

September 2005 Meeting

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Mt Diablo Branch Welcomes
Novelist Nina Schuyler



The Process of Novel Writing
(Or: How—and Why—to Break Writing Truisms)

How do you imagine yourself into another time period? Another place? Which rules of writing will you adhere to and which ones will you throw out the window (and why)? Schuyler will explore these questions in this talk, using *The Painting*, as one example. She'll also explore how to weave the many strands that constitute the plot of a novel into a coherent whole, and how to structure chapters to sustain forward momentum. Finally, she'll consider why there seems to be such a strong interest in the historical novel.

Nina Schuyler earned her MFA in Creative Writing at San Francisco State University. Her first novel, *The Painting* was published October, 2004 by Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill and was a finalist for the 24th Annual Northern California Books Awards and was named a 2004 Best Book by the *San Francisco Chronicle*. She currently teaches creative writing at University of San Francisco.

Join us to hear about writing historical fiction - September 10th, 11:30 a.m. for socializing, luncheon to follow. The luncheon public meeting will be at THE HUNGRY HUNTER, 3201 Mt. Diablo Blvd., in Lafayette. \$17 for members and \$20 for guests.

The Hungry Hunter restaurant is at 3201 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette (corner of Mt. Diablo Blvd./Pleasant Hill Rd.) Take the Pleasant Hill Rd. SOUTH exit off Hwy. 24 freeway. HH is just south of the freeway. In case you get lost, call  (925) 938-3938  for directions.

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