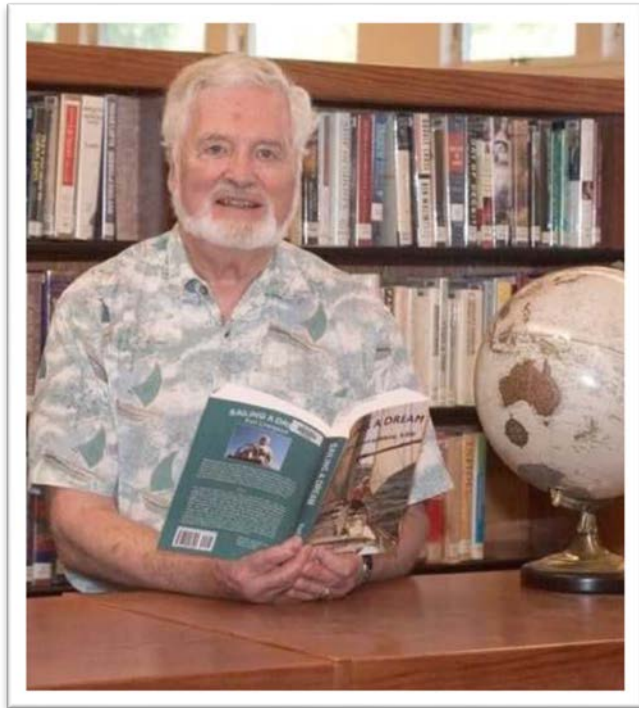


Published Writers of Rossmoor Featured Author for January 2017
- Karl Livengood

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For his biography, "Norman Weiner, An Artist's Story," Karl Livengood is the January 2017 Published Writers of Rossmoor's (PWR) Featured Author. Weiner is world renowned for his paintings, drawings, etchings, and sculptures, which are in hundreds of collections, including many of those of Rossmoor residents. Livengood was also recognized as PWR's Featured Author in 2015



for his book, "Sailing a Dream to An Incredible Life," which was based on his 20,000-mile journey aboard his sailboat, the "Aurora."

Betsy Weiner, Karl's wife, has been a portrait and figure drawing teacher for many years. When Norman, the artist, asked Betsy to help him create a digital presentation of his vast portfolio, her husband, Karl, was amazed and fascinated by the beauty and diversity of his artwork, as well as the 95-year-old artist's intelligence and razor-sharp insights. Livengood asked Weiner if they could collaborate on writing a book about the artist's life.

"Together, Norm and I collaborated to create his biography," Livengood said. "Often his [retrieved] memories would expand by adding more content and clarity. It became a back-and-forth

process of incorporating interesting vignettes that have deepened my understanding of his personality, life and character.”

“Karl Livengood has put together a compelling read of an extraordinary artist’s life,” writes reviewer Evelyn Epstein. “The use of Norman’s recalled memories, together with Karl’s astute capacity for capturing the essence of Norman Weiner, results in a book a reader won’t want to put down.”

The featured author grew up in Cleveland and majored in sociology and psychology at Hiram College. He earned an MA in Social Work from Case Western Reserve University in 1962 and subsequently became a social worker assigned to gangs in the Mission District of San Francisco.

He says he later started a small construction business to feed his *real* passion - sailing.

Karl and Betsy have lived in Rossmoor for 10 years, where she creates art and writes books, as a member of Mary Webb’s Writers’ Club. He is the PWR Coordinator for Author Events.