



San Gabriel Writers' League

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January 2025

2025 Membership expires January 31

Renew your Membership for 2026!

We have a great schedule of events, speakers, and informative meetings planned throughout the year. Visit our website at

www.sangabrielwriters.com

You can renew your membership from the home page.

*While you're there, **update your PROFILE.** Simply answer a few questions and add your photo. This is a valuable resource for League members and visitors looking for information!*

Upcoming Events

February 2nd

This event is *sponsored by the San Gabriel Writers' League* and is open to the public, free of charge. No advance registration is required.]

Meet Best Selling Author Jill G. Hall

Georgetown Public Library, Monday 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Step behind the pages with award-winning author Jill G. Hall, creator of the Anne McFarland Series, as she reveals the fascinating research and creative process behind her bestselling novel *On a Sundown Sea*. Discover the extraordinary story of clairvoyant Katherine Tingley as she strives to establish a utopian Theosophical community, Lomaland, brought to life through rare archival photos and Jill's behind-the-scenes insights. A book signing follows.

Jill G. Hall is the author of the award-winning Anne McFarland series about women searching for their place in the world, connected by vintage finds. These dual-timeline novels—*The Black Velvet Coat*, *The Silver Shoes*, and *The Green Lace Corset*—are bestselling book club favorites. Her latest, *On a Sundown Sea: A Novel of Madame Tingley and the Origins of Lomaland*, became the #1 top seller at Warwick's and an Amazon #1 bestselling new release in Biographical Historical Fiction.

Hall's poems and personal narratives have appeared in a variety of publications and on her blog *Creativity*, the art of practicing a creative lifestyle. Her tenure as an educator spanned over twenty years, incorporating the arts along the way. She holds a doctorate from Northern Arizona University and is an instructor and past board president at San Diego Writers, Ink. She also practices yoga, loves to garden, and enjoys spending time in nature. A native San Diegan, she resides near the Lomaland property. To learn more about her, go to www.jillghall.com.

Let's have a great membership turnout in support of the SGWL and Jill Hall.

Special Note- Jill will also be speaking at our regular meeting on Thursday, February 5th. The subject is different. See additional information later in this Newsletter.

February 15th ...

Is the kickoff date for our 2026 Writing Contest. Details will be announced at our February 5th meeting. Start writing!

February 20th

We will, once again, be exhibiting at the Nonprofit Fair in the Sun City Ballroom from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. The event is open to the public.

While we cannot sell your book, we are happy to display it. If you are interested, you can either:*

- 1. Bring your book to the February 5th SGWL meeting. Kerry Dashnaw will be collecting them, and your book will be returned to you at the March 5th meeting.*
- 2. Drop off your book to Linda Thornton at 607 Archer Lane in Sun City during the week of February 1 - 7. (Do not leave books after February 7th!) There will be a box on her front porch. Books can be picked up anytime after February 20 at the same location.*

** We have limited room on our table. Please bring no more than 2 books you have published in the last three years. Your cooperation is appreciated.*

Book Briefs: *Our authors have been busy. If you have recently published a book, please let us know. We'll try to get recognition in our local paper. To do so, we need a short bio and blurb in a .doc document, and both a headshot and cover photo as a .jpg*

New Book by Dorothy Featherling



MONEY, MONEY, MONEY

The N.I.C.E. team will take on whatever crime is assigned. Former FBI/CIA agent Dan Wagner and Interpol agent Khaleed Faez are hot on the trail of crooks deemed impossible to catch by conventional law enforcement.

Their clandestine agency is first confronted with an investment scam involving millions of dollars. The con man running it must be stopped. With the help of a couple of seniors determined to help see justice done, the team discovers when Plan A fails there's always a Plan B.

Enjoy the twists and turns of unique investigations headed by two N.I.C.E. spies. Mystery, adventure, and action spiced with likeable characters and a dash of humor in a clean-read series which will engage your heart and imagination.



Next meeting is:

Our next regular meeting is **February 5th**

Social Time begins at 6:30. Come early and meet and mingle before the formal meeting begins!

If transportation is needed, please contact sgwlcontacts@gmail.com

“Hybrid” Meeting*

Thursday, February 5th 7:00 – 8:00 P.M.**

Jill G. Hall

will present

What Is An Author Platform—and Why You Need One?

An author platform is all about visibility and building an audience for your work. And here’s a surprise: social media is only a small slice of the platform pie! In this workshop, we’ll clear up common misconceptions about what an author platform really is and explore the many components that make it thrive. You’ll assess your own strengths, identify areas to grow, and leave with a practical plan—and the confidence—to begin building a powerful, authentic platform that supports your writing career.

(See her Bio under Upcoming Events, February 2nd)

The in-person hybrid meeting is held at the **Community Room in the Parks Administration Building located at 1101 North College Street in Georgetown, Texas.**

**Special Note: Zoom links will be sent out to all members between January 30 and February 2. If you do not receive an email ZOOM invitation by February 3rd, please send an email to sgwlcontacts@gmail.com*

