

Stem Critique Group Facilitator: Pat Coyle

Members of the CWC Tri-Valley Branch are encouraged to participate in critique groups to strengthen their writing and editing skills. Participation begins by joining the Stem critique group. This group submits material for review on the first Tuesday of each month, then meets on the second Tuesday to critique each other's work. Meetings are at 7:00 p.m. online during the pandemic. As the Stem group grows, smaller critique groups branch out on their own, often specializing in a particular genre. There are several novel groups. For poets: Contact [Connie Hanstedt](#) for information about the poetry critique group.

Members work online and/or participate in face-to-face critiquing. With both formats, there is a commitment for reciprocity. Participants who submit materials commit to reading and critiquing the materials submitted by others.

The Tri-Valley Writers Stem Critique Group is a member benefit. Members may submit pieces of up to 2500 words. Our guidelines include:

1. Provide a critique that is constructive to the author, i.e., point out what works with the piece, what might be confusing or what gives the reader pause. If the author has requested feedback on specific items, try to provide it.
2. Receive each critique graciously. There is no need to explain, persuade, or defend your writing. This critique process is an opportunity to find out if readers would have a problem understanding what you, as the writer, are trying to convey.
3. Do not re-write another writer's story. Allow the writer to keep their story intact. Only offer suggestions for improvement.
4. Stem Group is a great place to learn about the critiquing process. For more information, contact Pat at critique@trivalleywriters.org.

Beta Reader Co-op: [Janie Hodges](#)

Poetry Feedback: [Connie Hanstedt](#)

Short Story Feedback Leader: [Ed Miracle](#)

"Write Around the Valley", Sept. 2020

Launch Team: [J.D. Lasica](#)

Social Media Group: [Julaina Kleist-Corwin](#)

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Stem Critique Group: [Pat Coyle](#)

Poetry Critique Group: [Connie Hanstedt](#)

Open Mic: [Deborah 'Jordan' Bernal](#)

Pull Up a Chair and Write: [Patricia Boyle](#)

Sit Down and Write on Zoom: [Marilyn Dykstra](#)