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# Amelia Island Writers



**Amelia Island Writers is a chapter of Florida Writers Association, a 501 (c) 6 non profit organization. Paid membership is not a requirement to attend or participate in our programs. They are open to the public, and you are welcome to bring a guest, especially to our special events.**

- **Works in Progress (WIP) is the "parent group" of the local organization.**
- **WIP meets monthly.**
- **Interactive Programs, Panels, and Events vary throughout the year.**

**Tuesday, Sept. 24, 4 - 5:45 pm: Blog Basics for Writers with Dr. J. (Dr. Donna Jennings).** If you don't blog, the basics and more will help improve writing skills. If you are a blogger, be sure to join us. **Story and Song Bookstore Bistro, Amelia Park.**

**Thursday, Oct. 31, 6 - 8 pm: Halloween themed readings.** Costumes encouraged, not required. Optional - bring a snack to share. Libations and water/soda provided. Read your own work, read a favorite spooky poem or passage, dress as your favorite character if you please. **Amelia Museum of History, 233 S. 3rd St.**

**Tuesday, Nov. 19, 4 - 5:45 pm: Panel Discussion with authors James Bruner, Esq. and Bruce Thomason.** How one's career guides, influences, and inspires a path to successful publication, and continuation as a series. **Story and Song Bookstore Bistro, Amelia Park.**

**Tuesday, Dec. 17, 4 - 5:45 pm: Annual Social Chat about a book or two that has held special meaning for you this year and why. *most likely* Story and Song Bookstore Bistro, Amelia Park.**

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**Focus Groups also meet monthly. See website calendar (Related Resources tab) for details and Group Leader contact.**

- **Eclectic Critique**  
- second Thursday
- **Memoir and Biography**  
- third Tuesday
- **Writing for Stage and Screen** - third Thursday



**Congratulations to Nancy Blanton and J.R. Sharp, Florida Authors and Publishers Assn. President's Awards Medalists. Bronze for Nancy's "The Earl in Black Armor," and Silver to J.R. for "Breaking from the Enemy."**

<http://nancyblanton.com>

<http://www.jrsharpauthor.com>

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**September book signings by local/area authors at The Book Loft, 214 Centre St.:**

**Saturday, Sept. 7, 1 - 4 pm Bruce Thomason and JD Hunter with "The Domino Event," fourth novel in the Detective Clay Randall series. Stop by The Book Loft for a nice Saturday afternoon chat with these accomplished authors.**

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award, event, and other good news with the writing community. It will be included in this newsletter. Send in advance of each month to Marla at: [divinemissmm@yahoo.com](mailto:divinemissmm@yahoo.com)



**September 22 is the birthday of Bilbo and Frodo Baggins, of "The Hobbit" and "The Lord of the Rings" fame. With hurricane season upon us, Middle Earth might just be an evacuation destination.**

**How fitting this quote by author J.R.R. Tolkien:**

**"It's a dangerous business, Frodo, going out your door. You step onto the road, and if you don't keep your feet, there's no telling where you might be swept off to."**



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