

**September 11, 7-9 pm, Napa Valley Writers Presents**  
***Essential Keys to Story Planning***

Napa Valley Writers will host **Beth Barany**, who specializes in helping genre fiction writers experience clarity, so they can write, revise, and proudly publish their novels to the delight of their readers.

It's your dream to be a novelist, to touch readers' hearts and minds, to excite and wow them, to transport them. And to build a career with your books.

But you don't know where to begin. Starting is hard. Things like creating an outline, scenes, or conflict may be confusing or strange or no fun at all. Perhaps crafting compelling three-dimensional characters stumps you.

Or maybe you've been stuck in the middle of writing your first novel (or fifth) for way too long.

That's hard.

We know. As a working novelist, Beth has been there many, many times.

But there is hope.

In this talk, Beth will help you brainstorm the steps to create your novel—from character development to plot structure to story themes and world building—so you can start writing your novel with clarity and confidence.

**Visit her website:** <http://www.BethBarany.com>

**Amber Lea Starfire** will be September's member reader.