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# melia Island Writers

"We roamed the fields and river sides,  
When we were young and gay;  
We chased the bees and plucked the flowers,  
In the merry, merry month of May."

Stephen Foster



Carillon Tower at Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park,  
White Springs, FL.

Some of us are getting out and about the sunshine state to enjoy nature after a long shut down. Maybe you are biking, boating, birding, camping, canoeing, kayaking, hiking, swimming, or riding horseback. Or making time to write at one of Florida's state parks.

We *are* still young, but lets really be young again with this

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HjAIAqnvaLo>

## UPCOMING

Tuesday, June 29, 3-5 pm, Story & Song Bookstore

Award winning historical fiction authors Nancy Blanton and JR Sharp discuss *Methods in Research*. They write historically with confidence backed by meticulous attention to the smallest details, right on through to the big picture of a published book. How do they do that? This program is applicable to any genre, as we strive to be accurate in our settings, backstory, and with our characters. More in June's newsletter.

**Become acquainted with Nancy:**

<http://www.nancyblanton.com>

**Become acquainted with JR:**

<http://www.jrsharpauthor.com>

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## Other UPCOMING Events

**Local Author Book Launches, Readings, and Signings - May**

**Story & Song Bookstore Bistro:**

Every Thursday 3-4 pm Story & Song Facebook Live poetry with writer and performer Run Kurtz.

Every Friday 3-4 pm Story & Song Facebook Live short stories, essays, and literary meditations with Ron.

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Saturday, May 8, 1-3 pm. Meet Officer Kevin Kozack and John Drake, PhD, co-authors of *New Blue*, a Jerry Krone novel.

Sunday, May 9, 12-3 pm. Bill Maurer, author and artist with his watercolors, *Sketches of Amelia Island*.

Sunday, May 16, 12-3 pm. Chat with Tommy Nocerino, author of *The Bad Guy's Clothes*.

Saturday, May 29, 12-3 pm. Frank Ofeldt III, *Fort Clinch*, *Fernandina*, and *the Civil War*.

Sunday, May 30, 1-3 pm. Kay Shostak with her latest in the Chancey novel series, *Hope is Chancey*.

### **Nassau County Library:**

Thursday, May 6, 6 pm. *A Mariner's Tale* by Joe Palmer. Joe spins a yarn or two with Chris Twiggs, moderator. Information about this Friends of the Fernandina Beach Library is here:

<http://www.nassaureads.com>

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**Saturday, May 8, 10:30 am via  
Zoom:**

**An invitation from First Coast  
Romance Writers for their  
upcoming workshop. The Hero  
and Heroine Revealed,  
explores eight literary  
archetypes, applicable to most  
genres. Presenter is Las**

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County writer Elise Darby to register:  
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[www.tamicowden.com](http://www.tamicowden.com)



## BLOG SPOTLIGHT

Bill Stroud is not only here, he is Stroud All Over the Place, an international blogger of captivating stories with exquisite photographs. This one is an interior shot at the Maté Factor in Savannah GA.

Bill is the author of *Low Down*, *Dirty*, *Shame.*, *Casavora County*, and *Maybe Murder*, all about crime, mystery, small town mayhem and more.

From the Savannah blog:

"What's it like to have a coffee or tea at Maté Factor? It's like joining an artist for a chat in the comfortable corner of his small, well-kept, hundred year old studio. You feel special. The conversation feels

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wait to write. You picture Hemingway at a favorite, aged Madrid hangout on a narrow cobblestone street, gently sipping an espresso, while he's jotting notes with a stubby pencil in his well-worn Moleskin notebook."

Bill's blog address is: <http://www.stroudallover.blogspot.com>

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## SAVE THE DATE

**Tuesday, September 28, 3-5 pm, Story & Song Bookstore**

**A lively discussion of The All Important Cover Design. Nancy Blanton leads us through the process and considerations to make a good first impression with your book cover.**

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**Thank you** to Lynette Najimy of Beansprout Productions, for an excellent April introduction to building an author platform. And to Katherine Hoehn and Lee Ann Shobe for organizing the workshop, and Story & Song Bookstore Bistro for a refreshing lunch. Creatives who have worked with Lynette sing her praises. Find out more about her cross platform marketing support and solutions at: <http://www.beansproutproductions.org>

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