

The Nostalgia Issue of Amelia Island Writers

"He soon parlayed his nostalgic pictures into a business that would eventually include writing, antique collecting, museum operations, and reproduction-furniture making." -

David K. Leff

David Leff just passed away at age 67. His passion was writing about culture, history, nature, the environment, and "exploring hidden wonders in plain sight." He was an award winning essayist and author of 14 books.

**Some red, white, and blue scenes for you, downtown
Fernandina Beach.**

**Owners of vintage items usually have a tale or two
about their antiques, making for interesting story
ideas.**



Programs are not scheduled for July and August.

Our next program is Tuesday, Sept. 27, 4-6 pm, Story & Song Center for Culture. George Weinstein will be our guest. George heads up the Atlanta Writers and Atlanta Writers Conference. The topic is Multi-Genre Writing, How Do They Do That? Several local multi-genre authors will join in the program.

Works in Progress

WIP critique continues to meet twice a month on Thursdays at Mocama Brewery. Contact Mollie for information about this critique

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Historic downtown Fernandina Beach





Welcome, new writers and creatives, to the community.

This Victorian cottage is one of many being purchased and refurbished downtown. The porch scene offers a writing prompt. Something the owners brought with them when relocating here.

Fernandina Fire Department



**Heading to the Keys? Take in the nostalgic Hemingway Days,
July 19-24**

**Check this website for some fun in the sun photos, including
Leonardo da Vinci, the cat who likes to hang out on Ernest's
vintage typewriter**

<https://fla-keys.com/hemingway-days/>



It's Christmas in July, an old retail marketing agenda which promotes Christmas shopping and celebration in the summertime, the half-way point of the year. We can repeat some of our traditions and cool off by thinking of December's milder temperatures.

Here's an opportunity to thank Story & Song and The Book Loft for supporting our creative community, as we thank them by buying local.

A big thank you to Linda Sexton, Margaret Nicholson, and Donna Lee Overly for a wonderful program on June 28. The audience was in rapt attention - and involved - through a range of topics that revealed their journey of joy, grief, love, mystery, surprise, memoir, and how-to practical wisdom in their open adoption and genealogy adventures. Donna, as moderator, includes some of these very topics in her award winning Knot Series, women's contemporary fiction. She is currently writing her latest novel in this series.

Websites for information:

<http://www.lindarsexton.com>

<http://www.nicholsonstories.com>

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**Linda Sexton, Donna Overly, Mark Kaufman, Margaret
Nicholson**



Stop the Presses! And we did. A July 4th coincidence. Mollie Bork knew David Leff. She didn't realize he had passed away, and produced this remembrance today. Mollie, a gifted poet, gives us a hint of what might have been. She wrote this poem while living in Avon, CT and teaching at Westminster Prep. Her book had just been launched, and they celebrated.

Book Exchange

for David K. Leff

In a Grey Goose haze I fumbled for keys
in a too-small purse,
the sweet salt of oysters still stinging my lips.
And I smiled,

embarrassed to seem so awkward, a cliché,
under bluish bright lights in the parking lot.

Noticing the patch on your jacket: EMT
I thought - you might rescue me
if you were on call and I called for you.
You crushed me in a hug
that pressed the air out of me,
and I breathed you in.

Back home I fell into your poems
lost in the windswept images of your words
caught in the eye of a broad-winged hawk.
I fell through window frames and skylines
Skimmed over snowy fields,
beaches and junk heaps.

I lingered on sad regretting poems -
stopped at each vivid image flickering with lights
like a magic lantern,
the pages slipping and riffling through my fingers
in a Grey Goose haze.

Mollie Pilling (Bork)

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<http://www.floridawriters.org>