



# *melia Island Writers*

November 2023 Newsletter



**Golden aspen trees in Deer Valley, Utah**

"Autumn carries more gold in its pocket than all the other seasons."

Jim Bishop

**Share Your Holiday Story**  
Tuesday, November 28, 4-6pm  
Story & Song Center for Arts & Culture

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.

**Save The Date**  
Saturday, January 20, 2024

**Florida Focus Literary Luncheon presented by Story & Song.**  
More information coming soon.

## **AIW Member Highlights**



**Rachel Glover** is the group leader for our new Young Adult Writers. Pass the word if you know someone between the ages from 18-40 who may be interested in meeting with this group.

Rachel has been working hard to establish a presence in the writing community.

Check out her website: <http://www.4pocalypsearts.com>  
Rachel recently added illustrations of her characters to her manuscript, as art is also a huge part of her life. Rachel has been published in *F(r)iction Literary Magazine*, as well as our local newspaper, *The News Leader*.

### **Congratulations to Jane Buyers on her FWA Gold RPLA!**

Member news like this always puts smiles on our faces. Last year, advisory council member, Linda Sexton, won Gold and this year, Jane follows in her footsteps. If you see Jane out and about, give her a high five! Jane won Gold in the Autobiography Or Memoir Unpublished for her book, *Eight Septembers: Women on Wall Street- 9/11 to Lehman*.



**Amelia Island Book Festival Fall Luncheon,  
Thursday, November 9 11:00am - 2:00pm**

**Courtyard by Marriott Amelia Island  
SOLD OUT**



AIW Group Leader, Donna Overly, will be the Master of Ceremonies for the Amelia Island Book Festival Fall Luncheon, featuring celebrity author luncheon speaker Jacques Pépin, along with special guest interviewer, Mary Martha Greene (a.k.a. The Biscuit Queen).

Friday morning, November 10, Chef Pepin will be at Story & Song. His cookbooks can be purchased.

Tickets to go on sale this month (Nov 1- AIBF members and Nov 15- general public) for the **February AIBF Celebrity Gala**. See their website: <http://www.ameliaislandbookfestival.org> for a list of celebrity authors, and details about the **Saturday Author Expo**. As usual, AIW will have a table Saturday, February 24, at the Author Expo. If you are interested in helping man the table, please contact Donna, [donnaleeoverly@gmail.com](mailto:donnaleeoverly@gmail.com).

Mike Bowling-- Toy Inventor, Lyric Writer, and Author



A huge thank you goes out to Mike Bowling, our guest speaker, at our October meeting. His inspiring message echoed -never give up when faced with rejection. As authors, we are faced with similar, negative experiences when we share our words with the world. Keep trying and remember that a "NO" is another step closer to a "YES".

**November programs for writers in the northeast Florida area are found [here](#).**