

May 2003 Meeting

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THREE OF OUR OWN AUTHORS TELL ALL

(well, maybe not *all* . . .)

You think you know them, but wait until you see them in action! Mt. Diablo CWC Board members **Al Garrotto**, **Liz Koehler-Pentacoff**, and **Camille Minichino** will give us a mini-workshop at our regular meeting on Saturday, May 10.



Al Garrotto's third novel, *Circles of Stone*, will be released this summer from Hilliard and Harris Publishers. Does he outline the first draft or fly by the seat of his pants? Al has done it both ways and will offer "blank screen to final page" tips and tactics for writing a novel's first draft.

[Al's web site](#)



Elizabeth Koehler-Pentacoff's most recent book is *The ABCs of Writing for Children*, but the 113 authors she interviewed gave advice applicable to adult literature also. Liz has many other books to her credit, is a columnist for *Byline Magazine*, and teaches writing and drama through Cal State Hayward. Liz will give nitty-gritty advice regarding revision, character, breaking writers block and how to break into the world of publishing books for children.

[Liz's web site](#)



Camille Minichino has published five mystery novels, a book of nonfiction, short stories, and personal pieces. She teaches writing for Emeritus College (DVC) and adult ed programs in San Leandro and Castro Valley. Camille will give techniques (and colorful handouts!) for organizing and structuring novels and larger works of nonfiction.

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