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Much like our works-in-progress, spring launches forward, then steps back, then blooms again in a dance that leads us slowly toward beauty.

"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow."

-- Audrey

Hepburn



A Sunny Update from Your RAs

Dear SF North & East Bay Region members,

Happy spring! We hope you're working hard on your creative projects. Etch out at least a half hour every day. Just think how much happier you will be in a year.

With spring comes daffodils and the **Diversity Awards**. As mentioned most recently in last month's Inciting Incident newsletter, there are two different scholarships available: one for a diverse writer and diverse illustrator, and the other for an illustrator and a writer, regardless of ethnicity or background, who creates a work highlighting diversity in an authentic manner. *The window for entering opened on April 1st and closes at the end of this month.* Entering is free, so what do you have to lose? There could be much to gain. Questions? Contact our Diversity Director, [Paolo Bicchieri](#).

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Other Volunteer Opps
ALWAYS OPEN

AM I REGISTERED?

Members - you can look up every event you are registered for. Go into your profile, on the left side set of tabs click Event History. Then click on the event you are checking on.

Learn about the SCBWI Website, Your Profile, and Benefits

A mailer went out last week urging you to **Save the Date** for Oktoberfest, our bi-annual region-wide conference to be held on October 19, 2019 at our shiny new location in San Ramon. The "Knack for Craft" is, as you might deduce, all about the craft of creation, led by an incredibly talented faculty who want to help us elevate our projects. **Keep your eyes open for the registration link in mid to late May.**

Many of you have expressed a desire to volunteer. It's truly heartening to see members give back to SCBWI by helping out. **We need a strong volunteer team** for Oktoberfest this year. Email your RAs, [Shells](#) and [Lisa](#), if you want to help our conference be a success. If you can't do Oktoberfest, write us, anyway. We will keep your name close to our hearts for future opportunities.

Have you checked out our monthly newsletter, the **Inciting Incident**? We designed it to reduce emails in your box by listing all monthly free events and county Meet-Ups in our region. It also allows members to highlight their book launch events and other kidlit no-cost opportunities. The current Inciting Incident also appears on our [regional website](#), making it accessible anywhere, anytime.

Are you missing important emails? **Check your Spam/Junk folders weekly** and be sure to mark SCBWI mailers as *Not Junk*. We don't want you to miss out on anything.

Speaking of emails, keep a sharp lookout for today's notification that the **SCBWI L.A. conference registration** has officially opened. The Intensives, in particular, will sell out fast!



Volunteer Corner

Each seasonal newsletter will highlight a different member of our outstanding [volunteer team](#). Today, we introduce TRISH HENRY...

Trish joins longtime dedicated volunteer Kathy Urban as a Co-Website Coordinator, making our [regional website](#) a thing of beauty. Trish has a BFA in video and an MFA in writing. Let's ask her a few quick questions:

- 1) What's unusual about you?
I have red hair! I am the youngest of ten kids.
- 2) What project are you working on now?
I'm working on a book about the rising seas where an island has to be abandoned and a new home found.
- 3) What do you enjoy most about your volunteer job (so far)?
The people! Everyone is so lovely and supportive.

Happy spring, regional members! Smell the flowers. Hope to see you all soon.

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