



# melia Island Writers



"It was June, and the world smelled of roses. The sunshine was like powdered gold over the grassy hillside." - Maud Hart Lovelace

*Betsy-Tacy and Tibb*

**Save the Date for Our Next Program, Tuesday, July 25**

## Make This Your Writer's Group Discussion

Tuesday, July 25, 4-6 pm, Story & Song Bookstore Bistro,  
upstairs Art Gallery

We will have focus groups and also an individual survey to explore your needs and wishes for future programming. Your thoughts and ideas will make this group more meaningful for our members. Arrive early to purchase coffee or wine and fellowship with writers.

## News Around Town for Writers and Readers Local Author Events

New Book Release  
Friday, June 16, 3 pm  
Story & Song Bookstore Bistro,  
upstairs Art Gallery

Joseph (Jay) Kayne brings 20 years of research and instruction in the field of creativity and counter-intuitive thinking to his book of historical fiction. *In the National Interest* is a re-telling of how President Kennedy was really assassinated.

---





Tuesday, June 20, 12:30 pm,  
Story & Song Bookstore Bistro,  
upstairs Art Gallery.  
Rachel Baribeau launches her  
new book, *Relentless Joy*. The  
title and subtitle give us a hint of  
what to expect that will help us  
along our own life journey.

A literary luncheon will be held, where we will explore the subtitle of her book: *Finding Freedom, Passion, and Happiness Even if You Have to Fight for It*. Rachel is a Moth award-winning storyteller and former national sportscaster. \$45.00 ticket is for lunch and a book. \$70.00 is lunch for two and one book. Click [here](#) for tickets.

**AUTHOR TALK & BOOK SIGNING!**

**TOM HITCHCOCK**

The climactic sequel  
to *Drowning*

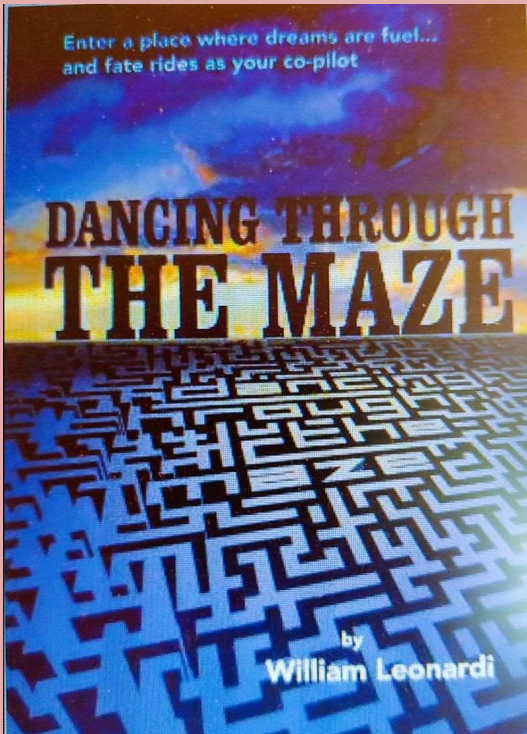
**BODY  
— OF —  
LIES**

TOM HITCHCOCK

**FERNANDINA  
BEACH LIBRARY**

Friday, June 29, 6 pm, downtown Fernandina Beach Library. *Body of Lies* fulfills a request for more from readers of *Drowning*. Join Tom

for a lively discussion of his climactic sequel. Sponsored by Friends of the Library. More about Tom: <http://www.tomhitchcockwrites.com>



Bill Leonardi took part in our March event honoring local veterans who are published authors. Bill's memoir explores the many aspects of flight, and overcoming obstacles to achieve a dream. He shows us the art and science of flying, fear and achievement, mysteries and passion. Like a few other local authors, Bill is an artist. He is featured artist of the month at Island Art Association's (IAA) Gallery, downtown Fernandina Beach.

Bill's interest began with admiration for Van Gogh's work while in France. After retirement, Bill studied at the Ridgewood Art Institute in New Jersey. Stop by the IAA gallery to view his artistic pieces for sale this month.

New - New - New

Do you like to tell stories or listen to stories?

A new Story Tellers Group is starting on Amelia Island. The stories can

be a Moth Radio Show agenda, where stories recap true events in your life, or your stories may be tall tales. The group will meet on Tuesday, June 6, 4 pm, at the Fernandina Beach Library. Come share a story or come to hear some. If interested, send a note to Chip Kirkpatrick at [chipk@bellsouth.net](mailto:chipk@bellsouth.net). If you cannot make it, Chip will let you know of any upcoming dates.



Amelia Island Writers Advisory Council members at the May 30th program, a discussion of *On Writing Well*. Left to right: Donna Overly, Pat Martocci, Linda Sexton, Lee Ann Shobe. Not pictured are Marla McDaniel, Suzanne Schiffman, Tom Hitchcock, and Michael Stokes. They welcome you, your suggestions, and your participation in the writers group.

Are you interested in meeting other writers, learning from experts, and enjoying a wonderful fall weekend? Consider the annual Florida Writers Association Conference, Oct. 20-22. Event details, including early bird pricing is [here](#). Local writers who attend report a full weekend of beneficial programs and being treated as very special guests at the Hilton Altamonte Springs, Orlando.



Although membership in Florida Writers Association is not required to attend and participate in our local/area programs and events, find out if joining FWA might be a good fit for you: <http://www.floridawriters.org>

Send your current news, accomplishments, book launches, etc. to Donna, [doverly@outlook.com](mailto:doverly@outlook.com), and it will be shared right here, space allowing. More information about the local writers group: <http://www.ameliaislandwriters.org>

Information on what's going on for writers in the area is available through Vic DiGenti's monthly newsletter. Vic is Florida Writers Association NE Florida Regional Director. June's news is [here](#).



---

*Copyright © 2023 Amelia Island Writers, Nassau chapter Florida Writers Association  
All rights reserved.*