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# ***melia Island Writers***



"The month of May is the gateway to summer." - Jean Hersey

**Save-the- Date**

**Tuesday, June 24, 3-5 pm**

**Edit to Elevate**

**panel discussion with three editors**

**facilitated by Pat Martocci**

**Story & Song Center for Arts & Culture**

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**May Program**

**Tuesday, May 27, 3-5 pm**

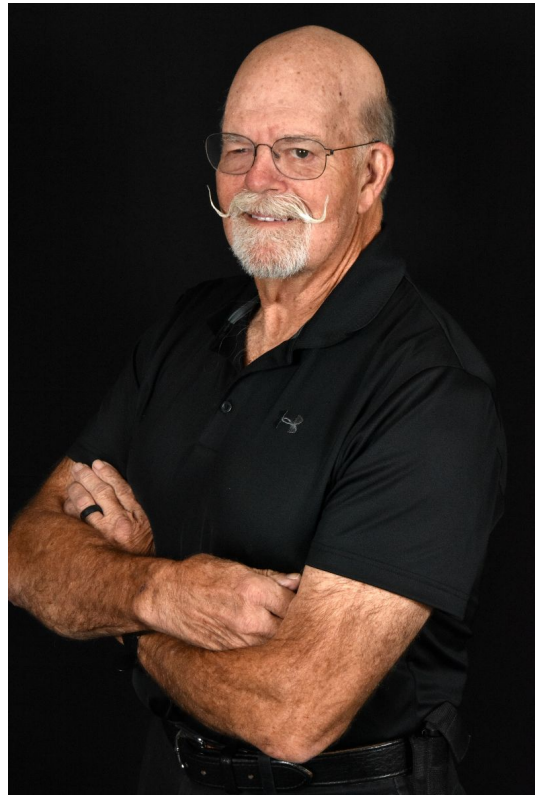
**The Writer's Life and Tools for Writers**

**with Dan Sharp**

**facilitated by Suzanne Schiffman**

**Story & Song Center for Arts & Culture**

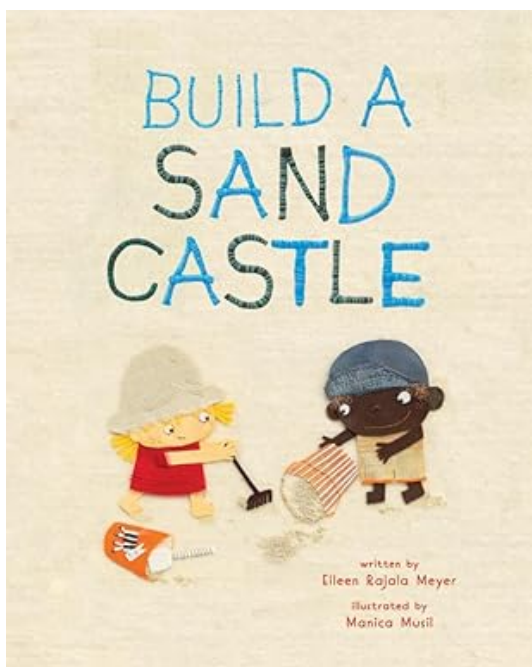
Dan Sharp will present Tools for Writers. Dr. Sharp is a retired Professor of Physiology, University of Florida. He was a research scientist with a special interest in animal biology, and brain function of humans and animals. Dan will discuss creative thinking, what it is, where in the brain it takes place, and how you - the writer - can stimulate the process of thinking creatively. He is the author of two historical novels and is working on a thriller. He is a member of Florida Writers Association and the Writers Alliance of Gainesville.



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**This month at The Book Loft**



Saturday, May 10, 11 am -1 pm

Join author **Eileen Meyer** for an interactive program and book signing. Activities for children are included as we learn about a day at the beach, and the adventures of children and sea-life creatures to create a sandcastle.

Eileen's website includes her books, tips, appearances over the summer, and more:

<http://www.eileenmeyerbooks.com>

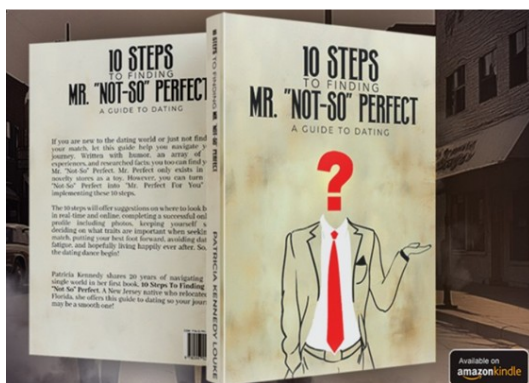
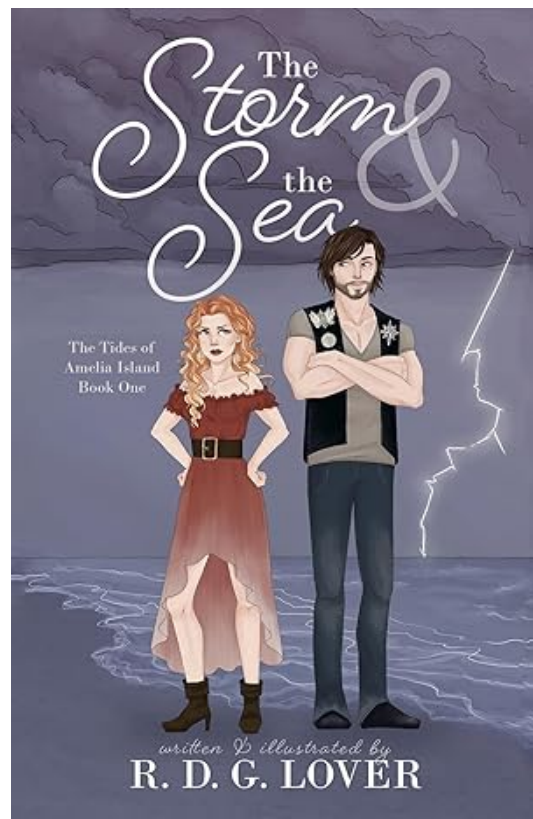
Saturday, May 10, 1-4 pm

Celebrate **Rachel Glover**'s latest novel, a romance with unintended consequences.

In this small town romance, Katrina has to decide if she will give her ex-boyfriend, Corbin, a second chance. He shows up on Amelia Island, where Katrina has re-located for a fresh start. It was a coincidence, a stop along his way from Chicago to Miami ...

Visit Rachel's art and author website:

<http://www.4pocalypsearts.com>



**Patricia Kennedy** will host a singles mingle for ages 30-45 at Mocama Brewery. The event is Thursday, May 15, 5-7 pm.

Join Patricia for the launch of **10 Steps To Finding Mr. "Not-So" Perfect** is Thursday, May 22, 3-5 pm at Story & Song.

**Save-the-Date**

**Saturday, June 28, 10 am - 4 pm**

**Jax Literary Indulgence**

**open to the public and free-of-charge  
for authors and readers**



Local authors participating - details in June's newsletter.

<http://www.literaryindulgence.com>





Our April program was enjoyed by 45 in attendance. Discoveries about the timeless poetic form of haiku made for a lively, interactive program. Left to right: **Michael Stokes**, **Marla McDaniel**, **Capt. Patrick Gordon**, and **Paul Meehan**, ship-master. Haiku written over international seas and skies was shared, as well as traditional haiku focused on nature and the seasons.

**Marcia DeFalco** brought a unique art piece she created - "Rain Drops of Greeting" - inspired by haiku. She saved handmade Asian patterned paper, and years later utilized it with chine colle printmaking technique to portray a woman using a kite as an umbrella in the rain.

**Emily Gordon**, whose art is collected the world over, displayed two layered mixed-media works incorporating haiku and local establishments in vivid color and detail.

Thank you to our guests who opened up new vistas for us in art and literature.



### "Rain Drops of Greeting"

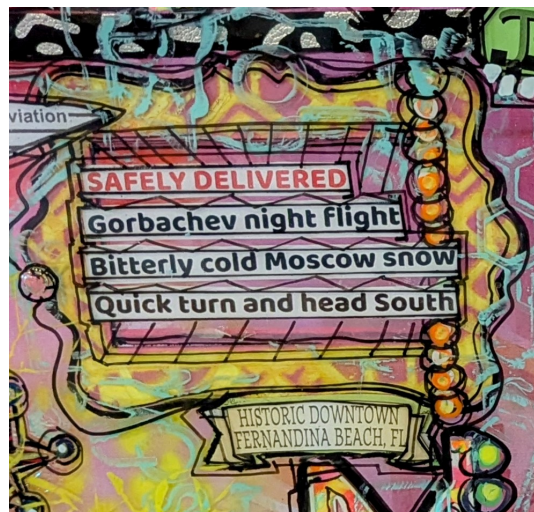
- haiku variations -

Breath of cool winds touch  
Umbrella kite enfolds me  
Raindrops of greeting

Breathing in cool winds  
Touch my face and fly my kite  
Raindrops fall to greet

The exquisite Asian paper Marcia put aside for a *rainy day* became the kimono and the kite an impromptu umbrella.

A close-up of one of Patrick Gordon's haiku incorporated into Emily Gordon's acrylic layered mixed media original.







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