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July 2023 Newsletter



"I hope you realize that every day is a fresh start for you. That every sunrise is a new chapter in your life waiting to be written."

--Juansen Dizon from "Confessions of a Wall Flower"

This Month's Program, Tuesday, July 25

**Join our Focus Group and
Make your Voice Heard**

Tuesday July 25, 4-6pm

Fernandina Beach Library

25 N. 4th Street

Refreshments will be served

**We invite your input and
suggestions for future programming**

**How can we help your writing and
publishing journey?**

Writers Helping Writers

THANK YOU MARLA MCDANIEL

service as Group Leader, Amelia Island Writers. Her small writers study group assumed the duties of a Florida Writers Association chapter, and has grown in numbers, evolving to a multi-faceted array of programs, events, and this "good news" newsletter! .

Never ceasing to be amazed at the amount of local talent, she has enjoyed promoting writers and members of this creative community.



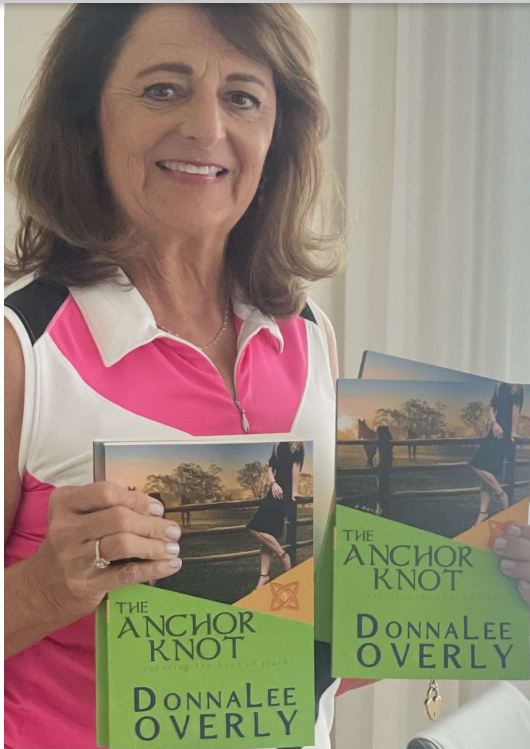
Marla will continue serving on the Advisory Council with members Pat Martocci, Linda Sexton, LeeAnn Shobe, Suzanne Schiffman, and Michael Stokes. Donna Overly will take on the role of Group Leader.



Amelia Island Writers is a chapter of the Florida Writers Association.

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. July's news is [here](#).

Member Book Release



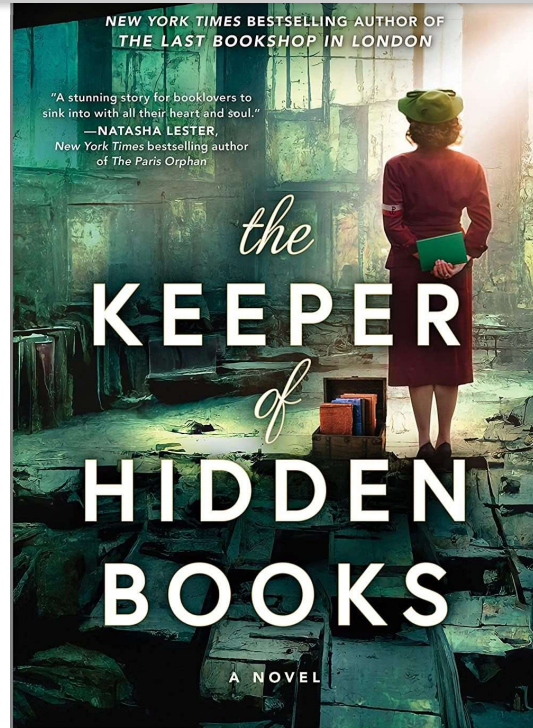
Saturday, August 3, 2pm
The Book Loft
214 Centre Street
Fernandina Beach

Our new group leader, Donna Overly, has lived on Amelia Island for six years. She will present ***The Anchor Knot: securing the knot of truth***, her sixth and final book in The KNOT Series at the Book Loft. Light refreshments and wine will be served.

In addition to her fiction series, she has also published *Discover Gold: achieve happiness and reach for dreams in your life's next chapter*.

VISIT her website: <http://www.donnaleeoverly.com>

Literary Luncheon with NE Florida author, Madeline Martin,
August 5



Tuesday, August 1, 12:30, Story & Song Center for Arts & Culture. Madeline Martin, St. Augustine author, visits us again with her latest novel. *The Keeper of Hidden Books* follows *The Last Bookshop in London* and *The Librarian Spy*. Inspired by the true story of the underground library in WWII Warsaw, her latest book reveals the power of books to bring us together. A copy of the book and gourmet luncheon is \$45.00, or two luncheon tickets and one book for \$70.00. Purchase tickets [here](#).



Genre Writing, with Julia McDermott and George Weinstein.
Julia, a local author, moved here with her husband from Atlanta. We welcomed George as special guest. He heads up the Atlanta Writers Group and Conference.



Save the Date: Tuesday, September 26. 3 pm book launch, 4-6 pm special event, Story & Song Center for Arts & Culture. This is our second special event of 2023 featuring local military veterans who are published authors. Special guest moderator is Major General Mari Eder, US Army (ret.). General Eder releases her latest book at 3 pm, followed by our author chat.

Writing tips, a look into the fascinating lives of these veterans, and more make for an exciting afternoon. The spring veteran author panel set an attendance record, and was enjoyed by all. New connections and friendships were made, so you don't want to miss the fall event! Details forthcoming.

Formerly a New York City based banker, Jane is happily transplanted on Amelia Island. She is an active member of AIW's Works in Progress critique group. Jane has recently "completed" her memoir, which she has been working on for fifteen years. It is entitled *Eight Septembers: Woman on Wall Street-9/11 to Lehman*, and chronicles her experiences as a lead lender to Wall Street brokerage firms during times of professional and personal crises.



.Information about the book can be found on her website:

<http://www.idealsatwork.org> She is currently seeking a suitable agent and/or publisher while continuing to edit and revise.

In addition to writing, Jane has a consulting practice which helps people bring more self-awareness and joy into their lives. She works on on one with clients and is considering offering workshops locally. Jane blogs periodically on topics ranging from banking, the writing process, self-awareness practices, and personal reflections. Posts are on her website where you can also sign up to receive them directly to your inbos. She can be reached at: jane@idealsatwork.org, or jane.buyers@gmail.com.

Jane married Anthony Scianna in 2021, and between them they have five grown children and five grandchildren living in California, Colorado, Illinois, and North Carolina.

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

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, donnaleeoverly@gmail.com, and it will be shared right here, space allowing. More information about the local writers group: <http://www.ameliaislandwriters.org>



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