



Member in the Spotlight

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January 2024

Rose Cordero-Gonzales

Rose Cordero-Gonzales is an artist, writer, and teacher. She naturally weaves her rich storytelling skills into her prose, poetry, and children's books to connect with her readers. Her path in life is to encourage others to find the positive side of life's bumpy road.

Her work is a testament to the power of hope, faith, forgiveness, and the resilience of the human spirit. She strives to make her words come alive on the page.

She holds a B.A. in Speech Pathology and an M.A. in Special Education. She draws her inspiration from the simple things in life and the beauty of the San Joaquin Valley of California. With her family and pets by her side, she enjoys her life's journey as a lifelong learner and as the grape picker's daughter.



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Kimberly Wiley

Kimberly "Kim" Wiley is a retired physician and member of not just SJVW, but also the Elk Grove Writers Guild. Since childhood, she had her sights set on the world of medicine. But writing lurked in the background until it called her out to put fingers to keyboard. She enrolled in a UCLA extension course and fell in love with flash fiction. She published her first short story, "Putt, Fore Murder" in the 2023 anthology *Obsidian Tales, Part One*. That same year, she published two flash fiction pieces, "#Modern@Medicine" and "Disappointment A La Carte," in the SJVW anthology *Great Valley Stories: Portals to the Past*.

Having worked with so many patients, physicians, and medical staff with varied personalities in her practice, she likes to think she has a story reservoir. And maybe she'll return to a cozy mystery she began years ago featuring an African American female physician turned amateur sleuth. Yes, indeed, she has a reservoir to draw on.





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March 2024

James Fox

James Fox is a husband, father, grandfather, former Scoutmaster, and retired credit manager for a steel wholesaler. A former State Parks volunteer canoe docent, his experiences in California's mountains and rivers are often the basis for his short stories. But he also admits to stalking family and friends for story ideas! He is a member of Heritage Writers Community and California Writers Club.

Writing from Lodi, California, James was first published in a trade magazine, later in Pure Inspiration Magazine, Scouting Magazine, and Haiku Journal. A dozen of his short stories have appeared in various periodicals. In 2015 Writers Digest awarded him an Honorable Mention for "Polka Dots and Sunshine Teardrops." Usually writing in the creative non-fiction genre, James also writes fiction and poetry. His one lament is that the late Andy Warhol only promised us all a few minutes of fame—fortune would have been so much better!



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April 2024

Pamela Pan

Pamela Pan is an English professor at San Joaquin Delta College where she teaches reading, writing, and literature. She has a Ph.D. in Education from UC Davis, a master's in Bilingual/ESL Studies from UMass Boston, and a bachelor's in Engineering from Shanghai Jiao Tong University in China. She has won prizes in competitions such as the Flash Memoir contest by Writer Advice. Her poems, essays, and short stories have been published in various magazines and anthologies, including Poets' Espresso Review, Center of Attention, Phases, and Voices of the Valley. Her story "Baba's Accordion" will be published in California Writers Club (CWC) Literary Review 2024 and "Waiting" in the CWC Anthology Vision and Verse 2024. Her article "Turning Family History into a Historical Novel" is featured on the Historical Novel Society North America website.

In her spare time, Pamela loves audiobooks, yoga, walking, and spending time with her family.





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May 2024

Nicolas Harrison

Nicolas Harrison was born and raised in Stockton, California and works for the Defense Logistics Agency in Tracy. The DLA supplies food and other essential items overseas to our warfighters, although Nick works in the environmental branch, ensuring that the base is sustainable, and hazardous materials are safely disposed of.

He is a new author who has published his first book on Amazon and is working on the sequel. Both works are centered around fantasy and mythology, specifically the Greco-Roman myths. He has also written a few short stories which he has submitted to contests, though one was rejected and the other is still pending. He is a member of the Northern California Publishers and Authors as well as the San Joaquin Valley Writers and hopes that the expertise and experiences of others with a passion for writing can help him improve the quality of his work.



