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August clouds rolling in over Amelia Island.
Photo by Donna Lee Overly, author and artist.

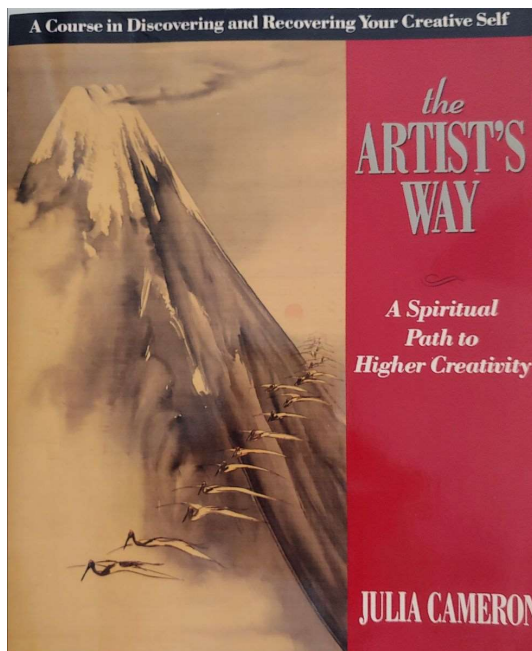
- UPCOMING -

Save this date for the next quarterly general meeting:
Tuesday, Sept. 28, 3-5 pm Story and Song Bookstore Bistro.

Emerging from 2020, our theme of First Impressions continues.
Program topic is the All-Important Cover Design, led by Nancy

...to her award-winning historical fiction novels, and can now to *Brand Yourself Royally in 8 Simple Steps* by purchasing Nancy's quick guide to create your very own brand.

At the conclusion, authors who bring their book(s) are encouraged to show and briefly tell us about their own cover process.



Focus Group Navigates Julia Cameron's *The Artist's Way*

Five members of our writer community and one artist spent 12 weeks this spring and summer studying Julia Cameron's guide, *The Artist's Way*. They committed to meet for 90 minutes each week, read a chapter and complete assignments, and write in Morning Pages journals every day. All were previously familiar with Cameron's work.

Their guide, an artist who had not been actively using his talents, had studied the book multiple times, outlined it, and broke lessons into meaningful pieces. One of the many positive results is that he is now painting again.

Participants all experienced individual growth over three months, gained confidence, and appreciation for one another. They are all writing more, probably more purposefully, and enjoyed camaraderie and encouragement from their delightful group. They will continue to meet and share and help one another on a regular basis, as they have formed a bond.

If you are interested in starting your own email group or just want to self-help through a great workbook for breaking out of being stuck, then *The Artist's Way* may just be the opportunity you need. Talk over suggestions or ideas about starting your own study group with Katherine Hoehn (kat@katwritesandsnaps.com) or Lee Ann Shobe (jimlee.shobe@gmail.com). Either is pleased to help you find others to study with.

Critique and memoirs/biography focus groups plan to begin anew this fall.

Local Author Readings, Book Signing and Workshop:

We are taking a break during August, and some are traveling near and far. There are a few August activities as we gear up for September. We take this opportunity to thank our TWO independent bookstores for their support of our creative community.

Story & Song Bookstore Bistro:

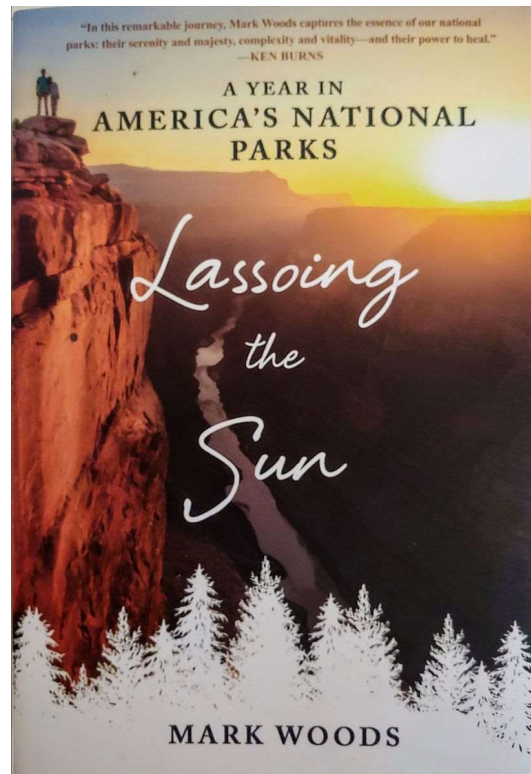
Fridays, 3 pm, Facebook Live from Story & Song - come by or watch from home. Ron Kurtz, actor and author, presents "A Banquet of Words," reading Short Stories, Essays, and Meditations. Previous sessions available on Story & Song Bookstore Bistro You Tube channel.

The Book Loft:

Saturday, August 21, 1-4 pm: Donna Lee Overly signs books from the Knot Series and shares news of her latest book, *True Love Knot*, releasing October, 2021.

Tuesday, August 24, 5 pm. Beginner Writer's Workshop with Kay Shostak. 90 minutes covers a comprehensive overview: Show Up, Sit

On August 25, 1916, the U.S. National Park Service was founded. A favorite summer destination no matter what age, is a national park. For those of us who can't visit one or more of our national treasures this summer, check out Mark's book. Mark discussed his writing at Story & Song in 2019, where his book is available to purchase. Mark is the metro columnist for The Florida Times-Union and recipient of the Eugene C. Pulliam Fellowship.



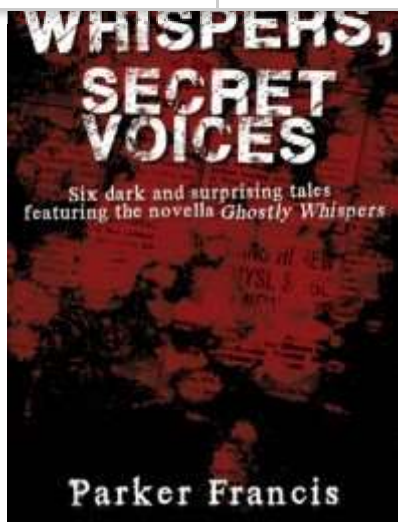
BLOG SPOTLIGHT

Greetings and welcome to Julia McDermott, award winning author who recently moved here from Atlanta. Julia is a multi-genre author. There are now a few of this rare breed here, and we look forward to a future panel discussion about how these authors switch gears. Julia is presently working on a thriller, and co-authoring another book.

<http://www.juliamcdermottbooks.com>

Julia is a regular contributor to Mezza Reviews, a top blog for women over 50. <https://mezzareviews.com/living/>

CONGRATULATIONS to our
Florida Writers Association
Regional Director, Vic DiGenti.

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just won silver in the Florida Authors and Publishers (FAPA) Book Awards. *Ghostly Whispers, Secret Voices* is a short story collection, awarded in the Collections category.

More about Vic and Parker:

<http://www.parkerfrancis.com>



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<http://www.floridawriters.org>

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Programming and other suggestions welcome. Send care of Marla: divinemissmm@yahoo.com. Send your book launch, good news, and announcements, and we will celebrate with you right here.

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