

Dear Readers,

Happy Spring! I hope you're able to get out and enjoy the fine weather before the heat kicks in.

This month, I'm trying some new experiences. On April 5, my partner Richard and I took the RT from Folsom to the Hands Off rally at the Capitol in Sacramento. Riding the train rather than driving and trying to find parking was such a pleasure that I took RT again the following Friday to a Writing Day Workshop at the newly (to me) remodeled Convention Center. The workshop included very helpful info about the publishing process, and I had the opportunity to pitch my latest book to a couple of agents.

Next, I'm getting ready for the **Mother Lode Book Festival** in Murphys on Saturday, May 3. It should be a lively event, as the organizer has told me that Murphys always draws a large tourist crowd on Saturdays for wine tasting. Naturally, I will feature my book Madam Pantaloons: Gold Rush Pioneer, as I'll be at "ground zero" for the California gold rush.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the **Sacramento Book Festival** on Saturday, May 31 at Shepard Garden & Arts Center on McKinley Blvd. I'll be there all day, as will more than 100 other local authors and bookstores, as well as several notable author/speakers. The event is free, but the sponsors ask attendees to please bring a children's book for the Mustard Seed School, which is a free private school for homeless children ages 3-15 years old. If you come, do stop by my table and say hello!

Cheers,
Jenifer