

Inland Empire Branch Meeting California Writers Club

Saturday, February 24, 2024 at 10:10 am
Ovitt Family Library
215 E C St, Ontario, CA 91764

Constance Cassinelli – A Journey into another Century



Constance Cassinelli has written, numerous non-fiction eccentric escapades involving family members, and her poet friend Jeannie Weenie. Three stories appear in the *2019 Anthology Inland Empire California Writers Club*, six stories appear in SoCal Writers Showcase, and thirteen in Fresh Ink, the club's monthly journal. She also wrote an obituary, in memory of a friend, that appeared in the Claremont Courier.

Her first novel, *Cayenne and the Diablo Kid*, a great western melodrama, quickly received six five star ratings with Amazon. Her second novel, *Caro Nicola Promise Kept*, was a quest that took a lifetime to research and write. Primary delay was caused by the disappearance of old Genoese letters from siblings that offered key information. She was meant to write this book. The letters re-appeared thirty-five years later.

This historic non-fiction novel was inspired by the lifestyle of her great-grandfather Nicola Cassinelli and his family, who lived in their secluded 17th century monastery-home in Liguria all the while escaping the troubled years of 1848 European revolutions, to the Italian *Risorgimento* in early 1861. They hid fearing mandatory conscription once each son reached age fifteen.

Journey Into Another Century is about her lifelong search to discover more about her Ligurian roots, to walk the lands of her great-grandfather and his family, and explore their lifestyle.

She hopes this presentation will inspire others to delve into their own family history or provide inspiration to write a historical novel. Otherwise just enjoy the presentation.

This in-person meeting is open to all!