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Annual December Writer's Book Chat

When: Tuesday, Dec. 15, 4-6 pm

Where: Story and Song Bookstore

Share a book (or two) that has held special meaning for you this year. Current restrictions make space planning and RSVP's necessary. This is our fifth December book chat. Socially distanced, meet other writers and aspiring writers. Pick up some book tips. In addition, if you are a published author, share the title and genre of your book. Masks required.

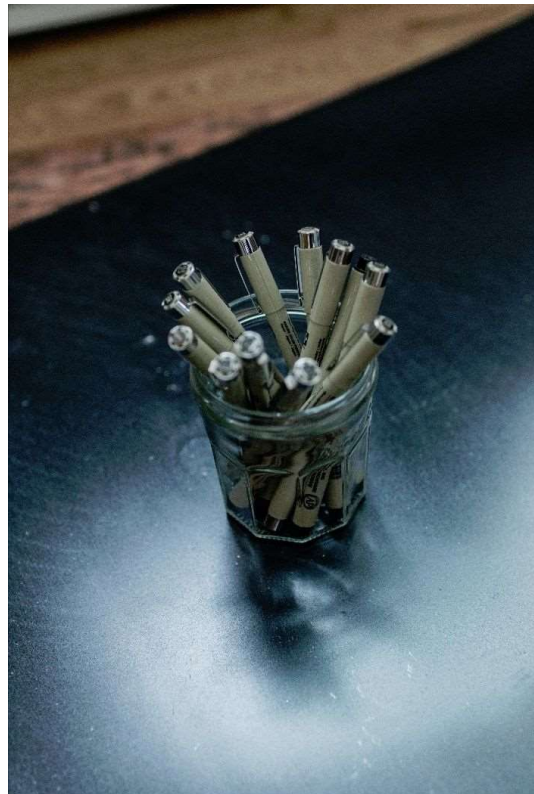
**RSVP by Sunday, Dec. 13 to Lee Ann at:
jimlee.shobe@gmail.com.**



Share a book (or two) that you've enjoyed this year. If you cannot attend, and wish to participate from a distance, send your book note to Marla: divinemissmm@yahoo.com A summary list of the books will be sent to all participants.

Small Focus Groups - Coming in January

Our meeting capability has been restricted this year and, more than ever, many of us feel the need of community and the opportunity to share and learn from one another. We've also experienced how well some of our small focus groups have worked and the support that has come out of them.



meeting. The group decides whether to meet weekly, monthly, or even quarterly and whether it is in person or virtually. Three new focus groups are forming now and will begin in January. Please contact Katherine Hoehn (kat@katwritesandsnaps.com) if you would like more information or to sign up.

1. **Memoirs/Biography II** - We have a successful memoirs group currently meeting. They are at capacity and others have expressed an interest in joining. Members meet monthly, share their own work and provide feedback to others. The regular gathering serves as a good check-in and motivator to keep writing!
2. **Complete the Story** - Using the \$10.00 book (same title) purchased at Story and Song, write and share creative short stories using one page prompts in the book. Group members may want to consider publishing them for the membership or using them in their own blogs or AIW webpage. The group will decide.
3. **Morning Pages and The Artist's Way** - Using the book, *The Artist's Way*, by Julia Cameron (also available at Story and Song) and a notebook, group members will encourage one another to establish a Morning Pages writing time and use this workbook to discover and recover their creative selves. Group members will independently work through each of the 12 weeks in the Workbook, sharing weekly or monthly with the group (each week has questions leading to thoughtful discussion and sharing). Lee Ann Shobe and Katherine Hoehn have been working together on their own Artist's Way journey and will help the group get started by sharing their experiences and enthusiasm for Julia Cameron's methodology.

Contact Katherine if you have questions, ideas for other groups, or would like to sign up to be a part of one of these groups: kat@katwritesandsnaps.com. Meeting times and dates will be forthcoming and at the discretion of the individual group members.

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supporting writers, the arts,
and our community as we in
turn support them.**

Special Holiday Event:

Happening Sunday, Dec. 6 and Sunday, Dec.13, 2 pm at Story and Song. Live performance of *A Christmas Memory* by Truman Capote. Local actors Ron Kurtz, Arlene Filkoff, and Carey Dresser will delight attendees with Capote's tender stories of growing up in rural Alabama. The performance is just part of the program, which also includes lunch and fruitcake! \$21.00, limited to 20 capacity. Call 601-2118 for reservations.

Local Author Book Signings at The Book Loft:

Saturday, Dec. 5, 12-4 Joe Palmer and *A Mariner's Tale*
<http://www.joepalmerauthor.com>

Friday, Dec. 18, 1-4 Donna Lee Overly *The Shackle*, her first in The Knot Series II. <http://www.donnaleeoverly.com>

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James Bruner, Esq., author of The Bike Cop Series, was interviewed by Blu Horn TV while in Kennebunkport, Maine, before arriving back to warmer climates of Tallahassee and Amelia Island. If you attended his Amelia Island Writers presentation last year, you were in for a treat. Take five and enjoy his entertaining interview with Susan St. Denis, host of "5 Minutes With" weekly.

<https://iwantabuzz.com/community/5-minutes-with/james-bruner-from-thebikecop.com>

As 2020 draws to a close, we take this opportunity to thank Michael Stokes - Stokes Webs - for voluntarily maintaining Amelia Island Writers website and Facebook page.

We are happy to share your good news. Let us know in advance, so it can be included in the next edition. Send to Marla, divinemissmm@yahoo.com or Michael, mstokes@fernandinabeachlife.com

There is no charge to attend local chapter meetings. Florida Writers Association membership is not required to attend or participate. <http://www.ameliaislandwriters.org>

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