Hello All,

Here's a quick and fun project you can do now.

Take a 3 x 5 card or a small piece of paper and write an entire short story on it, using only one side. To do this, you'll have to stick to the bare essentials. What is really necessary for this piece of writing to qualify as a story? Most likely it will have to be a very simple story, and you'll need to introduce the topic immediately. An idea might be to write how you feel about being quarantined.

For example, How well (or not) are you handling being quarantined? Or maybe have them pick a fun experience or project they completed.

When you're finished, read your story to various people and note their reactions. Did they feel what you expected them to? Why or why not? Did they find it a satisfying brief story?

If you don't like writing longhand, you can do the same challenge on a computer, giving yourself a 100 word limit.

Here's a few things that you can do with your short story:

1. Volunteer to compile your club members short stories and input them on your computer. Then you may either email the stories to all the members or read them aloud at your next club meeting whether it is a Zoom meeting or in-person meeting.
2. If you are satisfied with your story, expand on it and submit it to the NJSFWC Writing Contest.

Have fun with your story and share it with others.