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## Next Program and Events Calendar

Saturday, December 13, 2014

**Program** Register online (see cost below) [Buy Now](#)

# Top Ten Tips on Publishing



Bay Area native [Andrew Benzie](#) has over 25 years' experience in the design business. He has worked for both corporate art departments and as a freelance designer for his own company. In 2010 he established his publishing company, [Andrew Benzie Books](#), to help authors design, publish, and market their books in both softcover and eBook formats. Andrew also plays bass and drums with a variety of local Bay Area bands, and teaches private music lessons from his music studio in Orinda.

**Dina Colman**, MA, MBA, is an author, health coach, and founder of [Four Quadrant Living](#). Learning she had an 87% chance of getting cancer, Dina left her corporate job to find out if cancer was her destiny. Finding it wasn't, she now devotes her time helping others around the world live healthier, happier lives. Dina's book, [Four Quadrant Living: Making Healthy Living Your New Way of Life](#), is an Amazon Top 100 and has won 11 awards.



**Melanie Denman** is a native East Texan and a former banker, who now lives with her family in the San Francisco Bay Area. In her riotous debut novel, [Visiting the Sins](#), Melanie probes the silent sacrifices of motherhood with unflinching honesty and warmhearted amusement. Set in the Bible Belt of Deep East Texas, [Visiting the Sins](#) is a darkly funny story about mothers and daughters, naked ambition, elusive redemption, and all the torment it's possible to inflict in the name of family. Melanie completed the Stanford Novel Writing program and her novel won the 2014 Bronze IPPY Award for Southern Fiction from Independent Publisher Book Awards.

**Special Feature:** Members, you may bring your own authored books for sale prior to the beginning of the

meeting. Please be prepared to handle your own sales.

**Registration Details:** Make life easy. Register *before* you arrive, but, this month, be sure to let Robin Gigoux (email below) know your menu choice (steak, chicken, salmon, pasta primavera) as this will be a served luncheon: [Buy Now](#)

- Sign-in: 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 noon
- Members display and sell books until the Seated Luncheon: 12:00 noon – 12:45 p.m.
- **Speakers: 1:00 p.m. – 2 p.m.**
- Zio Fraedo's Restaurant, 611 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA
- **Cost:** cash and check on site Members \$20/Guests \$25; PayPal (click "buy now") \$22/\$27. **NOTE: Due to Internet access problems, credit card transactions at the sign-in table are no longer possible.**
- **To attend:** contact Robin Gigoux at ragig (at) aol (dot) com, phone 925-933-9670, or click "buy now" for reservations. **Reservation deadline:** Wed., Dec. 10, 2014 at noon.

## Events Calendar for the rest of our season

**Dec. 13:** Three of our Own: Andrew Benzie, Dina Coleman, Melanie Denman, **Top Ten Tips on Self-Publishing**

**Jan. 10:** Jim Azevedo of Smashwords, **The Secrets to Ebook Publishing Success**

**Feb. 14:** Susan Shea, author of mysteries set in the world of art and finance, **Craft**

**Mar. 14:** Jordan Rosenfeld, **Make a Scene**, Craft Workshop

**Apr. 11:** Eric Elfman, **How to Hook them from the First Page**

**May 9:** Young Writers Contest; Marissa Moss, publisher of Creston Books

**June 13:** Joshua Mohr, on Craft



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