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Amelia Island Writers

Amelia Island Writers: AIW is a local chapter of Florida Writers Association. You need not be a member of FWA to participate in any of our local programs. Information about FWA and its mission of Writers

Helping Writers is available at: <http://www.floridawriters.net>

AIW website: A call will go out very soon for authors with books and writers with blogs to be listed on our new website. Other writers and the public will be able to find *you* - our authors and their work in one online location. Also related resources that we support and that support us.

Programming, Correspondence: Your announcements, author signings, books news, etc. will be publicized here - just send in advance to Marla at divinemissmm@yahoo.com

THIS MONTH: You are invited to an Irish themed reading event, Thursday, March 14, 6 pm at Marlin and Barrel Distillery, 115 South 2nd St., downtown Fernandina Beach. Read a short "something Irish," or just attend and enjoy it. Tasting Marlin and Barrel locally produced spirits, Irish beer, wine, coffee, snacks, drawings. What do YOU need to do? RSVP by March 12 to Micah at: micah262@gmail.com: bring a lawn/folding chair: bring \$5.00. <http://www.marlinbarrel.com>

Have you ever written a Limerick?

Try It! From Diane LaRochelle - Limericks consist of five lines. The rhyme scheme is aabba. In other words,

AIW Focus Groups

Writing for Stage and Screen:

Doug McDowell, contact, dwmcdowell@bellsouth.net. Writing for Stage and Screen generally meets

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Four rhyme with each other (in some limericks, Lines One and Five end with the same word and rhyme with Line Two).

Here's an example of a classic limerick by Edward Lear, where the first and last lines rhyme:

**There was a Young Lady whose eyes,
Were unique as to colour and size;
When she opened them wide, People all
turned aside, And started away in
surprise.**

Here's another example by Lear, where the first and last lines end with the same word:

**There was an Old Person of Dover,
Who rushed through a field of blue
Clover; But some very large bees, Stung
his nose and his knees, So he very soon
went back to Dover.**

Amelia Island Writers March 26: Conclusion - study of memoir, planning for April, National Poetry Month

Tuesday, March 26, 4 pm, Story and Song Bookstore Bistro, Amelia Park. An interactive agenda for improving our writing skills. All levels. If you are not a regular AIW participant, and want to know more, please contact Marla, divinemissmm@yahoo.com.

Opportunities

Information about how to bring your book and book discussion to the Council on Aging - Senior Life Center is available from Nancy Blanton at: blantonn@msn.com.

[Turning Memories into Memoirs -](#)

with group leader Doug.

Eclectic Critique: Carma Rollerson, contact, carma.rollerson@gmail.com. Eclectic Critique generally meets the second Thursday of the month, 6 pm at San Jose restaurant in the Yulee Home Depot shopping center. Please confirm with group leader Carma.

Additional focus groups will be supported if YOU would like to initiate one!

Author News

Sat., March 16, 1-4 pm: JR Sharp book signing at The Book Loft, "Breaking from the Enemy." Find more about JR's fascinating career and first book "Feeding the Enemy" at <http://www.jrsharpauthor.com>

Drop in to The Book Loft on Fridays from 10-12 to find Bill Maurer with "Sketches of Amelia Island and Fernandina Beach." Bill may be sketching when you find him here and not in Cannes, France. <http://www.maurerfineart.com>

Come out and meet our local authors, talk with them and be inspired!

Sun., March 17, 3-5 pm: Nancy Blanton book launch at The Book Loft for "The Earl in Black Armor." Nancy is the author of award winning Irish historical novels. This is the third in a series. "Sharavogue" was the first, followed by "The Prince of

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12, 19, 26 from 3-4:30. Teacher is Dickie Anderson. Location, The Nassau County Council on Aging Senior Life Center. Cost, members \$20, non-members \$30. Space is limited. For information about membership or to register, contact the Senior Center, 261-0701 or Dickie at: dickie.anderson@gmail.com.

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