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## Next Program and Events Calendar

Join us on Saturday, May 14 for our Young Writers Contest award ceremony and luncheon:

### *Turning Ideas into Stories*

You can register online (see “registration details” below for cost). [Buy Now](#)



***Heather Mackey***

#### What You Will Learn

- Story Hunting: Why is it important to know how to turn ideas into stories? How can you build this skill?
- Ideas: The raw material for stories. How do you get ideas?
- Building a story: Taking the idea you’ve explored and working it into story form. Story structure.
- Why storytelling matters: People need it in all walks of life.

[Heather Mackey](#) is a kids’ lit author of fantasy adventure novels. Her books include *Dreamwood* (selected by the Bank Street Children’s Book Committee for its list of best books of 2014) and the forthcoming *The Shadow Clock*. She is a member of the National Writing Project’s Writers Council and consults with the online student writing community, Write the World.

#### Registration Details

- **Sign-in:** 11:00 a.m.
- **Awards Ceremony:** 11:30 a.m.
- **Luncheon** from 12:15 p.m.
- **Speaker:** 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Zio Fraedo’s Restaurant, 611 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA
- **Cost:** cash and check on site Members \$25/Guests \$30; PayPal (click “buy now”; pay \$27/\$32).  
**NOTE:** Due to Internet access problems, credit card transactions are currently not possible at the door.
- **To attend:** contact Robin Gigoux at ragig (at) aol (dot) com, phone 925-933-9670, or click “buy now” for reservations (don’t forget to add \$2 for the transaction fee). **Reservation deadline:** Wed., May 11, 2016 at noon.\*

\*In accordance with our contractual agreement with Zio Fraedo’s Restaurant, the club is charged for every reservation confirmed on the day before the meeting. *If you are not able to attend this meeting and do not cancel your reservation prior to noon on the Friday before the meeting, you will be asked to remit the relevant fee as a no-show payment for the event.*

## **Events Calendar for 2016**

**Jan. 9:** Tamara Monosoff, **Five Simple Strategies to Boost Your Income Now!**

**Feb. 13:** Roy Mash, **Words to Woe By**

**Mar. 12:** C. S. Lakin, **The Twelve Fatal Flaws of Writing**

**Apr. 9:** Tamim Ansary, **Why Do We Write?**

**May 14:** Heather Mackey, **Turning Ideas into Stories**

**June 11:** LeeAnne Krusemark, **Composing Irresistible Query Letters and Elevator Pitches**

**Sept. 10:** Anita Amirrezvani, **TBA**

**October 8:** Marilyn Atlas, **Dating Your Character**

**Nov 12:** Joan Morris, **TBA**

**Dec. 10:** TBA, **Three of Our Own**

# Events Calendar for 2017

**Feb. 11:** Meghan Ward, **Writer Consortiums/Co-ops**

**Mar. 11:** Stuart Horowitz, **Finish Your Book in Three Drafts**



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