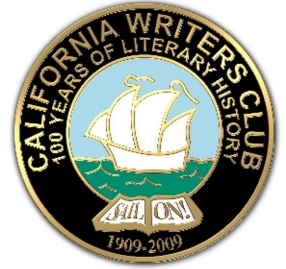


The Mt. Diablo Branch of the California Writers Club  
invites you to participate in our



## ~ Centennial Writing Contest ~

**Contest Theme:** Query Letter

**Eligibility:** Membership in Mt. Diablo or Tri-Valley Branch of CWC

**Submission Guidelines:**



- Write as though you are one of the founding members of CWC:  
Jack London querying his short story, "To Build a Fire," or  
John Muir querying his essay, "Save the Redwoods," or  
Joaquin Miller querying his poem, "Columbus"
- Write as if the author of your choice is working in today's world.
- Address your letter to an agent, publishing house, or publication (real or imaginary) that you believe would be receptive to the chosen work given today's marketplace.
- Submit query letter on one 8-1/2 x 11" page printed in 12 point Times New Roman, single spaced, with one inch margins.
- Mail submission to Centennial Writing Contest, P.O. Box 606, Alamo, CA 94507.
- Include a 3 x 5 card with your name, address, email address, and phone number.
- Do not include your name or other identifying information on your query letter.

### **Timeline:**

Submission deadline April 15, 2010

Winners announced June 1, 2010, in the Mt. Diablo Branch newsletter

Prizes awarded June 12, 2010, during Mt Diablo Branch meeting at Zio Fraedo's

### **Prizes:**

First Place – Opportunity to pitch your own project to the agent/judge of your choice;  
\$100; publication of winning entry in Branch newsletter; free lunch at June meeting;  
certificate

Second Place – \$50; publication in newsletter; free lunch; certificate

Third Place – \$25; publication in newsletter; free lunch; certificate

### **Judges:**

**Amberly Finarelli**, a literary agent with Andrea Hurst & Associates Literary Management

**Michael Larsen**, founder of Larsen-Pomada Literary Agents

**Lisa Westmoreland**, Project Editor at Ten Speed Press

**Jack London - "To Build a Fire"**

<http://london.sonoma.edu/Writings/LostFace/fire.html>

**John Muir - "Save the Redwoods"**

[www.yosemite.ca.us/john\\_muir\\_writings/save\\_the\\_redwoods.com](http://www.yosemite.ca.us/john_muir_writings/save_the_redwoods.com)

**Joaquin Miller - "Columbus"**

<http://www.calwriters.org/html/about.html#poem>