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Children's Author Teri Sloat Speaks at Young Writers' Awards Celebration

Children's author Teri Sloat was this year's featured author and special presenter at the 2021 Young Writers' Awards in May. The event was indeed a time for celebration of student writers. Although the 2020 celebration was canceled, the 2021 event took place virtually. Students who made submissions in 2020 and 2021 were included in this year's program. Students, parents, teachers, and friends met via Zoom. Students shared their works in

various "rooms" before coming together to hear the inspiring presentation by Teri Sloat. Teri spoke about the craft of writing. She shared her experiences as a popular children's author and shared about the importance of language when writing, giving examples of word choice and developing the text of a book. Students and adults alike enjoyed the event. All participants and their schools were given the ability to access the 2021 Young Writers Digital Anthology.

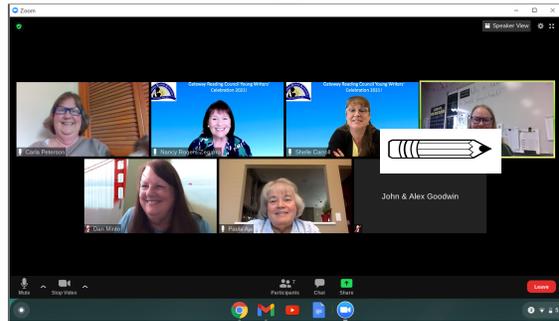
(Photo above: Teri with her artwork at Sebastopol Gallery, undated photo.)

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Join chapters of CRA for the

Fall Kick-off featuring Tiffany Papageorge: Exploring the Power of Story in Times of Turmoil and Transformation.

This virtual seminar will be held September 9th from 3:45 - 5:30 PM. This seminar is free to CRA members (\$30 to non-members). One unit of credit is available, from the University of the Pacific, for \$80. Attendance at the seminar and a reflection paper will be required. For more information or to register, refer to the CCRA website, <https://contracostareading.org/events/> You must be registered to receive the Zoom link.



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One parent said of the virtual celebration: "Thank you so very much! That was very nice, Ryder loved being the center of attention. His face lit up when he saw his certificate with his name on it. Thank you for your kindness, we really appreciate you!" Special thanks go to parents, teachers and others who support these young writers; to event coordinator Dr. Nancy Rogers-Zegarra and long-time YW coordinator Marie Hinton: Mrs. Carroll, Ms. Walker, and Gateway members for their invaluable assistance in making the 2021 event so special and successful. We look forward to seeing everyone next year - in person!



Lorna Drake Remembered

Lorna had a wide variety of interests and knowledge and generously served the community: Gateway Reading Council member; retired Kindergarten teacher at Forestville School; author of Just Before Yesterday (a book on Sonoma County history for children); volunteer extraordinaire with the Sonoma County Historical Society and Museum, Guerneville Library, and Guerneville Community Church; lover of books. Lorna was 94 years at her passing on May 24, 2021.



CRA Virtual Conference

October 22 - 23, 2021

Go to www.californiareading.org for the complete listing of keynote and special speakers, authors, and schedule of events. Register now for this fabulous event!