

# Through the Power of Words

## November 2022 Terri Maue Newsletter

Words can feel like rickety carts, awkward, clumsy, and ill-suited for the gold they carry; but they're often all we have. Honor and treasure them.



Thanks to everyone who signed up for my infant newsletter! I hope you enjoy the inaugural issue and have patience with me as it evolves. Please feel free to send your comments and suggestions to [terri@terrimaue.com](mailto:terri@terrimaue.com).



### ***Knife Edge* heading toward 2023 publication**

The adventure of publishing has moved to the next step. The manuscript has been approved and is now in the hands of the folks at Camel Press who do the internal formatting and cover art. I hope to see one or both of these in December. I cannot thank executive editor Jennifer McCord enough for her invaluable guidance. I can honestly say that every revision she put me through—I mean, requested—made the book better!

### **Sticking my toe in the waters of self-promotion**



I shared the Sin City Writers table at the Las Vegas Book Festival in October. Despite 50 mph wind, I had a great time talking with people. Here I am with members of a writers group called DWENT, Dead Writers Eat No Tacos. I loved meeting them. Actually, everyone was fun. Maybe self-promotion won't be so tough, after all!

## **The Inside Scoop**

The town where *Knife Edge* takes place is called Valerian. That's not because I have an affinity for the herb, though I do sometimes have trouble sleeping. Nor is it because I'm enamored of the bloodthirsty Roman emperor of the same name. No, I chose Valerian as an homage to my family, a slight variation on our name, Valerius. Hope Dad and Mom don't mind that I'm going to make it famous for murder.

## **Enter the Great Pastry Hunt: Find the best pastry**

Zee Morani, the protagonist in *Knife Edge*, is legendary for her love of pastry. I think it would be fun to get your suggestions for the tastiest pastry you've ever eaten, then feature the best one in book 2 of the Zee & Rico series. I'll try as many as I can—I know, research can be grueling, but I'll make the sacrifice. So, please help me out. Send your recommendations to [terri@terrimaue.com](mailto:terri@terrimaue.com).

Thanks for reading! See you in December!