



Amelia Island Writers

October 2023 Newsletter



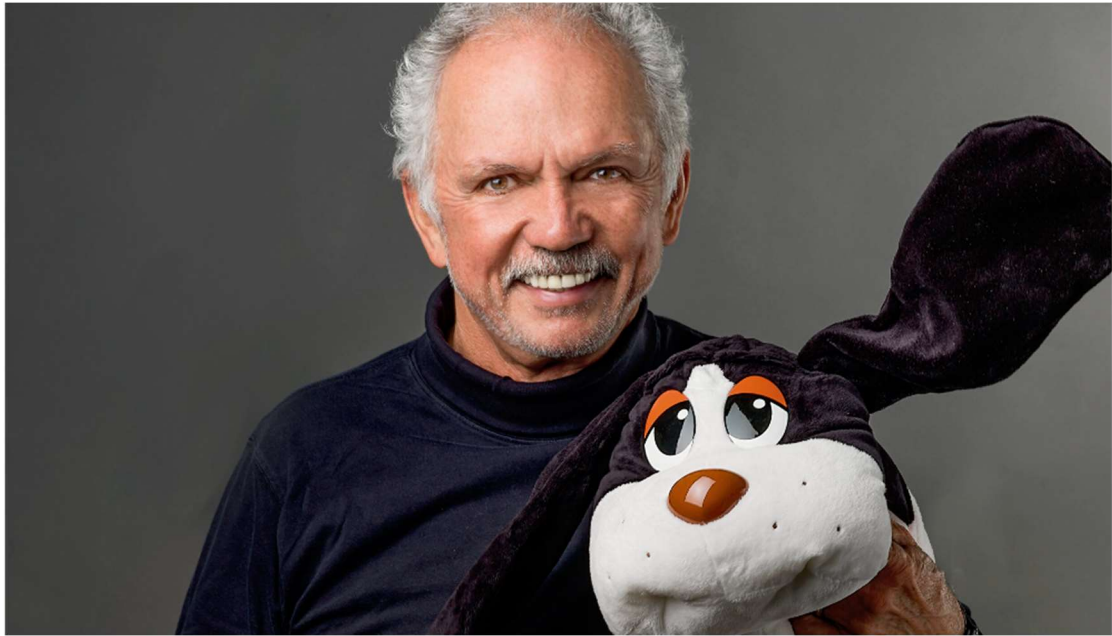
“Autumn teaches us the beauty of letting go. Growth requires release—
[it's what the trees do.](#)”

Ka'ala, @alohakaala

October Program
Tuesday, October 24, 2023, 4-6 pm
Story & Song Center for Arts & Culture

Mark your calendar for this month's motivational and informative meeting. First, we'll share all results from the survey that was distributed this summer along with the focus group results. Since your input is vital, this knowledge has given us the compass to set future programming. We asked and thank-you for your response. As a result, the AIW Council is developing informative meetings to help you further your writing needs so you can reach your goals. With the many talents in our organization, be ready to assist by participating or perhaps contribute. We are in this together with "writers helping writers."

To help us grow upright and strong, Mike Bowling is our guest speaker. He is the creator of Mike's Magical World, Pound Puppy plush toys, lyric writer, and author. Mike has been a motivational speaker delivering messages about facing challenges, and working with them to a path toward success. Currently, he has written a Young Adult Novel and is on the journey of getting published. Come and listen to his inspiring story.



September Event Success!

Thank you to Mari K. Eder and our Veteran Authors Panel.



Our September Event was one not to be missed with Major General Mari K Eder's book launch of "The Girls Who Fought Crime" followed by the local Veteran Author Panel. Mari K moderated the discussion

with John Pulsinelli, Luis Diaz, and Ralph DeFalco (on Zoom). They shared their military careers and subsequent motivation for writing. The event facilitated a book signing and refreshments provided by Story & Song. Thank you for AIW donations as \$100 was contributed to the Story & Song Foundation.

Save the Date

Sharing your holiday story is back.

Tuesday, November 28, 4-6pm

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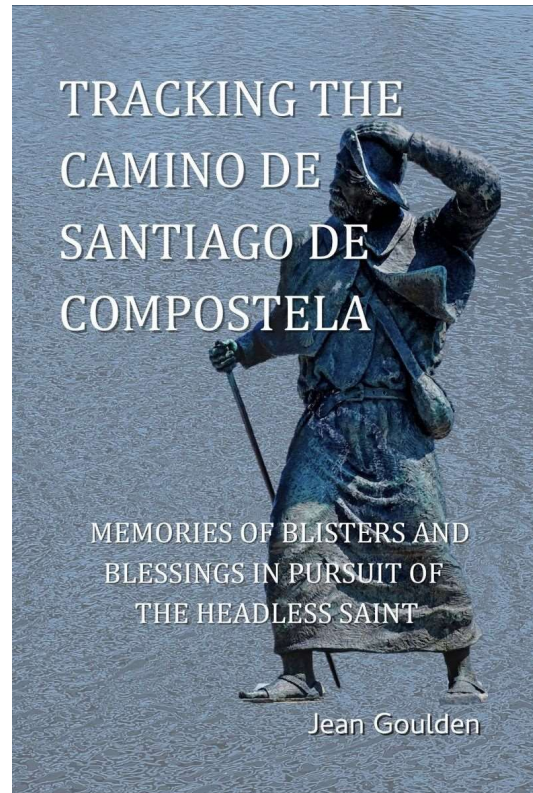
Put on your thinking cap and get your pen in hand for a chance to showcase your work. Write your 500-700 word story of a holiday highlight - any holiday. After we read our stories, participants will vote. The winning story will be published in a local newspaper. Come and join in the fun to either share your story or just listen as we celebrate the holiday season with social networking and treats. Hope to see you there.

Updated memoir from Jean Goulden

Have you ever thought of dusting off a previous book and releasing it anew with fresh title, cover, and revisions? That is what Jean Goulden has done.

Tracking the Camino de Santiago de Compostela: Memories of Blisters and Blessings in the Pursuit of the Headless Saint, is now available. Jean, a part-time Amelia Island resident, writes a thought provoking blog, "Salt Sprays and Aspens," capturing the best of two special places along with a variety of topics.

<http://www.jeangoulden.com>



Behind the Scenes with Patricia Martocci

Thanks to the work of Pat, Amelia Island Writers has a bookmark. Pat worked diligently with our council and with Krystal Eagle from Eagle Eye Printing to create this bookmark that gives vital information about our group to others who are visiting or have recently moved to the area. Check out these sharp looking bookmarks!



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