

# melia Island Writers



**"Always remember, you are BRAVER than you think,  
STRONGER than you seem, and LOVED more than you**

**know." Anonymous**

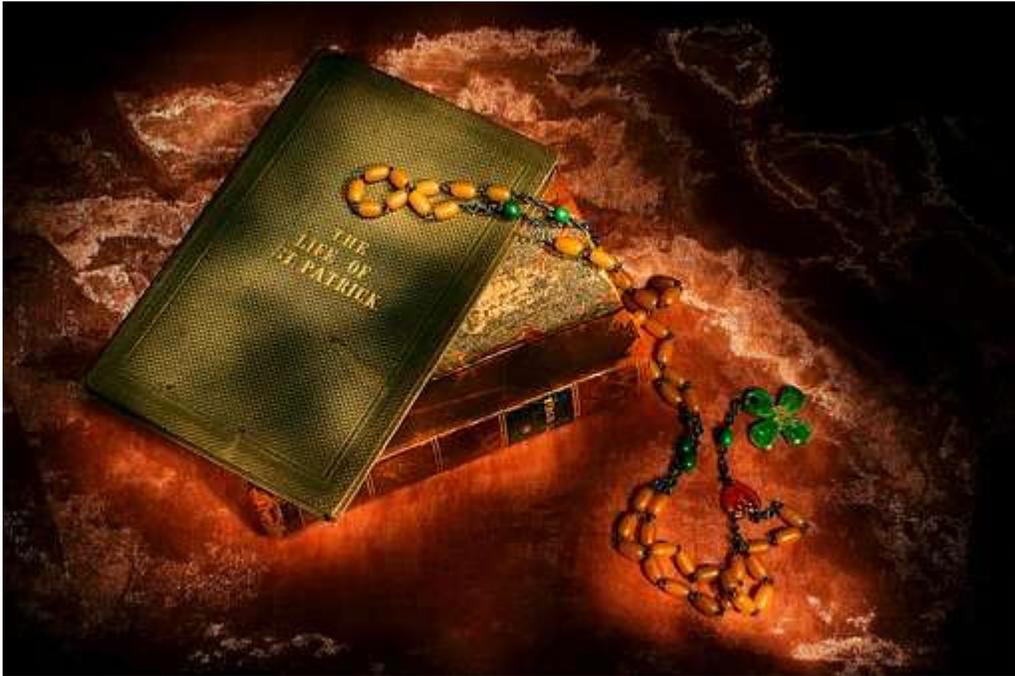


**Saturday, Feb. 19**

**Virtual Book Festival, presented  
by  
Amelia Indie Authors**

**Readers and writers, find out all  
about this event being planned  
for YOU:**

<http://www.ameliaindieauthors.com>



## **UPCOMING - Special Event - The Irish Open**

**Thursday, March 17, 2-4 pm**

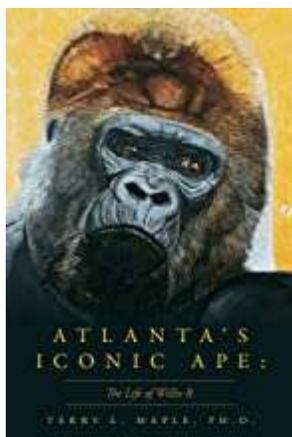
**St. Patrick's Day at Mocama Brewery**

**Learn some new Irish vocabulary with Nancy Blanton and Jim Ramage**

**Choose a limerick to read, bring your own Irish-themed writing, or share an Irish poem.**

**Music and more Irish merriment at Mocama after our program.**

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**UPCOMING - Next**

**Quarterly Meeting**

**Tuesday, March 22, 4- 6 pm,**

**Story & Song Bookstore**

**Bistro Art Gallery**

**Meet Terry L. Maple, Ph.D.**

**Terry's latest book takes us through his transformation of Zoo Atlanta.**

**The biography of Willie B. is a mataphor for the Zoo Atlanta story, an institution that evolved from worst to first, becoming one of America's most innovative zoological parks.**

**Under the administration of Dr. Maple, the zoo was re-built and became one of the most important behavioral research programs in the world. Willie B. was freed from a caged situation to living in the Ford African Rain Forest. Dr. Maple's stellar career spans the country and abroad. His work has made the world a better place to live for us and for animals. Mark your calendar for this program, a wonderful opportunity to meet Dr. Maple, who has retired on Amelia Island with his wife, Addie.**

**Local Author Events this month at Story & Song  
Bookstore Bistro Art Gallery**

**Friday, February 11, 3 pm: Interested in writing about Place as Character? Nearby Georgia author, Janisse Ray, releases her latest immersive dive into southern culture, showing us a rich sense of place, in *Wild Spectacle*. Come for Storycast with local author/actor Ron Kurtz and Janisse at 3 pm, and/or for an author chat with Janisse at 4 pm.**

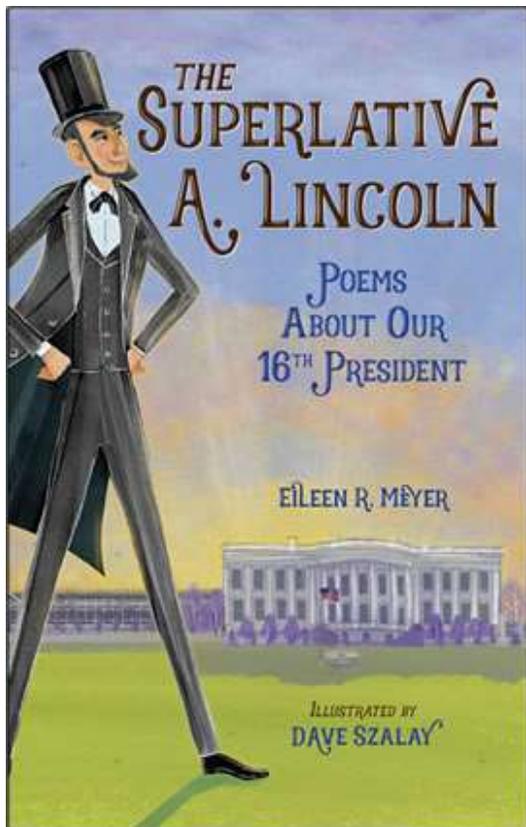
**Monday, February 21, 3 pm: The setting is 11th century Normandy, where a monk unearths a relic the Bible says does not exist. He holds God's fate in his hands. Meet Tim Urban with *Under God's Rock*.**

**Wednesday, February 23, 3 pm: Chip Kirkpatrick, author-history museum docent-metal detector, has a lot of stories up his sleeve, and they're all true. He will talk with the Rotary Club on the 23rd, and remain to chat wildlife and wild stories**

with the public at 3 pm. His book is *Roscoe: My Cardinal Sin*, a heart-rending tale of rescuing and raising a baby cardinal.

Save the date - Thursday, March 10 5 pm Story & Song Art Gallery

Confessions, wine, appetizers and an interactive presentation with Kristine Ochu. Her new book, *Campfire Confessions*, is a novel about three best friends, three big secrets, and a life-changing adventure. Additional information in the March newsletter.



Presidents Day is Monday, February 21. What better time to purchase a charming book about our 16th President. 19 original non-fiction poems for an older children's audience are told in Eileen's distinctive style. This book empowers young readers to learn more about Lincoln's life and dream about great accomplishments they hope to achieve.

Eileen's award winning books and work can be found here:



Kat WRITES and SNAPS  
INSPIRED WORDS AND PHOTOGRAPHS

### **BLOG SPOTLIGHT**

Katherine Hoehn is a retired lobbyist, consultant, writer, photographer, traveler, grandmother, and dog mom. Leah (best rescue dog) has developed her own fan base, and is becoming a famous local pooch, but we better not tell her, she might develop an attitude.

Katherine's blog is like taking a mini-vacation as you are transported to new ways of looking at, and thinking of, matters great and small.

<http://www.katwritesandsnaps.com>

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**Thank you to Story & Song Bookstore Bistro and to The Book Loft for supporting us - writers, authors, creatives - as we in turn support them. They have lots of goodies to purchase for Valentines Day, selected especially for us.**



**Send your current news, book signings, events, and it will be celebrated with others right here, space allowing. Send care of Marla: [divinemissmm@yahoo.com](mailto:divinemissmm@yahoo.com)**

**Welcome new writers who have recently made Nassau County their home. Suggestions and questions, please send to above email address.**

**Amelia Island Writers Critique - Works in Progress - meets twice a month. Contact Mollie for details: [molliepilling@yahoo.com](mailto:molliepilling@yahoo.com)**

**Amelia Island Writers website: <http://www.ameliaislandwriters.org>**

**Want to keep up with news across the NE Florida region? Contact Vic DiGenti, Florida Writers Association Regional Director, to receive the monthly blog spot letter: [vicdig@icloud.com](mailto:vicdig@icloud.com)**

**Link to February: <https://fwapontevedra.blogspot.com/>**

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