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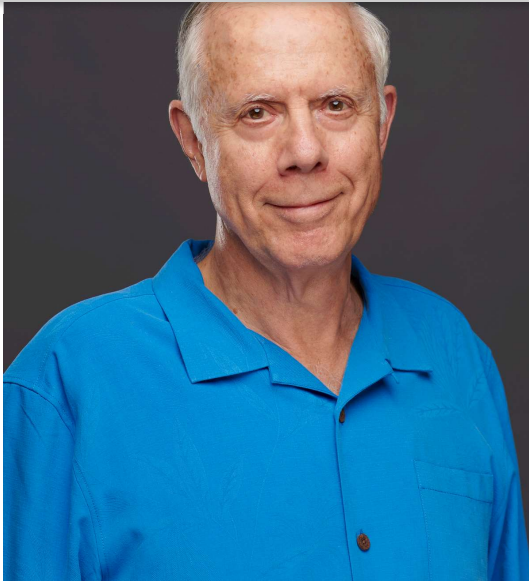
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April Showers Bring May Flowers

Beautiful double rainbow looking over the Atlantic Ocean from Amelia Island

Join us Tuesday, April 30, 2024, 3-5 PM
Legal Issues for Writers
Story & Song Center for Arts & Culture



safely say about people, events in your memoir, novel, or other writing? Do you want to ensure that you own all of your writing?

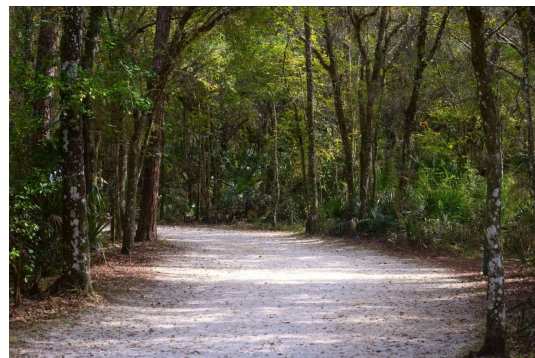
Attend our Legal Issues for Writers with Michael Polelle. He will present an entertaining and educational program via Zoom for attendees at Story & Song. There will be time for Q&A.

Mr. Polelle is a retired law professor from University of Illinois-Chicago, former civil trial lawyer, and former Special Assistant State's Attorney for Cook County, IL. He taught comparative law in Parma, Italy, and has drawn inspiration for his novels from travels and career experience. He and his wife live in Sarasota, FL.

<http://www.mjpolelle.com>

Save the Date Saturday, May 18, 2024 3-5 pm
Bushwacking! How to get lost in the woods and write your way out - a workshop at
Story & Song Center for Arts & Culture

This opportunity is brought to us by Story & Song from University of North Carolina-Asheville professor Jennifer McGaha. Her usual fee for writing workshops is over \$300 per person, but our special arrangement cost per person is \$25.00. Jennifer is visiting the area, and has graciously extended this offer.



Member News



CANNED MEAT THEATRE

Doug McDowell, who formerly headed up our screenwriter's group, is living and working in Orlando. But he does return for visits. He and local screenwriter, Wayne Cothron, are part of the merry makers of the Canned Meat Theatre. If you could use a time-out and a good laugh, tune in [here](#).

Member Opportunities

WE NEED YOU!

Our current needs:

- Greeters to welcome members and visitors at meetings, programs, events
- Participate in a program by sharing your expertise
- Offer to assist in planning a social event
- Give input for 2025 programing
- Recommend a speaker
- Serve on a committee
- Donations are always needed as we do not collect dues

Tuesday, May 28, 2024, 3-5 pm at Story & Song - Build Your Author Platform to Market Your Book with Dr. Donna Jennings

Tuesday, June 25, 2024, 3-5 pm at Story & Song - Finding a Literary Agent/ Publisher with Florida Writers Association speakers Lisa Iriarte and Jose Iriarte. Zoom presentation.

Tuesday, July 30, 2024, 3-5 pm at Story & Song - Writing Skills: Constructing Characters by Donna Overly and Pacing in Acts I,II, and III part structure by Julia McDermott.

Tuesday, August 27, 2024, No Meeting - Summer Vacation

Thank you to our panelists for the March Crime/Thriller Author Event.

"CROSSING THE LINE: WHERE CRIME MEETS TRUTH AND IMAGINATION"

It was a packed house for our author conversation. Fernandina Beach Police Chief Jeffrey Tombasco and Officer Tina Smith made time to enjoy the presentation. James Bruner, *The Bike Cop Series*, Jerry Hester, *Mafia Miami FBI Politics and How an Investigation was Nearly Sabotaged*, and Kevin Kozak, *New Blue*, a Jerry Krone Novel, co-authored with John Drake - all made for a lively discussion.

Thank you to the AIW Advisory Council and the AIW Memoirs Group for snacks and drinks, allowing members to socialize. Thank you to Marla McDaniel and LeeAnn Shobe for organizing, and to Linda Sexton for creating the Power point slides. Donations made possible a \$100 gift to the Amelia Island Museum of History, our host venue.



neighbors and co-authors. Landing right next to each other from opposite ends of the east coast, Kevin and John and their families became good friends. Plotting over the fence resulted in their novel, each contributing his expertise to bring us a rookie cop's adventures.



Kevin, John, James, and Jerry. James pointed out the relevance of our event title with Kevin and Jerry's true life crime fighting, and the fast paced novel plots from John and James.

retirement. For all the intrigue, tune in. Jerri's website contains FBI myths and misconceptions, puzzles, books, brain teasers, and much more. Jerry's interview is #300. <http://www.jerriwilliams.com>



Fernandina Beach Police Chief Jeffrey Tombasco concluded the event with some positive observations about our community.



Send us your book launches, events, awards, and news so that we can celebrate with you, space allowing. Send to Donna at: donnaleeoverly@gmail.com

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