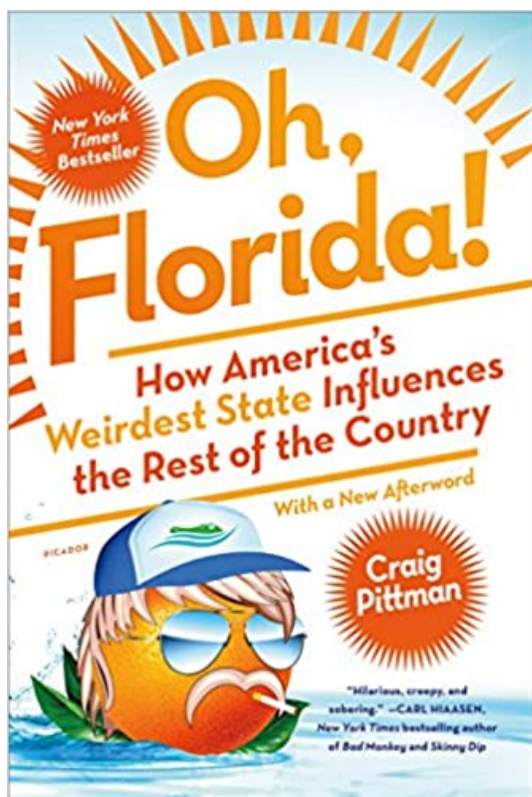


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## UPCOMING

Saturday, Jan. 15, 12:30 - 2:30 pm, Story & Song Bookstore Bistro. Begin the new year with some laughter and a festive luncheon.

Florida author and journalist Craig Pittman will present "Oh Florida, What a State We're In!," along with the musical duo "Friction Farm," who will debut an original song based on Pittman's books.

**Tickets are \$25.00. Call Story & Song for reservations, 904-601-2118. Books will be available for purchase and signing by Craig.**

*"This program is a partnership between the Florida Humanities and Amelia Island Writers. Funding for this program is provided by Florida Humanities and sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Arts and Culture, and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture."*

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**Friction Farm will present a different program Saturday evening, 5-7 pm. They combine storytelling, social commentary and humor in their song creations. Tickets are \$25.00, call the above number for your reservations. How fortunate we are to have them visit the island for "An Evening of Story & Song."**

### UPCOMING this month

Saturday, Jan. 8, 11:30 - 1:30, Story & Song Bookstore Bistro: A personal development workshop and lunch with Donna Lee Overly. Donna has assembled her years of research and compiled it to share in *Discover Gold: Achieve Happiness and Reach for Dreams in Your Life's Next Chapter*. Tickets are \$35.00 which includes lunch and a copy of her new book. Call 904-601-2118 for reservations.

Thursday, Jan. 13, 6 pm, Fernandina Beach Public Library. Author chat with Tom Hitchcock, whose latest book release is *Drowning*, a novel set in Chesapeake Bay, Fernandina Beach, and the Caribbean.

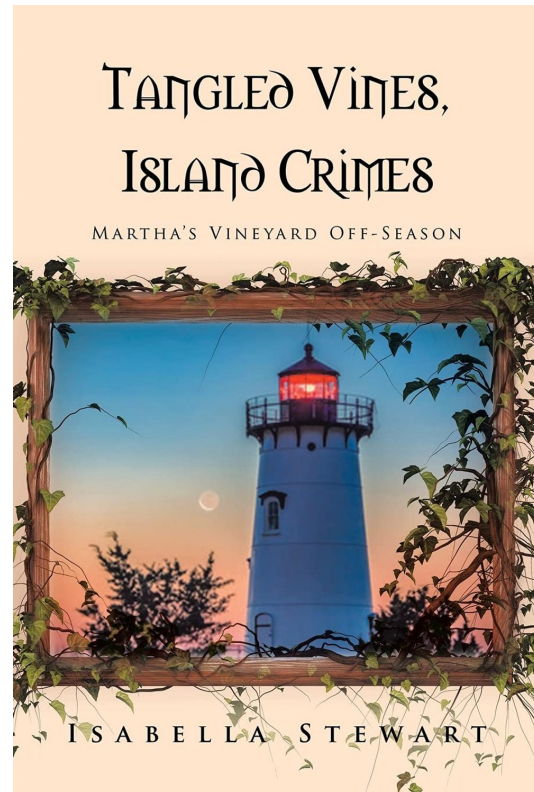
Saturday, Jan. 15, drop in from 1-4, The Book Loft. Linda Guecia with *Fishing for Love*, which features thirteen interrelated stories, fictional island inhabitants in both familiar and unexpected places, and weaves in the life cycle of the loggerhead sea turtle.

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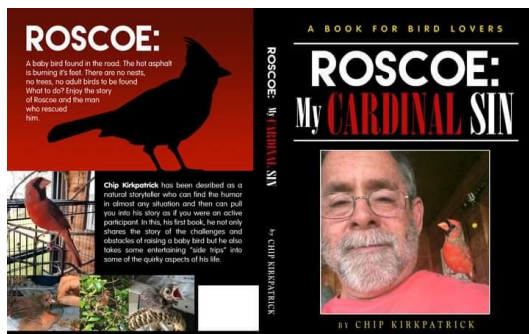
Anderson's presentation of Amelia Island Historic District - A Living Museum, which complements her book, (expanded version) *Great Homes and Churches, Architectural Treasures of Amelia Island*, Members free of charge, non-members suggested \$5.00.

Welcome from the Vineyard new Amelia Island resident, Jane Chittick, writing as Isabella Stewart. This Martha's Vineyard novel is set against a broad spectrum of year-rounders and their nefarious activities after the upscale seasonal residents and visitors depart. White picket fences hide secrets, grape vines grow and tangle, as if to snare and trap characters who have their own agendas, many involving island real estate. From one island to another, we look forward to getting to know Jane.

<http://www.isabellastewartbooks.com>



Congratulations to Chip Kirkpatrick for receiving a glowing endorsement from the Jacksonville Times-Union - USA Today, for his humorous and touching memoir, *Roscoe: My CARDINAL Sin*.



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**Diana DeVaul has launched her website. She credits Amelia Island Writers for giving her the inspiration and determination to move Inward and Onward. Her November 2021 message is a Welcome, followed by December's Arrival, and now Awakening. The site is calming and a visual delight. Your blood pressure should lower as you take a mental health break at: <http://www.dianadevail.com>**

## **MANAGING YOUR MANUSCRIPT**

**an opportunity from Katherine Dudley Hoehn:**

**Would you be interested in a FREE class to help you organize your work? Ready to organize outside Word folders?**

**I've struggled with how to organize and manage research and moving parts in my memoir/historic fiction manuscript. There are many software and online options. After trying a few, I settled on Scrivener/Literature & Latte.**

**"Free trial offer" (with no credit card required) attracted me initially, then I purchased this affordable tool. I sped through the "how to" tutorials without absorbing particulars and how to take advantage of the tools, and realized I needed more personalized help.**

**Scrivener/Literature & Latte will set up a Zoom class for us IF we can get**

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who is actively using or just exploring Scrivener; they will tailor the class to our needs. I'm excited about the opportunity and hope others will be also.

## HOW DO YOU PARTICIPATE?

1. Email me as soon as possible or by January 15 to let me know if you are interested: [kat@katwritesandsnaps.com](mailto:kat@katwritesandsnaps.com) (Subject: "Scrivener Class")
  - a. Describe your interest, whether or not you have used the software, and any concerns.
2. Download their free trial - software works on Mac and PC.
3. I'll confirm your email address and provide the date - we are exploring options in late January or early February during the day (10 am or 4 pm).

I hope you will join me (and several other Amelia Island Writers who have already expressed interest) in this FREE learning opportunity! Together we will be able to organize our work and publish more.

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**Have good news to share? Send current awards, book signings, launches, and workshops to Marla at: [divinemissmm@yahoo.com](mailto:divinemissmm@yahoo.com). Space allowing, we will get them all in this newsletter and celebrate with you.**

**Save the dates for quarterly meetings will be announced in February's newsletter. Other programs will be worked in as possible. Suggestions always welcome.**

**Writer's regular meetings are free of charge, dues not required. Our purpose is to provide support, inspiration, and interactive learning to foster individual writing and publishing goals.**

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