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April 2025



"April is a promise that May is bound to keep." - Hal Borland

Save-the-Date

Tuesday, May 27

3-5 pm Story & Song Center for Arts & Culture

Guest author Dan Sharp will present a program on creative thinking - what it is, where in the brain it takes place, how to get over fear, and tap into your potential. Dan is a research scientist, serves on the Florida Writers Association Speaker's Bureau, and is a member of Writers Alliance of Gainesville. His is published in fiction and nonfiction.

April Program

Tuesday, April 29

3-5 pm Story & Song Center for Arts & Culture

**Writing experience is not necessary,
all you have to do is show up!**

Learn about, read, and write haiku, a timeless poetic form. It's a writing exercise that's liked by people who aren't necessarily poetry fans. Become familiar with the traditional form of haiku, based on

nature and seasons.
Perfect for Amelia Island!

Patrick Gordon, a pilot, and **Paul Meehan**, a shipmaster, are both skilled in haiku. They will share their work composed over international seas and skies.

Artists **Marcia DeFalco** and **Emily Gordon** will present their haiku inspired art.

Moderated by AIW members and haiku writers
Marla McDaniel and
Michael Stokes

Materials provided. Drawings for prizes. Arrive at 3 to purchase a beverage, snack, and social time. Program starts at 3:30.

W. Patrick Gordon, M.Sc., worked in the Middle East flying Gulfstreams and Falcons for royal families and government. He was an aviation advisor to the United Arab Emirates. He has managed super yachts in the Mediterranean, and retired to Amelia Island where he writes, and provides VIP aviation and marine consulting.



Check out Captain Pat's haiku on his website:

<http://www.captainpatrickgordon.com>



Paul Meehan enjoys writing haiku and has a great interest in Japanese culture. As a Merchant Mariner, his work took him around the world. While docked in Sasebo, Japan, he saw notice of *The Mainichi Daily News* annual haiku contest, entered, and the American won!

Paul looks forward to sharing tips about this art form with us.

Publishing Workshop

From Writer to Author

Wed., April 9
3 - 5 p.m.

\$95, includes journal
Register at
StoryandSongArts.org



Member of Amelia Island Writers Discount--only \$75

Have lunch and enjoy literature at
Story & Song Center for Arts & Culture

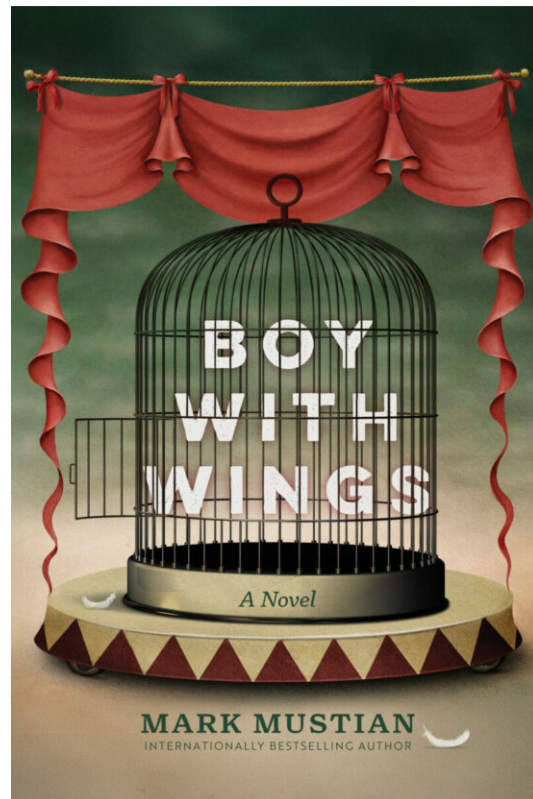
**Tuesday, April 8,
12:30 - 2:00 pm.**

Tickets for Tuesday's **Literary Luncheon with Mark Mustian**

may still be available. The international best-selling author is joined by musician Frank Douglas. Frank will perform songs written and based on Mark's latest novel, *Boy with Wings*.

Ticket information:

<http://www.storyandsongarts.org>



Mark founded the Festival of Literature and Music ten years ago. It's held in Tallahassee every April. The festival, a blend of writers and musicians, explores the relationship between the two disciplines.

<http://www.wordofsouthfestival.com>



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**Literary Luncheon
with Sarah Penner**

Thursday, May 8 •

12:30 pm-2:00 pm

Author of *The Lost Apothecary* and *The London Seance Society* joins us to talk about her new book,

The Amalfi Curse,
a bewitching tale of sunken treasure,
forbidden love, and ancient magic on
the Amalfi Coast.

Ticket information: <http://www.storyandsongarts.org>



Dr. Ardain Isma, Tara Lynn Masih, and Dr. Beverly Davis -
Guest presenters and authors at our March program. A multicultural
writers discussion was interactive, enlightening, and thought provoking.
Thank you to these special guests for their

March visit with Amelia Island Writers.



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