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# Amelia Island Writers



The second half of 2019 and its literary calendar arrive with Tom Sawyer Days, July 4-6, and Ernest Hemingway Days, July 16-21. If you don't happen to be in Hannibal, MO, or Key West, FL, a few things are happening right here.

You will find the Amelia Island Writers calendar on our website under the Related Resources tab. Critique, Poetry, Writing Memoirs/Biography (new), Stage and Screen, and Works in Progress are all listed with details.

<http://www.ameliaislandwriters.org>

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As we gather together friends and family for fun in the sun and the Fourth of July, food is certainly a big part of our celebrations. Enjoy a culinary poem from the late Don Parker, founding member of the Amelia Island Book Festival.

### What a Variety!

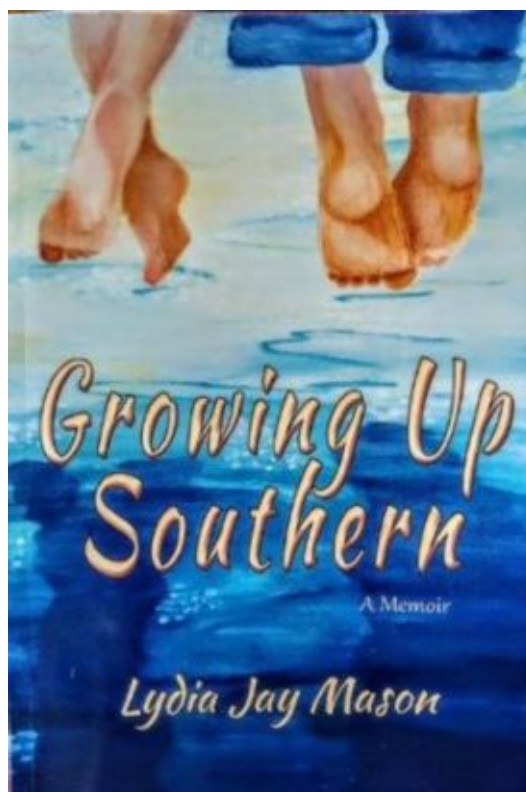
When I was growing up  
 The only foreign food I knew  
 Was Chicken Chow Mein, and  
 Chinese restaurants were very few.  
 We didn't know it  
 But pizza started here.  
 I traveled to Italy in 1950,  
 But pizza as we knew it,  
 Never did appear.  
 Now ethnic foods are everywhere,  
 Other cultures share their best.

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Lydia Mason took a year in recovery from an accident to assemble her family's legacy. With encouragement from Amelia Island Writers, she advanced beyond a book originally meant just for immediate family. From Fitzgerald GA, Lydia and her family have enjoyed a vacation residence here on the island for many years.

Southern graces and traditions live on in this charming memoir. Lydia demonstrates that with perseverance (a.k.a. southern grit), one can go the distance and be published. And seen online - Lydia's book alongside Reese Witherspoon's "Whiskey in a Teacup, What Growing up in the South Taught Me About Life, Love, and Baking Biscuits."

Congratulations, Lydia -



**Local Author Book Launches and Signings - The Book Loft - 214 Centre Street, historic downtown Fernandina Beach**

**- Friday, July 12, 1-4 pm: Donna Lee Overly's third in the Knot Series, "The Hitch: Knots That**

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- **Saturday, July 13, 1-4 pm: Michael Fay, "Black Jade."** <http://www.michaelfayauthor.com>
- **Saturday, July 27, 1-4 pm, Louise Jaques, "Dreams of Amelia."**
- **Sunday, July 28, 1-4, husband and wife authors Bruce Thomason and JD Hunter continue the Detective Clay Randall series with "The Domino Event."** <http://www.brucethomason.com>
- **Drop in most Fridays late morning to early afternoon and chat with architect/artist William Maurer. His book, "Sketches of Fernandina Beach and Amelia Island" is perfect for your coffee table or gift giving.** <http://www.maurerfineart.com>



**This doggy having a bath expression resembles the newsletter coordinator as she plodded through newsletter technical tutorials. Unlike some of you who already have this down, it didn't come easily to me. But as of this spring, we have a way to stay in touch as a writing community. Thank you for the compliments. Questions, suggestions for programs, events, new focus groups, etc. welcome to Marla at: [divinemissmm@yahoo.com](mailto:divinemissmm@yahoo.com), and/or Michael at: [mstokes@fernandinabeachlife.com](mailto:mstokes@fernandinabeachlife.com) <http://www.ameliaislandwriters.org>**

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**Michael Stokes is administrator.**



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