

March 2001 meeting of the Mt. Diablo Branch of CWC

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You'll have to come to the meeting to see what he really looks like:-)

JAMES DALESSANDRO

CRAFTING AND SELLING YOUR SCREENPLAY TO HOLLYWOOD

"Listen carefully. That sound you hear is someone else writing (and selling) your story," James Dalessandro warns procrastinators. The success of the movie "Titanic" led him to write a treatment of his work-in-progress, *1906*; it sold in 24 hours to Barry Levinson.

Dalessandro has been writing screenplays for 20 years, and has sold more than twelve feature length films and 75 trailers. In his copious spare time, he has also written and sold three books, *Bohemian Heart*, *1906* (Crown/Ballentine), and *Citizen Jane* (Dutton-Signet), and won the National Association of Broadcasters Award as writer for *House of Blues Radio Hour* for Dan Ackroyd. He also founded the Santa Cruz Poetry Festival in 1974 with Ken Kesey and Lawrence Ferlinghetti.

A devoted multi-tasker, he sometimes writes 12-14 hours a day, works on multiple writing projects, teaches and still manages to read voraciously. His Ten Commandments of the Screenwriter end with "READ." As he says, "If you do not read books, you are trying to play poker with a short hand."

Dalessandro has been a member of the Writer's Guild of America West since 1984. He is married, the father of one son and lives in Marin County, California.

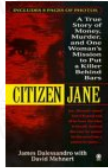
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The [Ten Commandments](#) of the Screenwriter

[Read](#) how he describes his San Francisco Screenwriting Workshop (Careful - the dates are for 1999)

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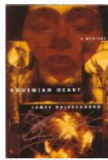


<http://www.citizenjanebook.com/> A well done web site - animated pictures and photos of Jane Alexander and collaborator David Mehnert. Jane co-founded CITIZENS AGAINST HOMICIDE to help victims find justice. A sister organization, [JUSTICE FOR ALL](#) has a very detailed link list for crime and victims rights.

[Amazon](#)

This book is out of print, but there are a synopsis and reviews here.

"The book has become a classic, a collector's item" - James Dalessandro



"Most beloved and original P.I.'s of the nineties." ['PEEKABOO' FRANKIE FAGAN](#)

All Washed Up and Dead (An on-line Mystery) Click [here](#) to read it.

by Ellyn Bache, Bill Crider, Helen Chappell, Dianne Day, James Dalessandro, Jerrilyn Farmer, Jean Heller, L.C. Hayden, Vicki Hinze and Camille Minichino (our own VP).

Lots of other tid-bits . . . proceed at your own risk!

<http://www.mysteryreaders.org/Issues/SanFran.html>

<http://www.timepulse.com/team.htm>

http://www.princeton.edu/~paw/archive_old/PAW99-00/09-0209/0209irtx.html

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