

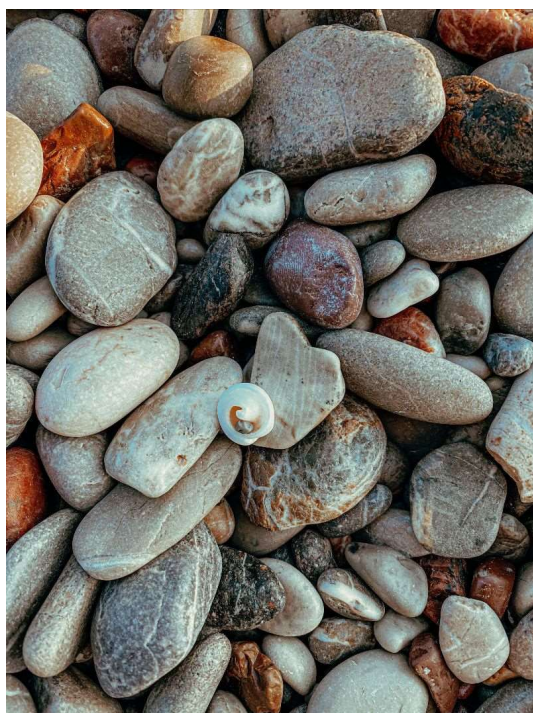
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# melia Island Writers

## UPCOMING

**Summer Camp, Tuesday July 20, 5-7 pm**  
**Amelia Island Museum of History, 233 S. 3rd St., Fern. Bch.**  
**RSVP to Lee Ann Shobe by July 17: [jimlee.shobe@gmail.com](mailto:jimlee.shobe@gmail.com)**



**Our third annual Summer Camp for Adults, facilitated by Mollie Bork, will provide a creative writing exercise. Titled "The Pebble," you will close your eyes and hold out your hand. But you won't open your eyes until you've used your tactile sense to "see" the pebble and form a first impression. On from there for a playful program to stretch your imagination.**

**Libations, quenchers, and *healthy* (darn) snacks will be cheerfully delivered by the advisory committee. A small donation is appreciated to cover expenses.**

**Although the museum is not charging us for use of Baker Hall, a donation will be made to this great organization. If you wish to**

## Other UPCOMING Events - Local Authors

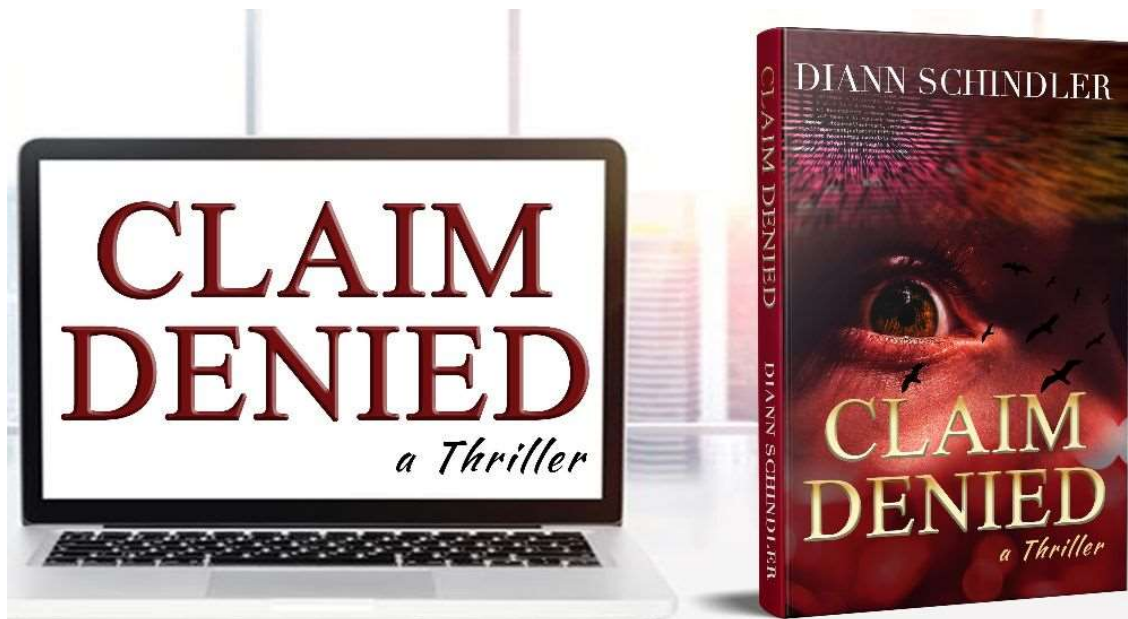
**Monday, July 12, 3-4:30 pm, Story & Song Bookstore Bistro:**

**Book Launch-Signing/Bon Voyage event with Diann Schindler**

Dr. Diann is known as the Solo Female Nomad, and we've been fortunate to have her back on the island for a period of time. Her resident visa is approved for an August departure to Portugal and new adventures. On the 12th, you will hear how *Claim Denied*, a thriller set in Kosovo, was inspired by her experiences in Prishtina, Kosovo.

While Diann's travels are chronicled in her [diannabroad.com](http://diannabroad.com) website, her new author website is:

<http://www.diannschindlerauthor.com>



**Also at Story & Song Bookstore Bistro:**

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**actor, reads essays and more. Previous programs are available on You Tube, Story & Song Bookstore Bistro channel.**

### **The Book Loft:**

**Saturday, July 10, 1-4 pm. Louise Jacques signs her book, *Dreams of Amelia*.**

**Friday, July 23, 2-4 pm. Meet Diana Frank signing her new book, *Organic Murder*.**

**Thursday, July 29, 5 pm. Author reception - Nancy Blanton with her latest book release, *When Starlings Fly As One*.**

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### **BLOG SPOTLIGHT**

**Joe Palmer is the author of *A Mariner's Tale*, a highly acclaimed novel. He is a Navy veteran and retired medical corpsman. While working as a surgeon's assistant, he studied and obtained his BA in English. He became a 20 year investigator for the Federal Public Defender's Office. Joe is an award winning former newspaper reporter and long-time columnist. His inspiration for *A Mariner's Tale* came about in part during the heat of August, working with his wife to painstakingly restore an antique boat.**

**Given Joe's vivid imagination and rich life experiences, you know his occasional blog, Captain's Log, has to be entertaining and insightful. The Logs await your reading pleasure at:**

**<http://www.joepalmerauthor.com>**

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**Our second regular quarterly meeting was held Tuesday, June 29. Guest speakers and attendees generated energy and enthusiasm throughout the program, *Methods in Research*.**

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**program: "I write to discover what I know."**

**"The writer operates at a peculiar crossroads where time and place and eternity somehow meet. His problem is to find that location."**

**Dr. Jonathan Bryant moderated discussion of treasure hunts into centuries past. If you are writing about Florida, abundant resources include the FL Digital Newspaper Library (Univ. of FL, Geo.A.Smathers Libraries) When writing historically, gather information about your desired timeline using the 5 W's and H: who, what, when, where, why. Don't forget the "how."**



**Nancy Blanton's latest book of historical fiction has just been released. She keeps an etymology dictionary handy to assist in the writing of 17th century settings, She advises to write what you love. Research libraries, historic churches, and cemeteries are sources of fascinating finds, and provide inspiration for your plotline. In addition to a journey to that special *place* that you love!**

**JR Sharp draws on personal experience and family history in Italy for writing during WWII's tumultuous times. His research, conducted on site, is delayed from not going to Europe during 2020.**

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**aroma of Italian cuisine...**

**He process includes outlining and taped interviews for reference and accuracy.**



**Dr. Jonathan Bryant and Marla McDaniel prepared to open the meeting. Marla brought a bell to ring - calling the audience to order - so we didn't disappoint the esteemed professor by being too rowdy.**

**Katherine Hoehn and Lee Ann Shobe conspired to assure all went well. They organized sign-in, drawing for prizes, and much more. Thanks also to Mollie Bork and Pat Martocci. And to our hosts, the staff at Story & Song.**

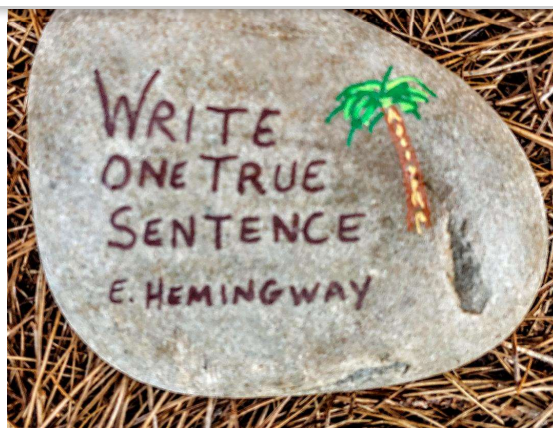






A few productions from a previous Summer Camp for Adults. We were tutored by a real artist, and enjoyed experimenting with "literary" rock painting.





## THANK YOU

Thank you to Mollie Bork, Katherine Hoehn, Pat Martocci, Marla McDaniel, and Lee Ann Shobe for organizing our meetings. Thank you to Michael Stokes - Stokes Webs - for continuing to monitor our website, even though he's moved to GA (but close enough to visit).

Thank you to Bruce Underwood for taking photos of our gracious guest presenters. Thank you to our local bookstores, Story & Song and The Book Loft for their continued support of our cultural community.

## CRITIQUE NOW AVAILABLE

**Looking for gentle critique of your writing? Mollie Bork has volunteered to organize a critique group. Indicate your interest to her by email to [molliepillling@yahoo.com](mailto:molliepillling@yahoo.com). Many writers groups consist of critique only. Fortunately, we are able to offer a variety of programming and remain open to suggestions for programs and additional focus groups.**

**Contact us with your ideas, and with any awards, announcements, or book releases so that we may celebrate with you and share your news. Care of Marla,**

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