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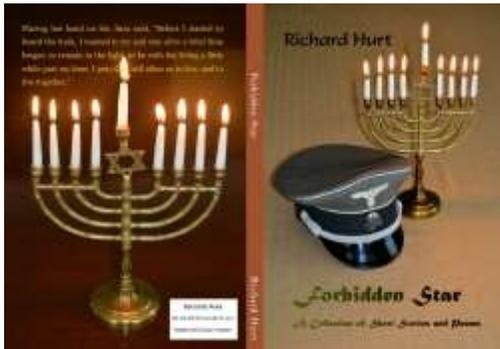
West Florida Literary Federation, Inc.

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October 2017

Third Tuesday October 17, 2017

Richard Hurt reading from his new collection of short stories
Forbidden Star



Richard Craig Hurt came to Pensacola from St Louis with his family at age four. He is a graduate of Pensacola High School, PJC, U. Of Southern Mississippi (BS in history and geography), U. of South Alabama (MA in Counseling), and has an Educational Specialist in Post-Secondary Education Administration (all but dissertation for doctorate) from UWF/Florida State. Richard's experience of living and working as an educator in Florida, Japan, South Korea, and Aruba spanned 42 years. His experience was varied as he held positions at the middle school, high school and college level. His favorite was when he taught U.S.

History at Kinnick High School in Yokosuka, Japan for six years. Over 500 former Kinnick H.S. students are his Facebook friends today. He brought his thirst for learning and a sharp creative imagination to publish two books of short stories and poems, *A Wounded Angel* (2014) and *Forbidden Star* (2017). Richard met his lovely wife Lynn while crossing the street in her country. They have been married almost 13 years and enjoy many activities together: church, symphony, opera; and several clubs: archeology, geology, horology, literary, Italian, vegetarian. Also, Richard is President of the West Florida Mensa for the 10 Florida counties in the Central Time Zone.

**Refreshments at 6:30 ~ Program at 7
followed by open mic at 7:30.**
**Bring a friend – bring a snack to share –
bring a five-minute reading of your own
prose or poetry.**
Free - come to listen and/or to read.
**Pensacola Cultural Center 400 S. Jefferson
Street, room 201**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy 30th Birthday, West Florida Literary Federation! Yes, this year is the big 3-0 for our organization and I am glad you are part of it.

On Friday, October 20, at the East Pensacola Heights Community Center from 5:30 to 7 we will celebrate the launching of Volume 19 of the Emerald Coast Review. The address is 3208 E. Gonzalez St. Special thanks to our editor Dr. Regina Sakalarios-Rogers and those who worked with her, for their tireless work in making this book a reality, and remember, they are all volunteers! I would like to thank all those who made submissions, whether selected or not, for indeed we had many wonderful submissions. Out of approximately 300 submissions, around 60 were selected. Although most of the submissions were local and regional, we received them from all over the world! You will absolutely love reading this, so be sure and get your copy

Please plan to join us for Open Mic Tuesday October 17 in the board room on the second floor of the Cultural Center. Refreshments and camaraderie at 6:30; program begins at 7. This month's program will be presented by Richard Craig Hurt, author of *Forbidden Star*, a collection of short stories, his second. Craig's stories are such a delight to read as many of them evoke a sense of a grander time, a time of eloquence, a time of appreciation of the finer things in life. He offers fascinating detail and historical context, and his stories are addicting; you can't read just one. Other stories are riveting adventures, and some are humorous, all this in one book! Plus, you must experience Craig's wonderful reading voice.

We are pleased and excited to offer a seminar for those who want to learn playwriting, this coming Thursday, Oct 12, from 6 p.m. to 9 in our office on the second floor of the Cultural Center, room 212. The Cultural Center address is 400 South Jefferson St. The seminar will be taught by Meg Gray, who has taught classes at Pensacola Little Theater, has extensive acting experience and recently earned her MA degree in English Literature from the University of Exeter in England. This class is for people of all levels who would like to get into playwriting, and you don't need acting experience to write plays. Pensacola Little Theater produces all types of plays and is always looking for fresh talent, so here's your chance to take your writing to the next level, while you try something new in a fun and constructive environment. The cost is \$45. Please RSVP to Meg Gray at margaret.katherine.gray@gmail.com.

For questions, you may email her or call or text at 850-512-8449. I hope to see you there.

As previously mentioned, WFLF will once again be participating in the Foo Foo Festival which will be held this coming November. We will be bringing in noted author, humorist and newspaper columnist, Craig Pittman. A former resident of Pensacola, he now resides in Tampa, where he works for the Tampa Bay Times.

His best-selling book is *Oh Florida! How America's Weirdest State Influences the Rest of the Country*. This is truly a fun read. We all knew Florida was weird; this just documents it. Noted comedians and authors Leanna Conley and Erik Decker will also be joining us. In addition, all three will lead a humor writing workshop. Their appearances are scheduled for Nov. 9, so mark your calendars. If you would like to volunteer in some capacity, please let me know.

Tell me what you think: estanford@cox.net or 850-449-6771.

Ed Stanford

Writers Weekly Workshops

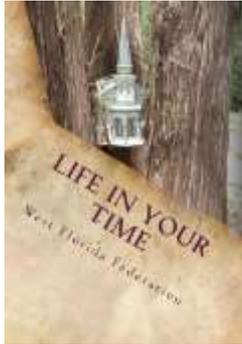
MONDAY PURE POETRY LOUNGE meets from 6 ~ 8 p.m. the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month.
susanlewisbooks@yahoo.com

TUESDAY WRITING FOR PUBLICATION 10 a.m. ~ noon. For seasoned writers and members of WFLF who are working on book-length manuscripts and seeking publication. Manuscripts and written critiques are emailed within members of the group and members discuss their comments. The group is limited to seven writers ~ Ron Tew, tewsdays@bellsouth.net

WEDNESDAY PORTFOLIO & EXCHANGE SOCIETY ~ The Portfolio & Exchange Society Critique Group meets every Wednesday, 9:30-11:30, at the library of the First Presbyterian Church on Gregory Street in Pensacola. We're a lively group looking for writers who have a project for a year -- no matter the genre, memoir, poetry, fiction, nonfiction -- 12 months to complete a project. Since the conception of the group in January 2014, four members have published books and a fifth writer's manuscript is being finalized for press. Plus the participants are notorious for exchanging writing tips, novels, paintings, and garage sale items. For more information contact dianeskelton@att.net

MEMBER NEWS

SAVE THE DATE Friday, October 20, 5:30 p.m. to 7 for the Emerald Coast Review book launch. Join us at the East Pensacola Heights Clubhouse, 3208 E. Gonzalez St. to meet the other contributors, view the art, and read.



Please feel free to bring a snack to share like we do at open mic. Thank you.

SUCCESS!

On September 28, Richard Hurt and Jeannie Zokan spoke about their works at the annual Women's Newcomers Club at the Yacht Club starting with brunch. About 85 women attended. The September date for the club is always for exposure to local authors.

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Below is an excerpt from and the link to Patricia Edmisten's review of psychiatrist E. Fuller Torrey's new book, *Evolving Brains Emerging Gods*."

"The gods were born following a pregnancy lasting approximately two million years. It took that long for hominin brains to evolve structurally and functionally from being primate-like brains to being brains that possessed the cognitive faculties of modern *Homo sapiens*." Thus begins E. Fuller Torrey's masterful book on the evolution of religion. <http://peacecorpsworldwide.org/evolving-brains-emerging-gods-early-humans-and-the-origins-of-religion-by-fuller-torrey-ethiopia>

GET INVOLVED

Want to help our organization? We want you to attend the ECR launch Friday, October 20th. BUT if you don't plan to attend, and think you might go to Gallery Night instead, would you consider working a WFLF table at Artel for an hour or so?

To get involved in these events, please contact any board member. Thanks.



Pensacola's third annual Clean Energy Fest and "Future of Energy" Art Exhibition brings renewable energy and fun to downtown Pensacola on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event celebrates a clean energy future through art, food, live music, and dynamic people showcasing solar, wind, and people-power for the 21st century. The event is part of the 2017 Pensacola Foo Foo Festival. The Clean Energy Fest will be held at the Museum Plaza at 120 Church Street. The art exhibition will be held at the Pensacola Museum of Art at 407 South Jefferson St.

<http://www.pensacolacan.org/>

Jim Sparks has graciously invited WFLF to have a presence again this year. Last year, I attended and read poetry from "The Spill" our online magazine which can still be accessed from www.wflf.org. It's a pleasant event and a great opportunity for us to meet the public and spread the word about our organization. We need people to work our table an hour or two and/or participate by reading.

Andrea Walker

MEMBER POETRY

Was It Really Poetry?
from *Light Is Life*

What do you do when the words
don't come to you anymore
and you no longer hear a dove
in the cedars at first dark?

When stars have become silent lights
drifting out of sight
and you live at the end of a road
where darkness begins?

Perhaps you thought
you were speaking your words
to men and women who listened.
Perhaps you imagined

they were your words only –
the children you gave birth to
in your restless dreams.
Or was it a universal voice

speaking to no one in particular,
that is, no one at all?

Henry Langhorne

*“Good poets know their job is not to offer the truth, but
to be persuasive about their version of it.”*

--Stephen Dunn

Haiku

Written While in Italy in Autumn

Abandoned courtyard
Shutters fastened with cobwebs—
Sunlight falls like dust.

Sinuous city
Woven round by wall and stream
Willows bow near swans.

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It's bigger than you think!
**For info on all the fun, check out their
link -**
www.foofoofest.com



**WRITING ON
THE FUNNY SIDE OF FLORIDA**



Date: Nov. 9; **Location:** Pensacola Cultural Center (Workshops); Artel Gallery (Break, Readings and

Book Signings) Tickets: \$15 (workshops); FREE (all other events) www.foofoofest.com

January 16 - Patricia Edmisten reading from *A Longing for Wisdom* followed by open mic

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October 20, Friday 5:30 p.m. – 7 ~ Emerald Coast Review Book Launch, East Pensacola Heights Clubhouse, 3208 E. Gonzalez

October 20 Gallery Night – work the WFLF table at Artel while enjoying music and art.

October 25, Wednesday – 6 p.m. Student poetry reading at Edward M. Chadbourne Library at PSC

November 9 WFLF “Writing on the Funny Side of Florida” workshops and readings for Foo Foo Festival
November 15, 2 p.m. - 3 ~ Andrea Walker discussing *Bending the Arrow* at Edward Chadbourne Library at PSC

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Check out our website at www.wflf.org and “Like” us on Facebook, (under) West Florida Literary Federation. <http://www.facebook.com/pages/West-Florida-Literary-Federation-WFLF/255101747857712?ref=hl>

West Florida Literary Federation ~ Join or Renew ~ 2017

Memberships are good for one calendar year beginning January 1 and ending December 31.

Individual membership is \$30/year. New members joining after July 15, pay \$15 or may pay \$45 which also pays for the following year. Subsequent years are due annually by January 1.

One Year ~ Individual \$30 ~ Couple \$50 ~ Student \$15 ~ Two years ~ Individual \$50 ~ Couple \$85

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(NAME)**

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