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melia Island Writers



Although we won't be holding a general program this month, there's plenty to do in April, National Poetry Month.

Join the Poetry Canteen folks for an open mic at Story & Song. The Poetry Canteen is facilitated by local poet laureate, Nola Perez, and her buddy, Ron Kurtz, local author and actor.

**Tuesday, April 19, 3:30 pm
Story & Song Art Gallery.**

Every Friday at 3:00 pm, same place, Ron Kurtz presents his "Banquet of Words." This month features selected poetry.

-UPCOMING-

An Amelia Island Writers focus group, Filmmaking

The group picks up its former meeting time of the third Thursday, 6 pm. Our group facilitator, Doug McDowell, moved to Orlando, and we wish him well in new endeavors. Nadine Vaughan D'Ardenne will lead the agenda.

For those of you who were informed the time is 3:30, note it has been changed: Thursday, April 21, 6 pm at the Amelia History Museum (library room) downtown. Questions, reach Nadine at: nvaughanwilliams@gmail.com

**Amelia Island Writers Critique
- Works in Progress - meets at
Mocama Brewery twice a
month on Thursdays, 1 pm.
Being writers, we do like our
coffee, and Mocama serves its
specialty coffees until 2 pm.**

**We make connections and
discoveries by helping one
another, paving the way for
our writing to be the best it
can be. Contact Mollie Bork
for dates and more
information:
molliepillling@yahoo.com**

**We enjoyed gathering on St.
Pat's Day for Irish vocabulary
lessons and literature at
Mocama. It's a great place to
meet and have a beverage,
with New South food truck
onsite.**



announcement of the Story & Song Center for Arts and Culture. A new nonprofit foundation makes possible the continuation and sustainability of enriching programs we've grown accustomed to. Given this exciting news, it's a good time to renew your annual membership or become a new member of the Happy Place Club.

Consider supporting the foundation with your tax-deductible donations to benefit our community asset.

Local/ area author events this month at Story & Song:

Wednesday, April 13, 3 pm. *Dreaming the Marsh, an Environmental Fable*. Gainesville author Elizabeth McCulloch tells of "an omen of things to come when a giant sinkhole swallows a planned development in a small Florida town." <http://www.elizabethmccullochauthor.com>

Saturday, April 16, 4 pm. Meet Mandy Haynes with her new novella, *Oliver*. Mandy spins literary fiction with a Southern drawl. Read rave reviews and much more on her website. <http://www.mandyhaynes.com>

Wednesday, April 20, 5:30 pm. *Dream Town* launch with David Baldacci, a third in his series with P.I. and WWII veteran Aloysius Archer. Happy Place Club members eligible to attend 5 pm reception. Purchase *Dream Town* from Story & Song to attend this exclusive launch:

<https://storyandsong.handseller.com/home/bookdetailsin/138719770>

Call the store for more information , 904 -601-2118.



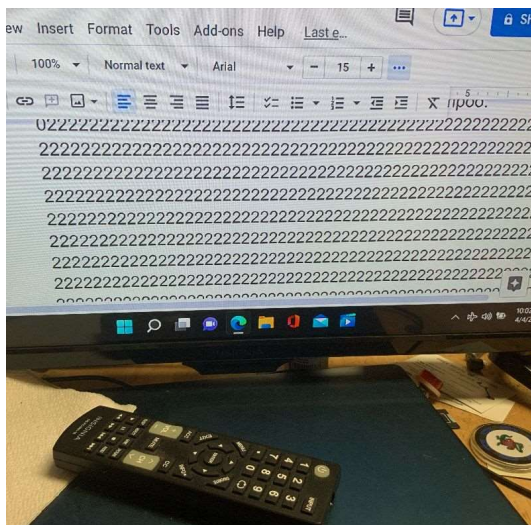
The Metanoia Retreat for Writers, Well-Being and Right Whales concludes its island event with two programs open to the public.

Saturday, April 23, 10-11 am, Fern. Bch. public library. "Heartbeat of the Whale" Julie Albert and Joel Cohen, North Atlantic Right Whale Conservation Program, Marine Resources Council, will discuss current situations and update the past calving season. Program includes interactive drumming and haiku theater.

Sunday, April 24, 1-2:30 pm, Story & Song. "Heartbeat of the Whale" Poetry readings and haiku theater presentation. An all genre - nature inspired open mic is by advance sign-up. To be considered, send a Word document with 2-3 minutes of original work to: metanoiaretreat@gmail.com.



Hey Kid, Wanna Own Great American Businesses? Patrick J. Keogh outlines a path to wealth building in his newest book release, applicable to all ages. Join him Thursday, April 21, 6-8 pm at the Fern. Bch. public library for Investment Strategies for Adults and Teens.



Sparky, one of Chip Kirkpatrick's cats, was inspired by stepping on the muse (mouse?)

Interpreted for National Poetry Month, Sparky seems to say:

**Feed Me. Feed Me.
Bring me catnip, human,
quickly. Now.**

**Feed Me. Feed Me.
I need a nap.**

Our cats and dogs sure can fuss about the computer. They want our attention focused on them. They can do a number on our TV remotes, too!



Sparky, looking determined....

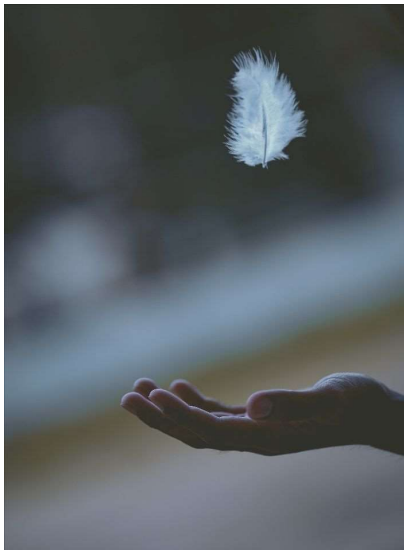
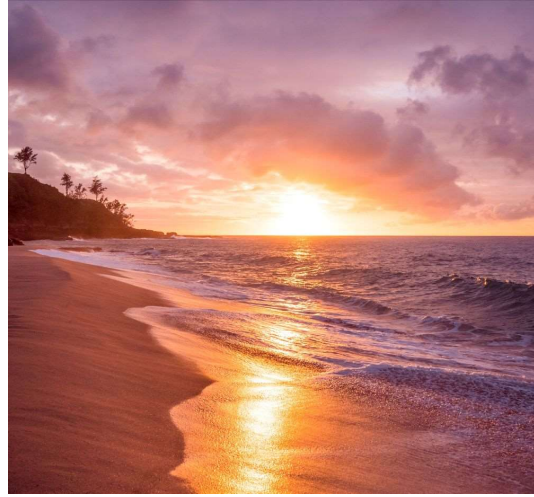


A huge thanks to Professor Terry L. Maple for being with us in March. Dr. Maple and his assistants have brought us books and writing not only for academic use, but for the rest of us. They include *Atlanta's Iconic Ape: The Life of Willie B.*, *Professor in the Zoo*, *Saving the Giant Panda*, and more. Professor Maple's work has changed zoos worldwide, providing for much improved habitat, nutrition, animal welfare, and visitor experience. Thank you, Lee Ann Shobe, for helping to coordinate the program, and to Bruce Underwood for this excellent photo of Dr. Maple.

BLOG SPOTLIGHT

Lee Ann and Jim Shobe retired to Florida after many years in Colorado. Her love of the outdoors and adventure continues from the mountains to the ocean. She is writing a memoir about the journey of two best friends who display determination to triumph over tragedy, and has begun a new blog. Adventure with Purpose is found at:

<http://www.leeannshobe.com>



Join the Alchemist's Club by simply noting programs you are interested in, and are able to attend. Make new friends, renew acquaintances.

We support one another in book launches, author chats, and events that are planned for us to enjoy.

Send your current news, book launches, and author chats, and we will celebrate with you. Send care of Marla at: divinemissmm@yahoo.com

Welcome new writers who have made Nassau County their residence. Your suggestions for programs and questions are welcome.



Membership in Florida Writers Association is not required to participate in Amelia Island Writers local meetings. For information about Florida Writers: <http://www.floridawriters.org>

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