

# NEWSLETTER

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*Kathleen Kline*

Kathleen Kline is a wordsmith who's been playing with words for 32 years and helping clients all over the world to this day. She started in the Magazine and Newspaper arenas but couldn't help expand into the fiction and non-fiction genres. She enjoys helping writers reach their author goals whether it is with a short story or a series of books, a detailing of a family's past or a how-to do. Effective communication is the name of the game while helping others create entertaining stories for others to enjoy - that is what Kathleen loves do.

Author of When You Only Have Time For A Quickie - Volume I: A Collection of Short Stories Paperback – March 16, 2023

## WRITERS OF KERN MEETING JANUARY 20, 2024 KATHLEEN KLINE

### *Fiction In Today's World*

Get invigorated, inspired, and geared up to write more fiction. Kathleen Kline - a 32-year professional writer, editor, and writing coach - will be here to share the changes in the Fiction Market and explain the path for new authors, aspiring authors, and those authors desiring to change up and potential expansion of their craft.





January, 2024

# WRITERS OF KERN SPRING CONFERENCE



OUR ANNUAL  
SPRING CONFERENCE  
Writer Workshops to  
Network, Learn, and  
Achieve

Saturday, March 16th  
8:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Hodel's

The upcoming workshop on Saturday, March 16th, is sure to be a valuable experience for all attendees. The event will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Hodel's in Bakersfield, California.

**EARLY BIRD DEADLINE** (before February 1st): attendance costs \$50.00 for WOK & CWC members, \$75.00 for nonmembers, and \$25.00 for full-time students (18 and up) with ID. After February 1st, the cost is \$60.00 for WOK & CWC members, \$95.00 for nonmembers, and \$45.00 for full-time students (18 and up).

Can't miss the  
Writers of Kern  
Conference!

The registration fee includes a continental breakfast, snacks, and lunch at Hodel's, known for its world-famous cuisine. Our conference will feature **a panel of experts on the ups and downs of navigating the world of self-publishing** and speakers including Kern County's beloved journalist, columnist, editor, author, and reporter **Bob Price**; songwriter, producer, and comedian **Dan McGowen** will discuss classic comedy and the importance of humor in writing and everyday life; and award-winning poet, author, and life coach **Annis Cassells**.

Interested individuals are encouraged to register soon to secure their spot, as attendance is limited.

Tables &  
Publicity  
Opportunities  
for authors  
to sell books

SAVE  
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## CWC CONTEST FOR MEMBER ARTISTS

12/1/2023 - 1/15/2024

California Writers Club announces plans for a new CWC book in 2024 titled Vision and Verse, a fusion of Art and Photography. Vision and Verse will be an ekphrastic book pairing artwork with poetry and short prose.

There are two phases to this project. Phase one is an art and photography contest. Phase two will post the winning art and call for poetry and short prose submissions inspired by the selected works. Submitted poetry and prose will be judged and selected poems and prose will be published in 2024 along with the winning art in CWC's Vision and Verse, ekphrastic book.

Details regarding Phase Two submissions will be posted on the CWC website after the completion of the contest.

### PHASE ONE

A CWC member-only Art and Photography contest. Member artists and photographers are invited to submit a digital image of their artwork and thought-provoking photography to the contest. Winners will receive a copy of the book Vision and Verse.

1. The first-place winner will be featured on the cover and receive a \$100 prize.
2. The second and third place winners will receive a \$50 prize.
3. All other artists whose work is selected will receive a copy of Vision and Verse.

### Submission guidelines:

Artwork: We welcome original paintings, drawings and illustrations.

Photography: original photographs only.

All submissions must be submitted in a jpeg format.

Submissions must be received no later than January 15, 2024

Multiple submissions are allowed.

There is a \$10 fee for each submission.

We look forward to seeing your talent shine in the CWC's 2024 Vision and Verse. The winning art will appear in the next issue of CWC Bulletin.

Contest and Submission Details are available on the CWC website. [LINK HERE](#).

We are hoping our talented artists will send their art for this special project.

All the best,

Les Bernstein, Editor in Chief

Roger C. Lubeck, CWC President

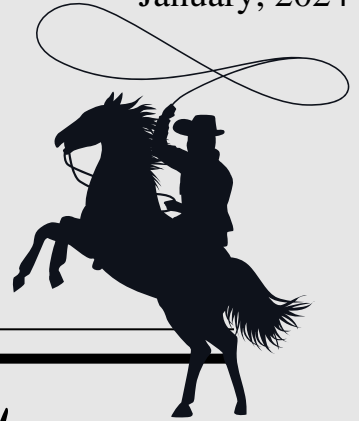




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## WRITERS OF KERN FEATURED AUTHOR

# ANDREW ROTH



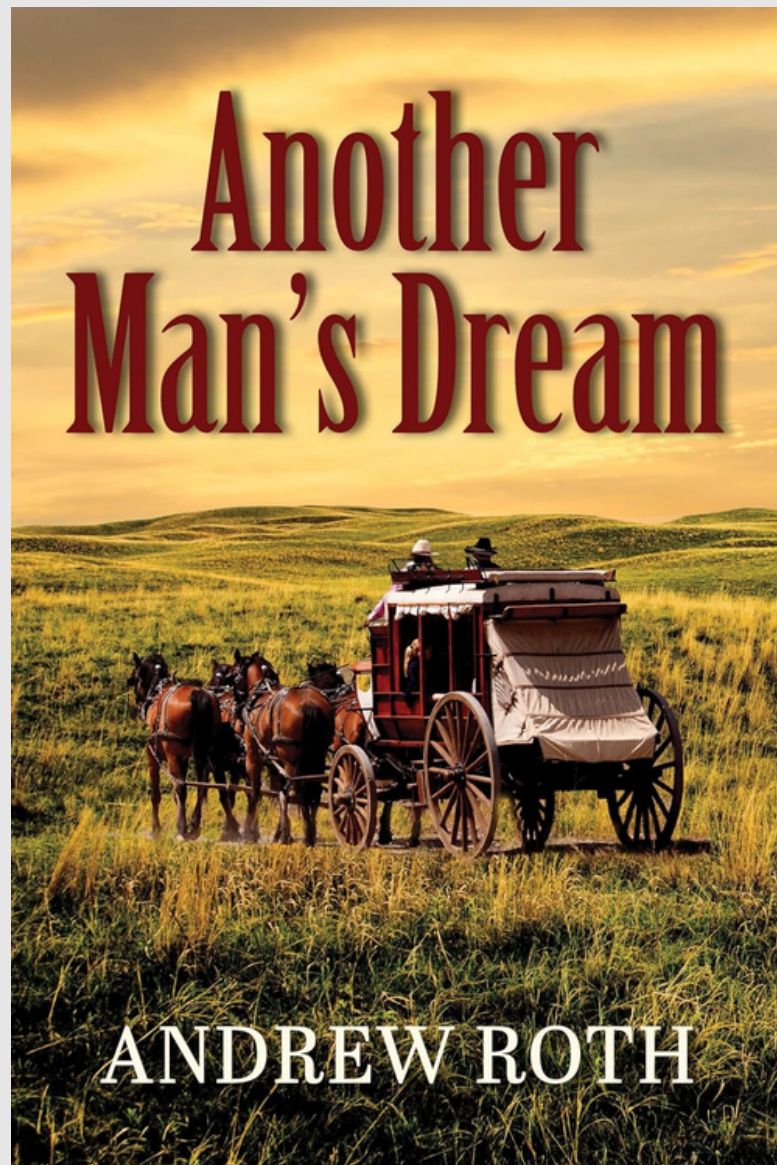
*Congratulations*  
*Andrew Roth*

Andrew Roth, featured in October's Writers of Kern newsletter, has published another book!



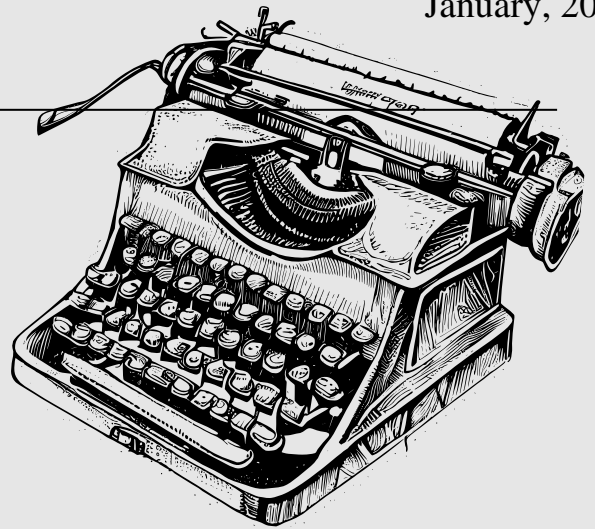
Andrew Roth served in the U.S. Army before attending college, where he received a degree in English Literature and a supplemental degree in History. He taught American History for twenty-two years at the middle school level before beginning his literary career. He lives in Bakersfield, California, with his wife and is a proud father and grandfather. A native of Kansas, Andrew was raised with a deep love and appreciation for history, particularly the Old West. A Christian for more than three decades, Andrew's hope is that his writing will encourage readers and rebuild lives.

Andrew is a vital member of Writers of Kern. He attends almost every meeting, providing honest critiques, writing advice, and encouragement. Writers of Kern is honored to have you.



## WRITERS OF KERN

# Thank You



To each and every one of you,

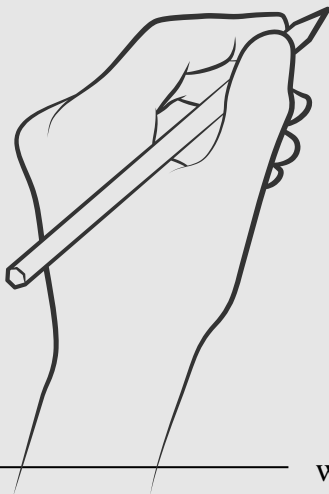
*May the new year bring an abundance of creativity, inspiration, and success in all of your writing endeavors. As we begin this new chapter, let us reflect on all that we have accomplished and look forward to the possibilities that lie ahead. Let us support and encourage each other as we continue to hone our craft and share our unique voices with the world. Remember that every word you write has the power to make a difference, to touch someone's heart or open their mind. So keep writing, keep dreaming, and may this year be filled with endless opportunities for growth and fulfillment. Happy New Year!*

## Congratulations!

### "Presidential Congratulations!"

Presidential Congratulations! is a publicity opportunity for newly published books. Anyone who has published a book since the last meeting can bring their newly published book to this month's Writers of Kern meeting. A picture will be taken with the author and the book. That picture along with a congratulatory message from the President of Writers of Kern will be posted on Facebook and in the next newsletter.

Presidential Congratulations! is limited solely to participating members of Writers of Kern.



## Happy New Year 2024



January, 2024

## WRITERS OF KERN



### *You are invited!*

Level up your writing. Our monthly meetings include a delicious breakfast at one of Kern County's most treasured restaurants, known for its fantastic buffet. As we dine, experts in the writing and publishing field present informative and dynamic workshops on a diverse arena of subjects.

### *Community*

*Come and enjoy our community of writers as we gather to learn and celebrate unique voices.*

Writers of Kern is a nonprofit professional organization. Monthly meetings are at 9:15 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month at Hodel's Country Dining. The cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for guests. Please check our website for information on calendar exemptions and featured guests.

*Hodel's Country Dining is a locally owned and operated restaurant celebrating 50 years of tradition as Kern County's best buffet.*

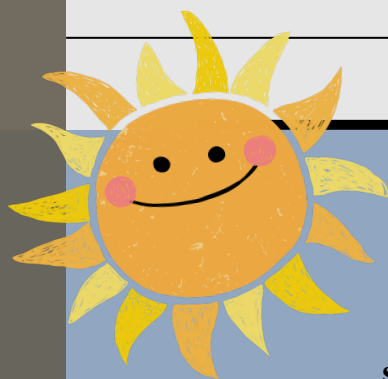
# *Welcome*

First-time visitors are  
always welcome.



[www.writersofkern.com](http://www.writersofkern.com)

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## From Your Sunshine Chair

The Sunshine Chair sends holiday, get-well, birthday (if we have your birth month), sympathy, and other supportive cards to the Writers of Kern members. Every card is filled with nurturing, caring thoughts from all the other members of our club, sending rays of peace and comfort to uplift our fellow members' spirits. How do we know when those special occasions, illnesses, or hardships arise? We rely on you, our WOK members, to alert the Sunshine Chair by emailing her the information: [sunshine@writersofkern.com](mailto:sunshine@writersofkern.com)



## WOK Critique Group News Interested in a Critique Group?

Carla Joy Martin, Critique Group Chair  
[critiquegroups@writersofkern.com](mailto:critiquegroups@writersofkern.com)

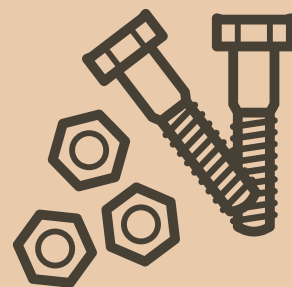
## Nuts and Bolts

New members are always welcome. whether you are a published writer or not! Writers of Kern energetically assists all members who aspire to become published.



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The Writers of Kern  
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Tami Beaulieu Temp. Editor



# WRITERS OF KERN

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## CALIFORNIA WRITERS CLUB

### A 501(c)3 NONPROFIT

OUR MISSION: TO EDUCATE WRITERS OF ALL  
ABILITIES IN THE CRAFT OF WRITING AND THE  
MARKETING OF THEIR WORK.

The California Writers Club (CWC) is one of the oldest and largest writers' clubs in America. With a proud heritage going back to 1909, CWC has over 1,900 members in 22 branches spread across our state.



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# WRITERS OF KERN

## Community, Workshops, & Writer Support



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### Local Authors

Kern County is home to many talented writers and the Kern County Library is happy to provide a digital home for their work through our OverDrive platform.

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Tuesday, January 16  
Love One Another Paint Party



January 26 - February 17

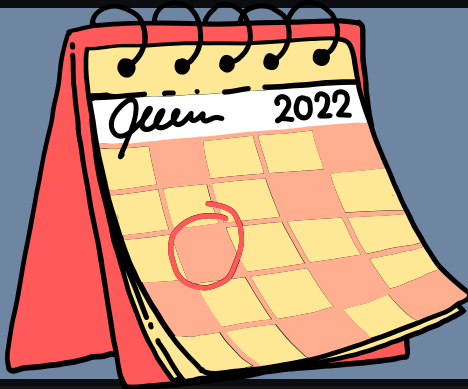


**FIRST FRIDAY FREE ADMISSION  
EXTENDED HOURS: 10AM-8PM  
IN PARTICIPATION WITH DOWNTOWN  
BAKERSFIELD'S FIRST FRIDAY EVENTS.  
BMOA IS PROUD TO OFFER  
COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSION WITH  
EXTENDED HOURS UNTIL 8PM.**



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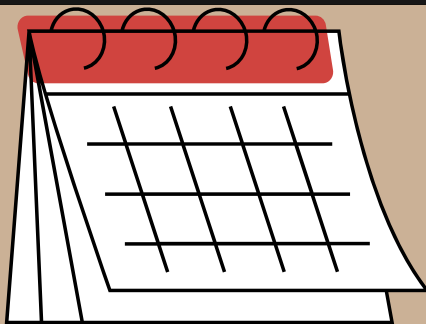
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*Kathleen Kline*  
**Promoting Fiction in Today's  
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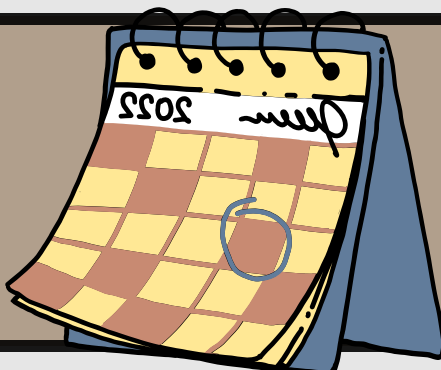


**FEBRUARY 17, 2024**

*Phyllis Wachob*  
**Developing a Unique Writing Voice  
and Exploring Points of View**



**MARCH 16, 2024**  
**SPRING CONFERENCE**



**APRIL 20, 2024**  
**TBA**

## WRITERS OF KERN

### *Useful Writing & Submission Links*

**WRITER'S DIGEST**

**Chicken Soup**  
for the **Soul**

**Winning**  
**Writers**  
*best resources for poets and writers*



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