

melia Island Writers



April is racing by faster than Alice tumbling down the rabbit hole.

"I'm late, I'm late," said the White Rabbit, but there's still plenty of time to attend all these fine programs and events.

April is a promise that May is bound to keep. - Hal Borland

Hal Borland was a *New York Times* writer and editor for forty years, and authored numerous fiction and non-fiction books. Like our local writers, he worked in many genres. He derived great satisfaction from writing about nature in a long standing series for the *Times*.



This Month



Linda Sexton, local author, will participate in a panel discussion, "Writing from Life Experiences."

Make the jaunt down to Ponte Vedra Writers on Saturday, April 22. Program starts at 11 am at the Ponte Vedra Beach Library. Link at bottom of the page for more, and what's going on around NE Florida for writers. Linda's website: <http://www.lindarsexton.com>

**Group Read and Meet, May 30
On Writing Well by William Zinsser**

We've enjoyed several types of casual spring and summer programs in the past, known as Summer Camp for Adults. We will gather at Story & Song, Tuesday May 30, 4-6 pm to discuss our book choice on the craft of writing. *On Writing Well*, by William Zinsser, is now in its 30th anniversary edition, and is available at Story & Song. This complements Stephen King's *On Writing*, from last summer.

Perhaps you will bring a sample of your writing before and after reading Zinsser's book. As always, attendees aren't obligated to read, and can simply attend and listen.

If you won't be in town, and wish to participate, send your book comments to Donna: doveryly@outlook.com. Your comments will be shared with attendees.

Local Author News

Deb Boelkes has just released the last in her four part leadership series, following *The WOW Factor Workplace*, *Heartfelt Leadership*, and *Women on Top*. The author's own story, combined with the reflections of seven high-level women from various industries, yields a wealth of insights on identifying and leveraging your strong suits and those of your team. Included are tips, tactics, and a section on career and motherhood. <http://www.BWRising.com>



Story & Song April programs to attend - local authors - special event

Friday, April 21, 12:30 pm. A special literary luncheon with guest Wayne Flynt and American's literary icon, Harper Lee. Flynt's book is *My Friendship with Harper Lee*. \$45.00 includes a delightful lunch and the book, \$90.00 for two lunch tickets and one book. Link to purchase tickets:

<https://storyandsongarts.company.site/Literary-Luncheon-Afternoons-with-Harper-Lee-p539742090>

.Wednesday, April 26, 3 pm. Louise Stanton Warren's book launch for *Fatal Switch: Murder on the Panama Road*. It's 1897 in Jacksonville, and the beautiful daughter of a Cuban cigar factory owner is murdered. A true story of titans in the courtroom who argue the case in this gripping narrative.


UPCOMING

Wednesday, May 10, 4 pm. New Amelia Island Writers member, Luis Diaz, launches his novel, *What's Your Number*. Luis is an air traffic controller and a U.S. Navy veteran. He's got it together at: <http://www.lrdiaz.com>

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Story & Song

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Did you know that Story & Song is now a nonprofit dedicated to serving the community? Story & Song Bookstore Bistro is also Story & Song Center for Arts & Culture. Their purpose is to enrich our lives through the literary, culinary, visual, and performing arts. Your tax-deductible donation can be made in person or right **here:** <https://www.storyandsongarts.org/online-shop/Make-a-Donation-p455698129>



**2023 SPRING AND FALL EVENTS FEATURING
U.S. MILITARY**

VETERAN AUTHORS

THANK YOU to our veteran authors for their participation at our March 31 happy hour event. Wendi Carpenter, moderator, led our guests through their inspirations, obstacles, achievements, and how they decided to get it all down on paper and persevere to publishing. Guest authors were Leah Ward-Lee, Bill Craun, Jerry Hester, and Bill Leonardi. New connections and friendships were made, so you don't want to miss the next one!

We are pleased to announce the generous donations by attendees on March 31 made possible a gift (after expenses) of \$200 to the Amelia Island Museum of History, our host venue.

A second event with additional veteran authors is tentatively set for late September.



Storytelling is an ancient tradition. With beginnings long ago and far away, it is just as popular today. If you are interested in joining a storytelling group, contact local author and storyteller Chip Kirkpatrick: chipk@bellsouth.net

Send your current book launches, signings, awards, and news to Donna, and it will be shared right here, space allowing:
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Welcome new members, to the Nassau chapter of Florida Writers Association. FWA is a nonprofit educational organization. While FWA membership is not required to attend or participate in our local meetings, find out if it might be a fit for you
at: [.http://www.floridawriters.org](http://www.floridawriters.org)

What's Happening in NE Florida for writers this month? Details about the Ponte Vedra Writers program on April 22, and more: <https://mailchi.mp/fed83b69d0a2/summer-is-for-writers-13519023?e=7f119c9fee>



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