

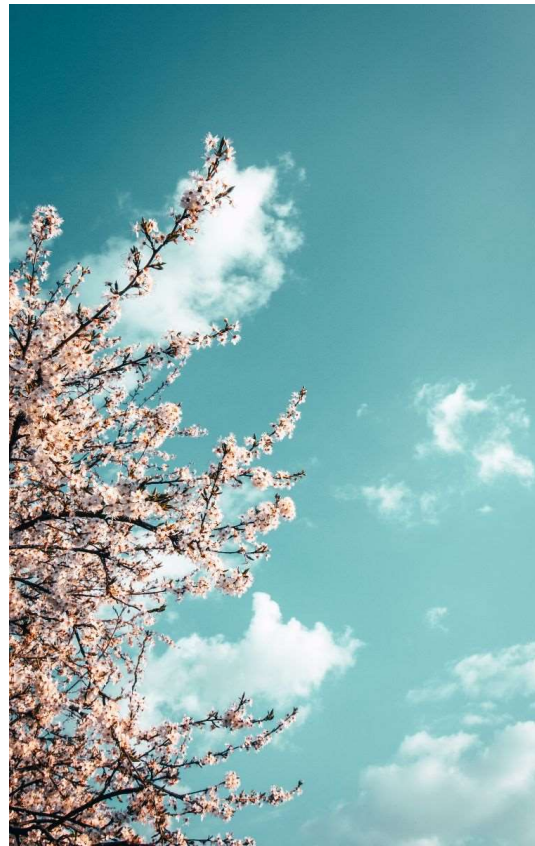
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The month of May is the pleasant time; its face is beautiful, the blackbird sings his full song, the living wood is his holding, the cuckoos are singing and ever singing, there is a welcome before the brightness of summer.

- Lady Gregory



## **UPCOMING QUARTERLY MEETING AND PROGRAM**

**Details in June newsletter**

**Save the date: Tuesday, June 28, 4-6 pm, Story & Song.**

**Local author Linda Sexton will be joined by Margaret Nicholson, St. Augustine, for a fascinating look at writing from discoveries, encounters,**



**Congratulations to Linda, on her soon to be published book,  
*The Branches We Cherish.***

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**Focus groups continue to meet monthly.**

**Works in Progress critique gathers bi-weekly on  
Thursday, 1 pm, Mocama Brewery. Contact is Mollie  
Bork: [molliepillling@yahoo.com](mailto:molliepillling@yahoo.com)**

**Filmmaking FUNdamentals for Writers meet the third  
Thursday, 6 pm, Amelia Island Museum of History.  
Contact is Nadine Vaughan D'Ardenne:  
[nvaughanwilliams@gmail.com](mailto:nvaughanwilliams@gmail.com)**

## **What's happening in the Merry Month of May**

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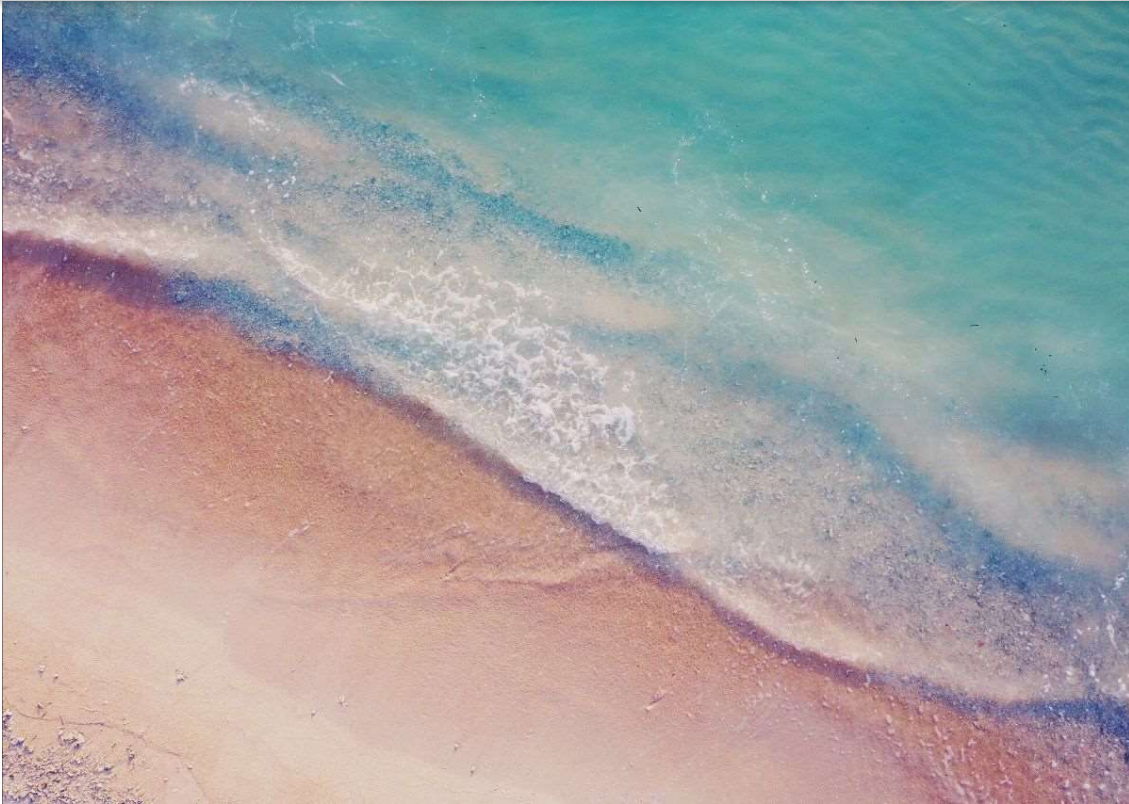
**Thursday, May 5, 6 pm. Donna Lee Overly discusses her inspiration in writing the King Family Saga - the Knot Series novels, the latest being *True Love Knot*. Become inspired yourself by Donna, who is also an artist. Her latest book, *Discover Gold*, helps us transition changes and be ready for exciting next life stages.**

Monday, May 11, 3-5 pm. Captain John F. Almon, USN Retired, highlights the tremendous contributions St. Michael's has made in its long standing presence here. His latest book is *St. Michael's Parish: Celebrating 150 Years*.

### Story and Song Bookstore Bistro:

Wednesday, May 11, 3:30 - 5 pm. Everybody has a Story, what's yours? This Story & Song storyteller program guides participants through life's meaningful moments, turning them into an oral story. Learn basic performing skills with Sinda Nichols, Live Ink Theater.

Friday, May 27, 4-5 pm. Elise Pearlstine author chat and book launch, *Scent: A Natural History of Fragrance*. Elise, biologist turned perfumer, takes us on a journey beyond human perception of fragrance. Beautifully illustrated, and published by Yale University Press, she shows plants' evolutionary reasons for creating aromatic molecules. Natural history intersects with culture, addiction, royalty, power, wealth, fantasy, spirituality, and more,



Have you ever created a trailer for your book? Tom Hitchcock's latest book is yet another example of his multi-genre writing talent. Find memorable characters and the real life team of *The Call of the Waves*, at its own website. The trailer is located at: <http://www.thecallofthewaves.com> .



Joe Palmer, author of *A Mariner's Tale*, heads north to Boone, NC, for the Pinecones and Pages Literary Festival, Saturday, May 14. This festival is like no other! <http://www.workingtitlefarm.com>

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## BLOGSPOT

Take a mental health break with Ramona Mitchell Peters, local author (who occasionally makes it back to Chicago) and turtle watch volunteer. Her blog, *Savor the Yellow Brick Road*, is artfully arranged - just for you - in content rich vignettes with universal themes.

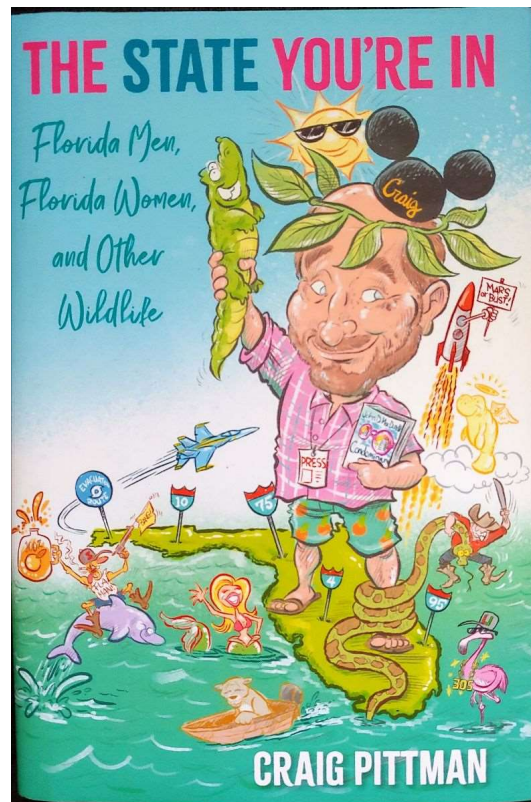
*My Chicago Prairie*, Ramona's book, is a coming of age novel set in the 1950's, and written under the name Ramona Mitchell.

<http://www.styellowbr.com>



Craig Pittman got us off to a good start in January, with his visit and program *Oh Florida, How America's Weirdest State Influences the Rest of the Country*.

His latest book, published by University Press of Florida, takes us further into the state's wildlife and people. Craig is an investigative journalist and New York Times bestselling author. Given the level of conversation over growth issues and conservation, you might be interested in listening to his podcast, **Welcome to Florida**.



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Episode 82 is a super tour of the state parks, and Eric includes Amelia Island. The pod contains a revealing look at the state legislature's shenanigans.

Episode 86 is Craig's talk with local resident and author, Peggy Bulger. Peggy was the state's first folklorist. Her pioneering career took her to Washington D.C. as Director of the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress. Their lively chat stemmed from Peggy's book, *Stetson Kennedy: Applied Folklore and Cultural Advocacy*.

Welcome to Florida podcast is available through several outlets and stations, and can also be found directly on his website.

Craig's website and access to pods: <http://www.craigpittman.com>

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Send your bookish good tidings to be included in the writer's news, space allowing. Questions and suggestions welcome. Send care of Marla: [divinemissmm@yahoo.com](mailto:divinemissmm@yahoo.com)

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