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August 2018

August 14 Meeting Lineup

Where I Find My Ideas

Speakers for the evening will be mystery writer Marilyn Meredith and CCWC Director Teri Bayus.

Marilyn Meredith, the author of many published novels, including the award-winning Deputy Tempe Crabtree mystery series, will be speaking on how she gets her ideas. Her latest novel in the Crabtree series is *Seldom Traveled* from Mundania Press. Writing as F.M. Meredith, her most recent Rocky Bluff P.D. crime novel is *A Crushing Death*, from Oak Tree Press.

Marilyn taught writing for Writers Digest Schools

for 10 years, was an instructor at the prestigious Maui Writers Retreat and has taught at many writers' conferences. She is a member of three chapters of Sisters in Crime, Mystery Writers of America and serves on the board of the public Safety Writers of America. She lives in the Sierra foothills. Visit her at <http://fictionforyou.com> and her blog at <http://marilym Meredith.blogspot.com/>

Teri Bayus will join us to talk about the Central Coast Writers Conference 2018. She will answer any questions you may have, and raffle off one free registration to the acclaimed



Marilyn Meredith

conference coming up September 27-29.

It's certain to be an informative evening. Join us at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 14. Come early for the increasingly popular Round Tables at 5:15 p.m.



September Special Event: Silent Auction



Bring your friends and family to our first silent auction. It will be held during our regular scheduled meeting on September 11.

This fundraiser is open to everyone. Winners from the Golden Quill contest will read from their winning stories, and a variety of goods and services will

be available to bid on. Come join the fun and bring your pocketbooks.

We could still use donations, so if you would like to contribute items or services, please contact Tammie Burned as soon as possible.

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President's Message



Janice Konstantinidis

*“The secret of getting ahead is getting started.”
~Mark Twain*

Hello fellow NightWriters!

August is here and with it some of the hottest days we've seen here on the Central Coast. I hope you are all keeping cool and hydrated.

Many thanks to all of you who submitted stories for the Golden Quill contest, which is now closed. First and second place winners will be notified when judging is completed.

Our program for the September 11th general meeting will consist of readings from our writing contest. Be sure to bring your friends and family, as we will also be having our first silent auction fundraiser. Thanks and kudos

to Tammie Burnsed who has been hard at work organizing donations.

Don't forget to register for The Central Coast Writer's Conference This year's conference will be extraordinary with many workshops, panels, and events. I am delighted to be on one of the poetry panels.

New this year are five Master Classes offered at the conference. Each class is six hours and will focus on a specific writing genre. Sign up now while there are slots available.

Please check the conference out at: www.centralcoastwritersconference.com

Teri Bayus, the CCWC2018 contest director, will speak at our next general meeting about the conference. She will also give away a free conference attendance.

Once again, please stay cool and hydrated.

Until next time,

Janice Konstantinidis
President,
SLO NightWriters

Eldonna Edwards Wows at June Meeting



Author Eldonna Edwards shared her knowledge of the necessary ingredients for a prosperous path toward publishing and insights based upon her experience as both an indie and traditional author of memoir and

fiction. Eldonna's debut novel, *This I Know*, was released in April of 2018 from Kensington and is a Delilah Book Club selection. She is one of the presenters at the upcoming CCWC.

