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Writers Table: February 9, 2019

Mt. Diablo's Member Benefits

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*Mt. Diablo
president,
Writer, and
blogger*

Deborah
Greenberg
Critique Groups

*Critique
Group
Coordinator*

Elisabeth Tuck
Helpful Editor

*Newsletter
Editor & former
President, Vice
President, CWC
Literary Review
Managing
Editor*





Writers Table: Marlene Dotterer

Mt. Diablo's Website

The Mt. Diablo website is a useful tool for our members. I encourage everyone to explore the pages and find out what you can do with it. You already know you can register for meetings and renew your membership, but you can also use the website to tell members about your new book or publishing contract, announce a book signing, or submit articles to the newsletter. We will discuss what is available and how you access these benefits.

The Platform

- **Area(s) of Expertise:** Writer, blogger
- **Key Points:** I have created my own website and two blogs with the use of templates. I worked closely with Mt. Diablo's website developer to create our new website. I'd love for our members to utilize it as much as possible.
- **Website:**
<https://marlenedotterer.wordpress.com/>
- **Best way to Contact**
Email: cmdotterer@gmail.com



Critique Groups

To join a critique group, fill out the form on our branch website. <https://cwcmtdiablo.org/critique-groups/>

- √ Fill in as much as possible
- √ Be as flexible as possible in regards to time and location of meetings

In your group:

- √ Be prepared to give and receive constructive criticism
- √ Be familiar with contents of my suggestions in "Successful Critique Group Tips"

The Platform

- **Area of Expertise:** Accepting constructive criticism
- **Title:** Critique Group Coordinator
- **Key Points:** Finding the right critique group for you can improve your writing. Not only will you get feedback on your own work, but you will gain insight from critiquing other writers
- **Best way to Contact**
Email: deborah.greenberg@comcast.net



Writers Table: Elisabeth Tuck

Helpful Editor

WHAT: *Helpful Editor* is meant to give members some free editing feedback on two pages of their writing.

WHY: I believe in CWC, a writers group with the mission:
To educate writers of all abilities in the craft of writing.

(The rest of the CWC mission is "*and the marketing of their work.*" I do not claim any expertise in marketing.)

I've been freelance editing for over 12 years during which I've edited nearly 20 books now in print and many others still works-in-progress. I took writing classes for nearly 15 years and feel comfortable that I learned how a book should tempt and lead a reader. I realized that I prefer editing to writing.

In reading manuscripts, I learn as one always does when reading. Additionally I ensure

- ✓ the setting is clear,
- ✓ the point of view consistent,
- ✓ the characters believable and growing,
- ✓ the story/content compelling,
- ✓ the timing and data accurate, and
- ✓ that the writing is readable.

The latter comes down to copy editing, the least of the editor's jobs but crucial to garnering and maintaining readership

You must have fresh eyes on your work.

The Platform

- **Area(s) of Expertise:** Editing, newsletters
- **Best way to Contact:** Email: elisabethtuck@yahoo.com