



Amelia Island Writers



UPCOMING

**TUESDAY, NOV. 30,
3-5 PM STORY & SONG
BOOKSTORE BISTRO**

**Hometown Holidays
Write and Share Your
Memories**

Regardless of what place you now call home, we know you have memories, funny stories, and perhaps a few embarrassing moments from holidays on your street or in your neighborhood.

Let's share them. Come prepared to read your work to the group, or simply attend and listen. Tell us a story about pet parades, decorations, light displays, decorating trees with treats for wildlife, eccentric personalities, or something unique about your holiday celebrations.

Criteria:

- **750 word limit**
- **Holiday themed, ANY holiday**
- **G-rated**

RSVP to Lee Ann by Nov. 27: jimlee.shobe@gmail.com

2:30 social time, meeting begins at 3 pm. Arrive early to purchase drinks and treats at the cafe.

EXTRA INCENTIVE

Read all about it.

A vote will be taken for favorite story. Winner has the option of being published in the News Leader around the chosen holiday.



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Tuesday, Dec. 14, 4-6 pm The Book Loft

Friendly gathering for annual "What Writers are Reading." Share a book or two that has held special meaning for you this year. The books can be new or old. Join in for conversation and happy hour refreshments.

Or send your selection(s) by email. Details in December's newsletter.

SAVE THE DATES

Saturday, Jan. 8 details forthcoming. Location: Story & Song Bookstore Bistro. Discover Gold workshop - a New Year, New You with author/artist Donna Lee Overly. Donna takes a break from The Knot series to share decades of research and announce her new book *Discover Gold: achieve happiness and reach for dreams in your life's next chapter*. Applicable to anyone, and those in transition of various kinds.

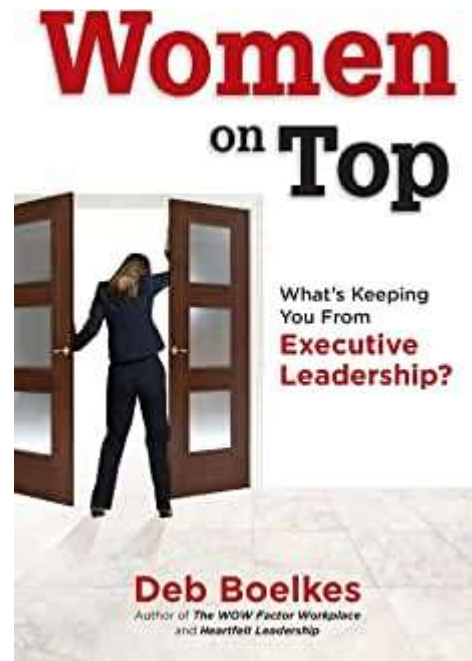
Saturday, Jan. 15 details forthcoming. Location: Story & Song Bookstore Bistro. Kick off the new year with a humorous visit to Florida's unique cultural history with Craig Pittman. Craig's *Oh, Florida, how America's Weirdest State Influences the Rest of the Country*, is among his entertaining and informative selection of books. New residents to the area, as well as old-timers and snow birds, are sure to enjoy Craig's special visit to the island. And not to be missed, the internationally acclaimed singing duo, Friction Farm, will be on hand. Christine and Aidan compose their songs and stories from a wide variety of sources, including book contents. We could use a refresh and reset button going into 2022.

This will do it for you!

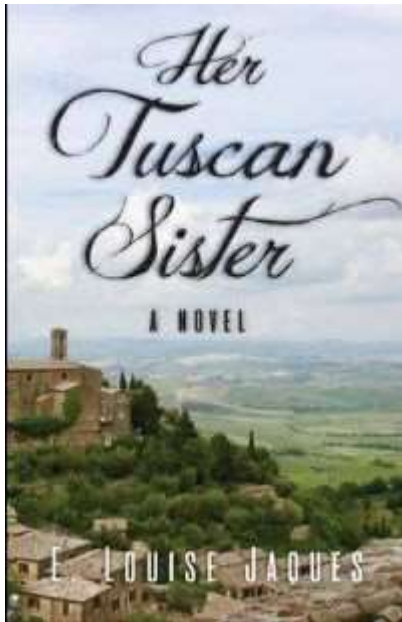
<http://www.craigpittman.com>

<http://www.frictionfarm.com>

Deb Boelkes announces her third women's leadership book. She draws on her own 25 years in Fortune 150 high tech firms, and as an entrepreneur. Seven high-level women from various industries also contribute to the book. Her first award winning book, *The Wow Factor Workplace*, contains strategies for creating a workplace that attracts top talent. It was followed by *Heartfelt Leadership*, which reveals the secrets of "best-ever bosses."

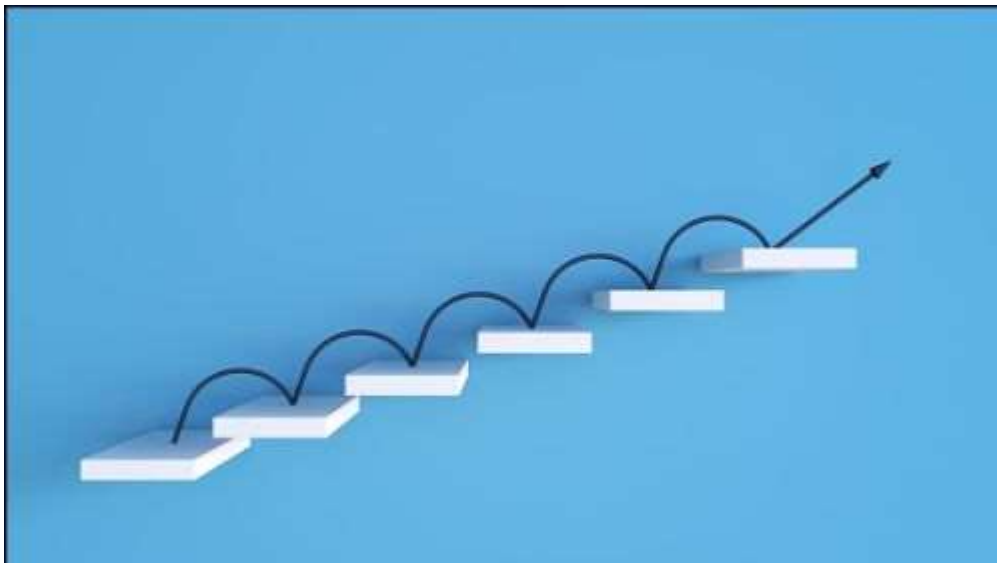


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E. Louise Jacques realized she had an intuitive gift, even as a child. which she continued to develop. It is shown in her unique writing style. Her latest novel, *Her Tuscan Sister*, involves family discoveries and mystery set in Amelia Island and Italy. Other novels by Louise are *Dreams of Amelia*, *The Truth be Told*, and *Splitters - an Amelia Island Mystery*.

**You are invited to Louise's book launch.
Thursday, Nov. 18, 5 pm, The Book Loft. .**



Congratulations to Donna Lee Overly for attaining multiple award winning status in The Knot Series. *The Shackle, escape from the knot of restraint*, is recognized as a distinguished book in the New York City Big Book Awards, Women's Fiction category. *The Shackle* joins *The Trinity Knot* and *The Hitch* as previous award winners.

Congratulations to three area writers for having their stories published in *Footprints*, Florida Writers Association Collection 13. Nadine Vaughan D'Ardenne "Footprints at Shambhala," Jim Ramage "Footprints in the Sand," and FWA NE Regional Director, Vic DiGenti "The Library Steps," were selected along with 57 other FWA members in this annual competition of short stories, poetry, and short nonfiction. Nine youth stories are also included, from writers aged 9-17. *Footprints* is now available for purchase. See Florida Writers website below for more information.



Welcome new members and subscribers who have made Amelia and Nassau County your residence. Happy Thanksgiving to all as we enter this season of celebrations and traditions.

We take this opportunity to recognize Story & Song Bookstore Bistro and The Book Loft for supporting artists, authors, and the creative community; they make it possible to shop for books and handmade, unique gifts in a warm and inviting atmosphere. They support us, and we support them.

Amelia Island Writers focus group, Works in Progress, has resumed. Need a friendly critique of your writing with others seeking the same?

Contact Mollie Bork:
molliepilling@yahoo.com



Local meetings and participation in programs do not require a membership in Florida Writers Association.

<http://www.ameliainlandwriters.org>

Are you a published author and/or blogger? Go to the Amelia Island Writers website, fill out the simple form, and be listed in the author/blogger directory. You might gain some new readers, as this is a convenient local author resource for the public.

Send your current news, awards, books signings, and we will

celebrate with you in the monthly news. Suggestions also welcome.
Send care of Marla, divinemissmm@yahoo.com

A big thanks to Michael Stokes, Stokes Webs, for oversight of our website, and for making possible the author/blogger directory.

Want to subscribe to the Florida Writers regional blogspot? Drop a note to Vic DiGenti, Director of Clay, Duval, Nassau, and St. Johns Counties. Vic's own books include (but not limited to) the Quint Mitchell mystery series written under pen name of Parker Francis. His Windrusher trilogy features a feline protagonist. Vic's email address: vicdig@mac.com

To view the regional blogspot news, click here:
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