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# melia Island Writers

## APRIL NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

**You are invited** to a special event, Thursday, April 25. Lola Haskins, retired Univ. of FL faculty and Honorary Chancellor for the FL State Poets Association, will present *Plein Air in the Florida Woods and Waters*. This program, created especially for us, complements the Nouveau Art show & sale at the Island Art Association, *Living in a Maritime Forest*.

Location: Island Art Ed. Bldg., 18 N. 2nd St, Fern. Bch. Date: Thurs. Apr. 25, 4-6 pm. Lola will bring a selection of her books available for purchase. Lola is the recipient of two FL Book Awards, two NEAs, four FL artist fellowships, and the Emily Dickinson prize from the Poetry Society of America.

Program, Book Signing and Reception includes wine, coffee, snacks, drawing for prizes. Suggested donation, \$5.00 to help cover expenses. Open to the public.

<http://www.lolahaskins.com>

**"Lola Haskins writes with the startling freedom and grace of a kite flying, and with the variety and assurance of invention that reveal, in image after image, the dream behind the waking world." - W.S. Merwin, Winner of the Pulitzer Prize and former Poet Laureate of the U.S.**

## THIS MONTH

See the new Amelia Island Writers (AIW) website for calendar and any adjusted dates for meetings/events.

Published authors, blog writers, and related businesses will be listed on the website as a service to create more awareness of your writing, or business in support of authors and books. Form is available to complete on contact page.

<http://www.ameliaislandwriters.org>



Lola Haskins connected with Diane LaRochelle recently. They were on Univ. of FL faculty together some years ago. Diane is AIW program coordinator. How wonderful their acquaintance led to this opportunity, and timed so well for National Poetry Month.

## Amelia Island Writers Focus Groups - Local Author Signings - Announcements

### Amelia Island Writers (AIW) Focus Groups

#### Writing for Stage and Screen:

Doug McDowell, contact, [dwmcdowell@bellsouth.net](mailto:dwmcdowell@bellsouth.net). Writing for Stage and Screen generally meets the fourth Thursday of the month, 6 pm at Panera Bread, Yulee. Please confirm with group leader Doug.

**Eclectic Critique:** contact, Carma Rollerson, [carma.rollerson@gmail.com](mailto:carma.rollerson@gmail.com). Want to chat over some of your writing and receive gentle feedback? Eclectic Critique generally meets the second Thursday of the month, 5 pm at San Jose restaurant in the Yulee Home Depot shopping center. Please confirm with group leader Carma.

**Amelia Island Writers** assumes their former focus group name, **Works in Progress**. Works in Progress usually meet the fourth Tuesday of the month, but this month is adjusted for our special program on Thursday, April 25, Lola Haskins. For May 25, bring haiku or a poem that you've written. Sharing is optional, your choice. If you are not a regular AIW Works in Progress participant, and want to know more, please contact Marla McDaniel, [divinemissmm@yahoo.com](mailto:divinemissmm@yahoo.com)

**Memoirs** - interest in forming a new focus group:

At least four people indicate they would enjoy and benefit from a memoirs study group. If you are not already on the interest list and wish to be added, please contact Katherine Hoehn at: [kat@katwritesandsnaps.com](mailto:kat@katwritesandsnaps.com)

**Upcoming.** Although Friends of the Library has cancelled their Fernandina Beach bi-annual booksales, things are looking up in Hilliard! Nancy Bell, local writer and Hilliard Library Board Member, states their own book

Meet local authors and be inspired - Other news of interest to writers

At The Book Loft, 214 Centre Street, historic downtown:

William Maurer, Fridays, 10-12. Talk news of the day and "Sketches of Amelia Island and Fernandina Beach" with Bill.

<http://www.maurerfineart.com>

Sat., April 13, 1-4 pm: Bruce Thomason and JD Hunter, "The Domino Effect," fourth in the award winning Detective Clay Randall Series.

<http://www.brucethomason.com>

Fri., April 19, 1-4 pm: Terri Dean, "A Year of Living Creatively," 52 weeks of inspiring ideas.

<http://www.terridean.us>

**Share your good news.** Let us know in advance of your signings, releases, and special events for addition to the monthly news distribution. Send to Marla McDaniel, [divinemissmm@yahoo.com](mailto:divinemissmm@yahoo.com)

**Opportunity:** Information about how to bring your book and book discussion to the Council on Aging-Senior Life Center is available from Nancy Blanton, [blannton@msn.com](mailto:blannton@msn.com)

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at 904-206-3809.

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