



WRITERS OF KERN

MEETING AGENDA - August 15, 2015



"You get ideas from daydreaming.
You get ideas from being bored. You get ideas all the time.
The only difference between writers and other people is we notice when we're doing it."
~ Neil Gaiman

10:00 am: Welcome (Joan Raymond, President)
Introduce Guests and Visitors
Submissions, Rejections, and Success Stories

Announcements:

- **SCBWI (Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators): Upcoming Events**
- **WOK Membership Renewals**
- **Critique Groups**
- **Fall Writing Contest**
 - ♦ Theme - Photo Prompt
 - ♦ 1,200 Words (or less)
 - ♦ Fiction or Non-Fiction (no poetry)
 - ♦ Open to Current Members (*Dues must be paid by August 31, 2015*)
 - ♦ Submission Deadline - September 30, 2015
 - ♦ Online Submissions Only: submissions@writersofkern.com
 - ♦ Prizes: 1st Place: \$200, 2nd Place: \$75, 3rd Place: \$50.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Membership Team**

Upcoming:

- **Next Meeting:** September 19, 2015. Robert Price - Executive Editor at *The Bakersfield Californian*

10:45 a.m. Break
Opportunity Drawing

11:00 a.m. Program: Marilyn Meredith - "Creating and Sustaining a Mystery Series." Meredith will share her methods for choosing a hero or heroine and a locale readers will wish to revisit. A member of two chapters of Sisters in Crime, Mystery Writers of America, she has more than 25 books published in Meredith's Tempe Crabtree series and her Rocky Bluff series (written under F.M. Meredith).

Please Note: If you've attended a Writers of Kern meeting or event, you probably noticed random photos being taken of attendees. You may have even posed for Dennis VanderWerff or another of us who routinely take photos for our recorded history and for our social media and websites. If you do not wish to be in this type of environment, we will be happy to refund your entry charge so you can remove yourself from the meeting. Writers of Kern has no control over members or guests taking photos which may show up on social media, and we are not responsible for anyone else's photos or actions during a meeting.

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Writers of Kern Critique Groups				
Genre	Group Leader	Day	Time	Openings
Multi-Genre	Dan McGuire	1 st /3 rd Mondays	6:00 pm	
Multi-Genre	Jeff Hill	2 nd /4 th Mondays	7:00 pm	
Multi-Genre	Terry Redman	2 nd /4 th Wednesdays <i>(Off for the Summer)</i>	1:00 pm	
Multi-Genre (Advanced)	Clarissa Kae	2 nd /4 th Wednesdays <i>(Off for the Summer)</i>	11:00 am	
Multi-Genre	Joan Raymond	2 nd /4 th Wednesdays <i>(Off for the Summer)</i>	6:00 pm	