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# Novelist to be Speaker

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Among the speakers presenting seminars at the Santa Cruz Pen Women Writers' Conference October 21 will be Virginia Nielsen McCall of Sacramento, whose novel, *YANKEE LOVER*, came out in August.

Her topic will be "Writing Historical Romance." She is the author of 23 books, including two young adult books and several non-fictions in addition to fiction.

A native of Idaho Falls, Idaho, she attended University of Idaho and Utah State University. When she married Joseph R. McCall, he was in the U.S. Navy and she says that a navy background was featured in her first two books which were young adult stories.

Her husband recently retired from the California State Department of Parks and Recreation, and Mrs. McCall's non-fiction books were concerned with those topics.

*YANKEE LOVER*, a period romance, is the story of the Battle of New Orleans from the viewpoint of the Creole women who awaited news of the victory in their homes, then drove their carriages to the battlefield to pick up the wounded, she says.

Mrs. McCall is listed in *WHO'S WHO* and *Contemporary Authors*; she is a member of the California Writers' Club and the Authors' Guild of the Authors' League of America.

Six workshops will be in-



*Virginia Nielsen McCall*

cluded in the conference at Cabrillo: article writing, historical romance, travel, juvenile writing and comic strip cartooning, poetry and cookbook writing.

All interested persons are welcome to attend. Registration is at Cabrillo College Center from 8-8:45 a.m. Choice of two seminars, coffee and noon speaker are included in the \$15 fee. Those attending are to bring sack lunches. Marge Gardner is chairing the conference. For reservations contact her at 129 Sunset Terrace, Scotts Valley, California, 95066.

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