



The Front Range Fiction Writers



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Front Range Fiction Writers, conceived in 1993 by local author, Jimmie Butler and other writers, has a two-fold purpose. It exists, according to John Hudson, president, to help writers find other writers and to promote the craft of writing. “An important aspect of what we do is offer a meeting place for writers to gather and talk about writing on a monthly basis.” Speakers are invited each month to discuss “the nuts and bolts of writing” as well as advice on such diverse subjects as police procedure, local history, or perhaps breaking into a particular fiction genre or non-fiction market.

At the October meeting, Cathy Grotta, program chairperson and editor of the monthly FRFW newsletter, invited Wendy Burt, editor of “The Business Informant” an area newspaper, to present a mini-workshop on free-lancing in the greeting card business.

Also on the agenda was Charlie Rush, deputy director of the highly acclaimed Pikes Peak Writers Conference, who spoke about a new concept for writers organizations in the area. This new organization, though not in conflict with other already established groups, would serve as a kind of umbrella group for all, Rush said in presenting the plan. It would “embrace all aspects and genres of writing with an emphasis on commercial fiction.” The proposed organization would provide more clout and increased revenue so that more workshops and/or speakers could be provided to area writers, perhaps even monthly as Rush and others envision.

Visit the Colorado Springs Fiction Writers Group website for more details as they become available. Rush said that all writers organizations in the area will be contacted.



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