories. The library has now attracted other collections due to Casebier's reputation.



**Above: The restored Goffs 101-year-old Schoolhouse museum. Below: APW Colorado River District members and guests enjoy a picnic lunch at the Mojave Desert Heritage & Cultural Center. Photos by Brenda Warneka**



The archives basically cover the period from contact by Friar Francisco Graces (1775-1776) to present day, though there are materials about the prehistoric era and Indians. The library has published two dozen books, most by Casebier.

A major effort is underway to process the materials in the archives to make them available to researchers. The first collection guide is expected to be available at Online Archive of California (OAC), similar to the Arizona Ar-

chives Online (AAO), by the end of the year.

Researchers should contact the library at [info@mdhca.org](mailto:info@mdhca.org) before any visit to arrange for archival materials to be pulled for their review. The cultural center is open Saturday, Sunday and Monday and by appointment.

The APW Colorado River District plans a research trip to the library after the first of the year. For information about this trip, contact Brenda Warneka at [warneka@cox.net](mailto:warneka@cox.net).



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Warneka, shown left, is co-author and co-editor of three books: *The Simple Touch of Fate* (2003), *The Mystery of Fate* (2010) and *Skirting Traditions: Arizona Women Writers and Journalists 1912-2012* (2012), an anthology written in honor of Arizona's Centennial.

In September, she attended the National Federation of Press Women National

Conference in Anchorage, Alaska, where she received a NFPW Communication Award for her informational column, *Writing and the Law*. The topics were: "A Lesson in Copyright" and "Photography of People in Public Places."

There is no charge to attend the Writing Memoir workshop, and the public is welcome. The presentation was prepared for APW's Colorado River District November meeting.

# Guidon Books: Destination for history buffs

by Brenda Warneka

APW's Central District members and friends socialized over a pot-luck dinner at their Oct. 15 meeting, and then enjoyed a presentation by proprietor Shelly Dudley at Guidon Books in Old Town Scottsdale.

Guidon Books, a destination bookstore for new and out-of-print Western Americana and Civil War books, was voted the Best Western Bookstore by *True West* magazine four years in a row.

Dudley discussed growing up with history-buff parents who had a library room in their home from the time she was little, taught her to search used book stores in Southern California in the '50s and '60s, and then moved to Scottsdale to open the bookstore in 1964 when she was a teenager. On vacation, the family explored national parks, the Custer battlefield and Civil War monuments and battlegrounds. Her parents named the bookstore "Guidon" after the small flag carried by cavalry units.

Dudley, who has a master's degree in history from ASU, spent 28 years

at Salt River Project, retiring from her job as a senior historical analyst in 2010. She took over management of the bookstore after her parents died.

Guidon Books provides research expertise without charge to those

Dudley says readers' interests change as they look for new bents on history. She gave Bruce Catton as an example. In the 1960s, Catton painted the Civil War with a broad over stroke, but then readers became interested in what the individuals fighting

the war were like. Author Dee Brown started writing western history from the Indians' perspective. Readers wanted to know how women influenced what happened, leading to such works as the series on covered-wagon women published by the University of



Dick Warneka asks a question at Guidon Books meeting. Others from left: Pam Stevenson, Dee Hrasky, Beverly Konik. Photo by Brenda Warneka

searching for material in the 25,000 volumes stocked by the bookstore. Often, family members seek information about the military role of soldiers who served in the Civil War, with little to go on. Dudley narrows the search using such databases as Ancestry.com, the National Park Service Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System, Fold3 and the Daughters of the American Revolution. She continually shops for additions to the store's inventory and purchased four Civil War collections so far this year.

Nebraska Press.

Today, readers are interested in the role played by different ethnic groups in western history. They want to know things such as what the flora and fauna were like during relevant periods or what the winters were like. Trees that exist at Civil War battlefields from the time of the Civil War are now designated by the National Park Service as Witness Trees, the last living witnesses of the battles and of historical importance.

## 2016 Payson Book Festival dates announced

The Rim Country District of APW once again partners with Gila Community College to present the Payson Book Festival on July 23, 2016, on the college campus in Payson.

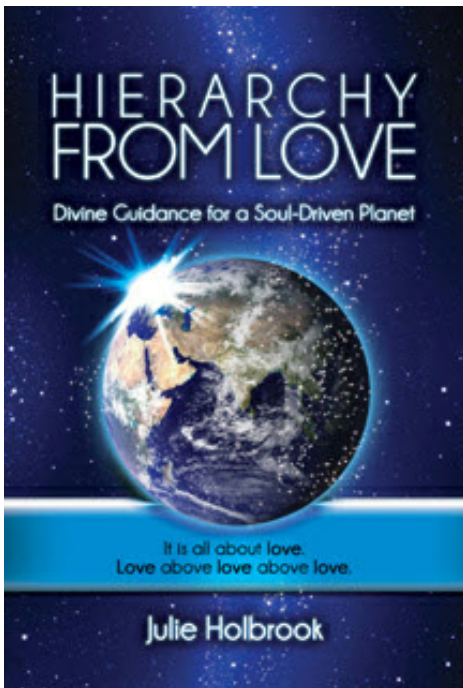
The event last summer featured 60 Arizona authors and attracted more than 500 visitors.

Questions? Call Carol Osman Brown at 928-468-9269.



# Midwest raves about ‘Hierarchy From Love’

A book for which APW member Lynda Exley performed content editing and APW member Linda F. Radke’s Five Star Publications published, *Hierarchy From Love: Divine Guidance for a Soul-Driven Planet* by Julie Holbrook (\$16.95), received rave reviews from Midwest Book Review in October.



**Synopsis:** *"Hierarchy from Love: Divine Guidance for a Soul-Driven Planet" by Julie Holbrook is a powerful expression of the author's*

*knowledge that love must triumph over fear to restore and rebalance the Earth and human lives. Written to encourage a reconnection to divine truths, it outlines the critical issues facing the nature and nurture of life on our planet, exploring contemporary challenges to evoke deeper meaning and ignite necessary successful changes. Earth, asserts Holbrook, is a dynamic, living entity designed to support everything in nature equally. It can remain so only if cared for in the way God intended. Sadly, the Earth is crying out in every aspect of human life and throughout the realm of nature that it is suffering and is no longer in balance. From increasingly erratic and devastating weather patterns to breaches in human trust and security, the obstacles facing the world are connected, and they come from the same source – the energy of fear. Thankfully, Earth can be restored to become once again abundant and sustainable through a countering, empowering energy force.*

**Critique:** *A metaphysical tour-de-force, "Hierarchy from Love: Divine Guidance for a Soul-Driven Planet" is an exceptionally well written and an inherently fascinating study.*

*Insightful, informative, thoughtful and thought-provoking, "Hierarchy From Love" is strongly recommended for community library collections. For personal reading lists it should be noted that "Hierarchy From Love" is also available in a Kindle edition (\$9.99).*

“This book will transform your life,” says Exley. “As I edited each chapter, it changed mine dramatically. The relationships and situations I found myself in became more loving as toxic circumstances fell away. I literally went from living in a patio home in a neighborhood of fighting, fear-based individuals to residing in a ranch-style home on an acre of land with fruit trees, dramatic red rock views and friends who want to start a community garden with us. I’m not saying it was an easy transition. In fact, things are still evolving. However, the principles in the book helped me realize how loving *everything* more – including the planet and myself – could dispel negative energy and change my life for the better in ways I would never have imagined possible before.”

Learn more about *Hierarchy From Love* at [HierarchyFromLove.com](http://HierarchyFromLove.com).

## Cockrell honored for leadership

APW Rim Country District member Connie Cockrell, chairman of the Payson Book Festival committee, was recently recognized for her outstanding leadership and efforts that helped make the festival a huge success.

Rim Country District Director Carol Osman Brown presented her with a

desk plaque that reads, “The ultimate inspiration is the deadline.”

The 2016 Payson Book Festival is scheduled for July 23 at Gila Community College.



# Cockrell signs latest book in NY

On Oct. 10, APW member Connie Cockrell held a book signing in her home town of Gloversville, New York, at the Mohawk Valley Co-operative Market on Main Street. The 9 a.m. to noon crowd was light but steady, giving Ms. Cockrell the opportunity to talk to customers about her books without rushing her visitors. Many of her hometown childhood friends and previous coworkers stopped by the signing to purchase her books and to catch up with news of friends and family.

Cockrell, an original supporting member of the Mohawk Valley Cooperative Market, said she appreciated the opportunity to hold her signing in the comfortable, friendly environment of the co-op,

allowing friends and family another chance to peruse both the art gallery and the wide selection of locally grown and produced groceries.

"It's a vibrant and lively part of the local community, a real showcase of local artists and farmers," says Cockrell, who called the signing a "huge success."

An eclectic writer, Cockrell has two science-fiction series, a mystery series, a stand-alone thriller and other books including a middle-grade book and collections of short stories.

Her books are available on all major online booksellers' websites and [conniesrandomthoughts.com](http://conniesrandomthoughts.com), as well as Facebook, [ConniesRandomThoughts](http://ConniesRandomThoughts);

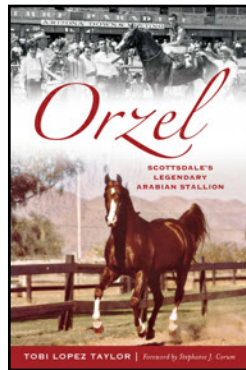


Twitter, @ConnieCockrell; GoodReads, ConnieCockrell; and on GumRoad.com/conniecockrell.

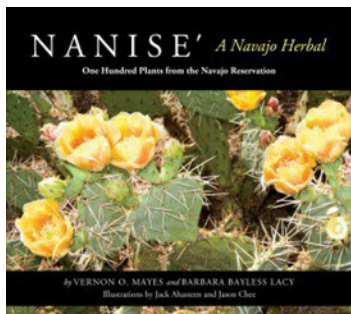
## IN TOUGH WITH APW MEMBERS

Keep up to date with APW between newsletters by checking out [arizonaprofessionalwriters.org](http://arizonaprofessionalwriters.org) and the APW Facebook page, which is public so colleagues can be Friends even if they are not APW members. Feel free to post news and other information of interest to members on the Facebook page.

**Tobi Lopez Taylor** recently published an article on the great Arabian racehorse, Kontiki, in the October issue of *Arabian Finish Line Magazine*. In addition, her new book, *Orzel: Scottsdale's Legendary Arabian Stallion*, will be released in January 2016 and is available now for pre-order on [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).



**Barbara Lacy's** book, *Nanise' A Navajo Herbal: One Hundred Plants from the Navajo Reservation*, written with Vernon O. Mayes and published by **Linda Radke's** Five Star



Publications, is now available at the Tucson Herb Store. Info: [FiveStarPublications.com](http://FiveStarPublications.com).

**Elsie Needles, Karole Richelle Finklestein and Stuart E. Clarkson** are APW Colorado River District's three newest members. Needles of Bullhead City is president of the Colorado River Historical Society, a speaker and writer. Finklestein of Bullhead City is a poet, who also joined NFPW. Clarkson of Mohave Valley, Arizona, is a writer.



**Top Right: Writer Stuart Clarkson with wife Pam, who edits his work.**

**Bottom: Elsie Needles (left) and Karole Finklestein.**



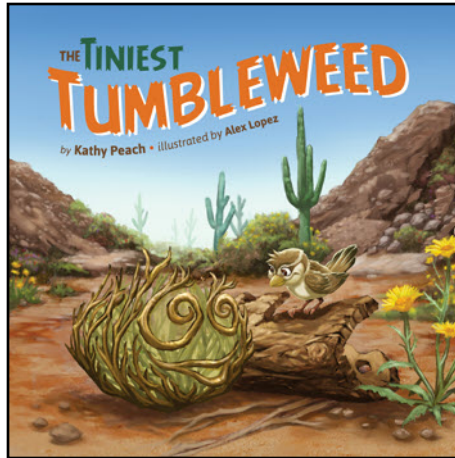
**Photos by Brenda Warneka**

# Little Five Star to launch 'The Tiniest Tumbleweed'

A children's book by first-time author Kathy Peach, *The Tiniest Tumbleweed*, will be released by Little Five Star, an imprint of Five Star Publications owned by APW member Linda Radke, in early 2016.

The story was constructed to help children think big thoughts about what they can do to become their best selves in spite of their circumstances.

"This book beautifully demonstrates that each person has a unique gift to offer. It not only provides hope, but it also teaches young children how to



respect each other's differences," says Radke.

Edited by award-winning children's author and APW member Conrad J. Storad, *The Tiniest Tumbleweed* supports Arizona's College and Career Ready Standards (Common Core) for third-grade English Language Arts (ELA). The book includes a curriculum guide with facts about tumbleweeds and sparrows following the story.

The book will retail for \$14.95. For info, visit [tiniesttumbleweed.com](http://tiniesttumbleweed.com).

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE EVENTS

***Be certain to confirm meeting details before leaving home, as locations, dates or times may change after the newsletter has gone to print.***

**Nov. 1-30: NaNoWriMo**, a world-wide annual novel writing project for professional and amateur writers whose goal is to write a 50,000 word novel during the month. Info/sign up: [nanowrimo.org](http://nanowrimo.org).

**Nov. 3: 1-3 p.m. Writing Workshop: Construction Zone** at Prescott Public Library, 215 E.

Goodwin St., Prescott. Learn why structure needs to be dependable enough to support the details of your story and begins with a foundation and framework. Register online at [prescottlibrary.info](http://prescottlibrary.info) or call 928-777-1526.

**Nov. 5-7: Hillerman's Writers Conference.**

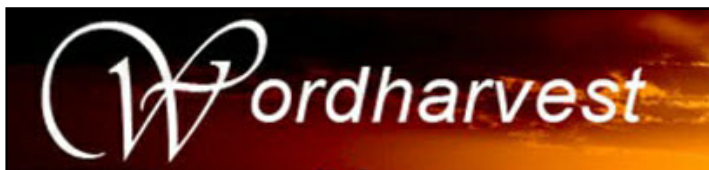
Celebrate, in memoriam, Tony Hillerman's 90th birthday with Wordharvest at the Hilton Hotel in Hilton Santa Fe Historic Plaza, 100 Sandoval St., Santa Fe, NM. Writing workshops include "*The Anatomy of Engaging Stories: Elements That Make Readers Keep Reading*" by Bill O'Hanlon and "*The Language of Liars*" by Lucinda Schroeder. Enjoy the



*New Book/New Author Breakfast* and numerous writing sessions taught by established writers that focus on the craft of writing. Cost: \$445 for two days, \$635 for three days, or attend activities and workshops a la carte. Info/registration: [wordharvest.com](http://wordharvest.com).

**Nov 6-7: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 9th Annual Holiday Bazaar** at Our Lady of Joy Catholic Church, northeast corner of Pima and Cave Creek roads, Carefree. Features more than 70 hand-picked vendors selling unique pottery, jewelry, artwork, books, fashions and accessories. The Book Nook is stocked with gently used books and the Corner Café serves breakfast and lunch. There is also a Sweets & Treats Shop offering home-baked goodies. Proceeds benefit community projects. Admission is free. Info: 480-575-5238.

**Nov. 7: 8:30-11:30 a.m. "Writing the Contemporary Novel,"** is taught by APW member Betty Webb at the Southwest Valley Writers Conference at Avondale City Hall, 11465 W. Civic Center Dr., Avondale. She covers plot, pacing, setting, character development and voice. Learn her "Five Story Ideas a Day, Every Day" exercise. Webb is **Author of *Desert Rage***, [bettywebb-mystery.com](http://bettywebb-mystery.com); and ***The Puffin Of Death***, [bettywebb-zoomystery.com](http://bettywebb-zoomystery.com). The entire conference runs from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. \$50 half-day, \$95 full-day. Registration: [avondalewritersconference.org](http://avondalewritersconference.org).



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# NM-AZ Book Awards finalists revealed

The Finalists in the 2015 New Mexico-Arizona Book Awards have been announced, and two APW members made the list: Barbara Marriott for *Take the Train to Tucson* (Fireship Press Fiction) in

the historical fiction category and Wynne Brown for *Cave Creek Canyon* (ECO Wear & Publishing) in the Travel Book (includes guides).

The winners will be honored at the 2015 Book Awards Banquet on

Nov. 20 at the Tanoan Country Club in Albuquerque. The banquet has sold out every year.

For more information or to reserve a place at the banquet go to [nmbookcoop.com](http://nmbookcoop.com).

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**Nov. 7: Noon. Memorial Service for APW member**

**Betsy Batish** at the Neese family residence, 6436 W. Sun Dance Dr., Queen Creek, AZ. Honor Betsy's memory with a joyous occasion filled with her favorite music, stories about her and her favorite food: Mexican. Those interested in attending are asked to email their RSVPs to Buddy Rice at [jrice@gpstrategies.com](mailto:jrice@gpstrategies.com).



**Nov. 7: 5-10 p.m. 2015 Arizona Literary Awards Dinner** at Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Dr., Glendale. Info: [azauthors.com](http://azauthors.com).

**Nov. 10: 1-2:30 p.m. NV time APW Colorado River District Monthly Meeting, "Writing Memoir,"** a PowerPoint presentation by Brenda Warneka at Laughlin Library, 2840 Needles Highway, Laughlin, NV, 702-507-4064. RSVP: [apw.reservations@gmail.com](mailto:apw.reservations@gmail.com). Info: Brenda Warneka, [warneka@cox.net](mailto:warneka@cox.net).

**Nov. 13: Registration deadline for the Nov 20 Author Art Walk**, which is paired with the Third Friday Chandler Art Walk. Fee: \$25. Email Karli Ragan at [karli@downtownchandler.org](mailto:karli@downtownchandler.org).

**Nov. 14: 10:15 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Fiction Writers' Workshop** presented by the

Desert Rose Chapter, Romance Writers of America at Scottsdale Civic Center Library, 3839 N. Drinkwater Blvd., Scottsdale. Virtually every aspect of fiction writing and publishing is addressed at this conference.

Choose which of 14 breakout sessions to attend. Lunch on your own. Free admission. Info: [desertroserwa.org/scottsdalelibrary](http://desertroserwa.org/scottsdalelibrary).



**Nov. 14: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Historic Avondale Merchants Association VetFest 2015 Art and Craft Fair**, held in Historic Avondale, Arizona. Free admission for shoppers. Info: [2ndsaturdaysavondale.com](http://2ndsaturdaysavondale.com), click the VetFest button.



**Nov. 14: 2 p.m. APW member Betty Webb introduces her new book, *The Puffin of Death*, and discusses researching in Iceland (she has pictures!) at the Poisoned Pen Bookstore, 4014 N. Goldwater Blvd., Scottsdale. Free. Info: 480-947-2974, [bettywebb-zoomystery.com](mailto:bettywebb-zoomystery.com).**

**Nov. 17: 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

**"Writing the Contemporary Mystery Novel and Thriller"** taught by APW Member Betty Webb at Changing Hands Bookstore, 6428 S. McClintock Dr., Tempe. She covers plot, pacing, setting, character development and voice. Registration required: \$25. Info: 480-730-0205.



**Nov. 18: 6 p.m. "How's and Why's of Blending Fiction with Nonfiction"** is presented by APW Member Betty Webb at the dinner meeting of Scottsdale Women Writers, held at Chaparral Suites, 5001 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale. Info/RSVP: 480-250-5556, [patricia@plbrooks.com](mailto:patricia@plbrooks.com).

**Nov. 19: 10 a.m. APW Tour of the Arizona State Archives.** Polly Rosenbaum Archives and History

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“What a wonderful TypeRider, again! You are a wizard for editing, planning and designing the newsletter each month. The October 2015 issue was a feat of true professionalism, via how you presented all the Alaska conference material and photos, the features and especially that monster-size calendar. I was wowed by every page. Thank you for the generous space for my Paris Journal, especially since you had so much other material for this edition. APW is so very fortunate to have you on our team. With high admiration and many thanks.”—*Patricia Myers*

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Building at 1901 W. Madison, Phoenix. Free parking. Lunch afterwards at Phoenix Market. Order from menu with separate checks. RSVP: [apw.reservations@gmail.com](mailto:apw.reservations@gmail.com). Info: Barbara Lacy, 602-740-9579.

**Nov 20: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Critiquing Workshop with APW member Connie Cockrell at the Camp Verde Library.** What's the difference between critiquing, editing, proof-reading, and beta reading? Learn positive techniques to give and receive a good critique. Find out how to seek out a critique group or form a group of critique partners. Bring three copies of 500 words, double spaced pages, from a work in progress for a practice critique session. Cockrell's books run the gamut from sci-fi and fantasy to contemporary to Halloween and Christmas stories. She's published two novels, *The Gulliver Station* series, three short story collections and is included in three anthologies. Free. Group size dictates where library events are held. Contact Amber Polo, [ampoloverde@hotmail.com](mailto:ampoloverde@hotmail.com), for location, directions and RSVP.



**Nov. 20: NM-AZ Book Awards.** Winners to be honored at an awards banquet at the Tanoan Country Club, Albuquerque.

**Nov. 21: Noon. APW Member Betty discusses the writing craft** at the Phoenix Writers Club meeting, Blue Water Grill, 1720 E. Camelback Road, Phoenix. \$15 members, \$20 nonmembers. Info:

[phoenixwritersclub.com](http://phoenixwritersclub.com). RSVP: 480-200-5191, [NavissaK@hotmail.com](mailto:NavissaK@hotmail.com).

**Nov. 21: 1-2 p.m. Honky Tonks, Brothels and Mining Camps: Entertainment in Old Arizona** at Phippen Museum, 4701 Highway 89-North, Prescott. Jay Craváth, a composer, musician, writer and Arizona State University scholar, shares stories and plays music of a time when performing live was the only way to enjoy the arts in pioneer Arizona. Among the best places to experience the performing arts were in the mining towns. Free. RSVP required at [azhumanities.org](http://azhumanities.org), click on Programs. Directions: 928-778-1385.



**Nov. 22: 2-3 p.m. Deceptions, Lies and Alibis** presented by author/poet Michael Peach at Pinal County Historical Society Museum, 715 S. Main, Florence. A killer camel, a tornado-riding con man, a dead dragon and a naked horse thief are characters in the quirky stories from Southwest history that Peach shares in his original cowboy poetry. Laugh at and learn from these very tall and mostly true tales, like how Arizona forfeited a seaport for beer, how nature foiled the perfect bank robbery and how a bobcat terrorized a tavern. Peach



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## Submissions wanted!

Share industry related news with your fellow APW members including committee reports, event news, writing contests, industry articles, industry-related personal accomplishments ... anything you think would be of value to our membership!

Send submissions, photos and art to Lynda Exley at [lynexlent@gmail.com](mailto:lynexlent@gmail.com). The deadline for the December issue is Nov. 21.

## Convert files for free

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holds a B.A. with honors in philosophy from Northern Arizona University and an M.F.A. in theatre from the California Institute of the Arts. Free. RSVP required at [azhumanities.org](http://azhumanities.org), click on Programs. Directions: 520-868-4382.

**Nov. 24: 2 p.m. APW member Betty Webb discusses the writing life** and the fact that life is what happens while you're making other plans at Westminster Village, 12000 N. 90th St. Scottsdale. Directions: 480-451-2000.

**Nov. 29: 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Writing the Romance Novel with Connie Flynn**, who has many published romance novels, at Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Rd, Tempe. Free for Valley of the Sun or Tucson Society of Southwestern Authors members. Prospective members can attend two workshops before joining SSA-VS. Annual dues are \$25, which includes all workshops. Info: Betty Webb, [webbscottsdale@aol.com](mailto:webbscottsdale@aol.com).



**Dec. 1: 1 p.m., Writing Workshop: What Moves You?** at Prescott Public Library, 215 E. Goodwin St., Prescott. Life experiences shape our state of being, determine our spiritual values and inform our writing. Learn to write from personal inspiration and motivate your reader. Register online at [prescottlibrary.info](http://prescottlibrary.info) or call 928-777-1526.

**Dec. 1: 6-8 p.m. Arizona Humanities presents author Truth B. Told** with *Words I Remember*, a

collection of poems from award-winning spoken word artist. Free. Includes refreshments. RSVP required at [azhumanities.org](http://azhumanities.org), click on Programs. Directions: 602-257-0335.

**Dec. 13: 2-6 p.m. APW Central District Holiday Potluck Buffet** at the home of Dick and Brenda Warneka, Scottsdale Waterfront Condominiums, 7181 E. Camelback Rd., Scottsdale. Bring a potluck dish to share and gently used books for "bring one, take one" book exchange table. Optional donation of personal care items or check to Sojourner's Center, a safe haven for abused women and children. RSVP: [apw.reservations@gmail.com](mailto:apw.reservations@gmail.com). Info: Brenda Warneka, 602-740-9579.

**Dec. 14: 5 p.m. Renowned desert historian, writer/researcher Dennis Casebier** appears at the Colorado River Historical Society Museum, 2201 Highway 68, Bullhead City. Info: 928-754-3399.

**Dec. 15: Noon. APW Colorado River District Monthly Meeting. Holiday Luncheon** at Lisa's Bistro, 1595 Mohave Dr., Bullhead City, 928-219-5911. Order from menu with separate checks. RSVP: [apw.reservations@gmail.com](mailto:apw.reservations@gmail.com). Info: Brenda Warneka, [warneka@cox.net](mailto:warneka@cox.net).



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## Dec. 27: 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Ghostwriting with Dan

**Baldwin**, professional ghostwriter of several books, at Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Rd, Tempe. Free for Valley of the Sun or Tucson Society of Southwestern Authors members. Prospective members can attend two workshops before joining SSA-VS. Annual dues are \$25, which includes all workshops. Info: Betty Webb, [webbscottsdale@aol.com](mailto:webbscottsdale@aol.com).



## Dec. 31: Midnight. Deadline for publication of work to be entered in the 2016 APW

**Communication Contest.** Contest access and information is expected to be available mid-November at [nfpw.org](http://nfpw.org). Entries can be submitted to the contest as soon as access is available. Deadline for entries will be early 2016 but the exact date has not yet been announced.

## 2016

## Jan. 31: 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Writing the Mystery

**Novel with Donis Casey**, who has eight published mystery novels, at Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Rd, Tempe. Free for Valley of the Sun or Tucson Society of Southwestern Authors members. Prospective members can attend two workshops before joining SSA-VS. Annual dues are \$25, which includes all workshops. Info: Betty Webb, [webbscottsdale@aol.com](mailto:webbscottsdale@aol.com).



## March 12-13: Tucson Festival of Books on the

University of Arizona campus along East University Boulevard, stretching from Old Main to east of Cherry Avenue and in several nearby buildings. The event attracts more than 130,000 book-lovers each year. Exhibitors from literary and educational organizations are welcome to participate. Registration for booth space is accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Booth fees vary. Admission and parking



are free for attendees. Net proceeds from the festival go to fund critical literacy programs in Southern Arizona. Info: [tucsonfestivalofbooks.org](http://tucsonfestivalofbooks.org).

## March 14: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 26th Annual Brandeis Book and Author Luncheon.

JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort, 5350 E. Marriott Drive, Phoenix. Attendees meet and listen to authors, purchase and get books signed. Doors open at 9 a.m. for shopping at Boutiques. More information upcoming at [BrandeisPhoenix.com](http://BrandeisPhoenix.com). Fee: \$125; proceeds provide scholarships to local students at Brandeis. Info: 480-442-9623 or [BncPhnBA@gmail.com](mailto:BncPhnBA@gmail.com). To sit with APW members who are attending, contact Brenda Warneka at [warneka@cox.net](mailto:warneka@cox.net).



## April 14-17: 2016 Arizona History Convention.

Hilton Garden Inn & Pivot Point Conference Center, Yuma. Info: [arizonahistory.gov](http://arizonahistory.gov).

## July 23: Payson Book Festival

at Gila Community College, Payson. Sponsored by APW Rim Country District and the college. Last summer's event featured 60 Arizona authors and attracted more than 500 visitors. Info: 928-468-9269.



**Sept. 9-10, 2016:** NFPW conference, Wichita, Kansas.

## 2017

**Sept. 2017:** NFPW National Conference, Birmingham, Alabama.

## 2018

**Sept. 2018:** NFPW National Conference, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

