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Trimming the Fat from our Writing: Some Thoughts on How to Make Every Word Count

After completing her doctoral studies in Anthropology at UC Berkeley, Nina Egert began to research and write/photograph books on local history as part of her work for the Vinapa



Foundation for Cross-Cultural Studies. Her books include *Tracing Anza's Trail: A Photographer's Journey*, and *Noguchi's California: Poetic Visions of a 19th Century Dharma Bum*. She has also written numerous short articles on local history for the *MacArthur Metro* and other periodicals.



The protocol she developed for using poetry games in the classroom as part of an exhibit on Noguchi appeared in the Sept. 2012 *Write News*.

What You Will Learn

January is the month for trimming the fat from our waistlines after holiday excesses. Let February be the month for trimming extraneous words from our writing.


Whether we Tweet, or write short articles, or deliver an elevator speech to a prospective publisher, as writers in the contemporary world we need to make sure we get our message across in as few words as possible. This means ascertaining the key point of each communication, then finding the most powerful and effective words for the job.

Please bring paper and pencil. Over lunch, we will play with various writing exercises (both prose and poetry) to help us succeed in these purposes.

Registration Details:

- Sign-in: 11:30-12:00 p.m.; Lunch, 12:00-12:45 p.m.; Program, 12:45-1:30 p.m.
- Zio Fraedo's Restaurant, 611 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA.
- Members: \$20; Non-members: \$25
- To attend, contact Jean Georgakopoulos at [jeaniegpops \(at\) comcast \(dot\) net](mailto:jeaniegpops@comcast.net), or phone 925-934-5677 for reservations. Reservation deadline: Wed., Feb. 6.

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