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## Next Program and Events Calendar

Saturday, November 8, 2014

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C. S. Lakin



### “Sizzling Scenes”

#### Creating Unforgettable Scenes that Really Cook

- **Explore** the various ways scenes can be constructed.
- **Learn** the elements that make a scene sizzle.
- **Examine** how good writers are like good cooks, using a variety of ingredients and spices, and simmering until boiling.
- **Look** at the three major components of scene excerpts from best-selling novels to evaluate what works and doesn't work in their scene construction.
- **Understand** how strong scene construction is vital in creating a successful novel.

[Susanne Lakin \(C. S. Lakin\)](#) is a novelist and writing coach who divides her time between developing new book ideas and helping writers polish theirs. She is the author of fourteen novels, six contemporary, seven fantasy/sci-fi, and one historical Western romance. She guests on top writing blogs, e.g., *Writers Digest* and *Jane Friedman*, teaches workshops, and runs or participates in critique teams around the country. Her own winning blog, [Live Write Thrive](#), offers intense, in-depth instruction in novel writing as well as encouragement and advice for writers in marketing, promotion, and indie publishing.

**Registration Details:** Make life easy. Register before you arrive: [Buy Now](#)

- Sign-in: 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 noon
- Luncheon: 12:00 noon – 12:45 p.m. (including short business meeting)

- **Speaker: 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., Nov. 5, 2014 at noon.

## Events Calendar for the rest of our season

**Nov. 8:** C. S. Lakin, **Sizzling Scenes**, from this writing coach and author of fourteen novels – six contemporary novels, seven in the fantasy/sci-fi genre, and one historical Western romance

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

**Jan. 10:** tba

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

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

**Apr. 11:** tba

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

**June 13:** tba



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