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West Florida Literary Federation, Inc.

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*Please join the West Florida Literary Federation
for the much-anticipated launch of*

Emerald Coast Review Volume XX



Friday, November 8, 2019

At Bodacious Bookstore and Café

110 East Intendencia Street

Pensacola, Florida 32502

5:30 p.m. – 7

Contributors will receive their copy. A sign-up sheet will be available for contributors who would like to read (3-minute time limit) from the book, first come, first served as time permits.

Parking for the venue, including handicapped access spaces, is available on nearby streets and in the Southtowne Parking Garage. Bodacious Bookstore and Café will validate Southtowne Parking Garage entry tickets with a purchase of \$5 or more.

WFLF Writers Weekly Workshops

MONDAY POETRY led by Julie DeMarko meets from 6 ~ 8 p.m., Mondays at the Cultural Center. Like the “wild writing” workshop she led for two years, the goal is to practice writing and, in the end, find the path to authentic poetry.

JulieDemarko@hotmail.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.

ronaldtew@yahoo.com

WEDNESDAY PORTFOLIO & EXCHANGE SOCIETY ~

The Portfolio & Exchange Society Critique Group meets every Wednesday, 9:30-11:30 a.m., 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

Condolences to Jessica Reiser. Her sweet “Nana,” **Lorraine Byrd**, passed away Friday, October 25. You remember her warm and entertaining stories at open mic about Sweet Pea. Jessica is missing her terribly, and we will miss her too.

Our hard-working secretary is recuperating from surgery. Get well soon, **Elizabeth Holmes**! We wish you a speedy recovery.

Artists, Poets Live! at Artel

A Foo Foo Event by the Pensacola Branch
of the National League of American Pen
Women

November 5, 2019, 6 -7:30 p.m.

Welcome – Barbara Dunham
WFLF Members honoring women
poets with Readings

6:00 Claire Massey – Mary Oliver

6:15 Andrea Walker – Naomi Nye

6:30 Pat Black-Gould – Hannah Senesh

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Artists and Poets Live

6-7:30

Gaylene Brotherton – Georgia O’Keeffe

Terry Henry – Dorothy Parker

Ruth Goldberg – Anni Albers

Frida Kahlo Photo-Op – Barbara
Dunham

6-7:30

Heroine Puppets – Bev Elliott

6-7:30

Remember last month when we announced Tom Roberts was a finalist for the Royal Palm Literary Award? Guess what—he won!

Congratulations, Tom!

The Florida Writers Association has announced WFLF member **Tom Roberts** of Pensacola won a prestigious Royal Palm Literary Award. His winning entry, *Lost Scrolls of Archimedes*, won the Gold award for Unpublished Historical Fiction Novel. The manuscript placed 4th overall for Unpublished Book of the Year for all genre categories.

The award was announced at FWA's recent four-day annual conference in Altamonte Springs, Florida. This annual competition, which received 513 qualified submissions, was RPLA's eighteenth. The Florida Writers Association, 1,500 members strong and growing, is a nonprofit 501(c)(6) organization that supports the state's established and emerging writers. Membership is open to the public.

The Royal Palm Literary Awards competition is a service of the Florida Writers Association established to recognize excellence in its members' published and unpublished works while providing objective and constructive written assessments for all entrants. For additional information, visit the FWA website: floridawriters.net.

WFLF member Marc Livanos is doing some commendable work in Milton with young people. He facilitates The Poetry Workshop which gives teens a voice by publishing their poems on Milton's official website.

"When I first walked into my room at the Community Center, teens were banging their basketball against the outside window," Marc says. "I went outside, treated them with respect and invited them to join this new program. The first three weeks, adults (not staff members) poked their heads into the room and yelled 'You don't want these kids. These are the ones they call the cops on. They're trouble.'

"These teens feel like they're yelled at all day or ignored when teachers pick a classmate for answers when they don't respond quickly. However, any teen needs respect, a safe place to express his/her feelings, knowledge of how to succeed, and a voice."

Issue IV of the *Blackwater Literary Journal* has scheduled a launch at the Milton High School & Community Center in December with the press and government officials present. "I encourage poets to volunteer at Community Centers and to email me for specifics on starting Poetry Workshops." Marc Livanos
SRCWG@mediacombb.net

Check out MiltonLocal.com and click on Milton Local Blog for student poetry. Marc was recently interviewed on "Hill in the Morning" on WRNE 980AM and will let us know when another interview is scheduled.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

PANOPLYZINE.COM Poets and short prose writers, we invite you to submit now through November 17, 11:59 pm US Central time to submit your work. We plan to publish Issue 14 on or around January 3, 2020.

Congratulations

Katherine Nelson-Born

Her poem, "Standing Watch," was accepted for publication. <https://darksire.weebly.com/>
<https://joom.ag/JY7e> Check it out!

Joshilyn Jackson

Tickets still available



Tickets are available on Eventbrite for the Joshilyn Jackson workshop. Ms. Jackson is a *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling novelist and author of nine books, including *gods in Alabama*, *The Almost Sisters*, and the recently released *Never Have I Ever*. The workshop is scheduled for Friday, November 8, 2019, from 1:30-5:00 p.m. at the community meeting room in the Studer Community Institute located at 220 W. Garden, Pensacola, Florida 32502. Joshilyn's workshop will discuss the fiction topics of plot, character, and theme. The workshop will be limited to 40 attendees and will cost \$25 for WFLF members and \$45 for non-members. Registration information is on our website www.wflf.org or go to Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/joshilyn-jackson-writers-workshop-tickets-72154326533?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

2019 PENSACOLA WRITING & BOOK FESTIVAL SATURDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2019

2019 Pensacola
Writing & Book Festival



STUDER CENTER * 220 W. GARDEN ST., PENSACOLA * ATRIUM LOBBY * 9 AM - 5 PM

FOR NOVICE WRITERS, PUBLISHED AUTHORS & BOOK LOVERS OF ALL AGES!



LENORA WORTH

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

- *New York Times*, *USA Today* & *Publishers Weekly* Best-selling Author
- 80+ books published
- Over 3 million books in print
- 2019 RITA® Finalist, Romance Writers of America

SPEAKER SESSIONS:

Romancing the Word * How to Begin Writing: Writing Spaces, Outlines & Writing the First Page * Edit, Publish & Copyright Your Book * Writing Military/Veteran Thrillers, Memoirs, Biographies & History * How to Write Funny! * Hear 10 Authors!

Kids Korner Puppets & Story Hour (ages 4-9) *Laura Richardson as "The Queen"*

TEEN/TWEEN WRITE & ILLUSTRATE FANTASTIC CREATURES (AGES 10-17)
DRAGON SERIES AUTHOR VICKI SHANKWITZ AND ILLUSTRATOR ROBERT SHANKWITZ, III

PITCH PIT!

Pitch your work to MIKE PARKER, Publisher and Acquiring Editor of WordCrafts Press for possible publication (*first-come, first-served; one 5-minute pitch per writer*)

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<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/26913562339>

FOR MORE INFO:

writingandbookfest@gmail.com
www.wfff.org
www.gulfcoastauthor.com

Tickets are going fast (they are at no cost!) so please register at Eventbrite to reserve a seat:

PENSACOLA WRITING & BOOK FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Event Schedule

9:00 – 9:45 a.m. – Vendors Atrium – **Registration/Lunch Order; Sign up for free books and door prizes** (must be present to win); **Sign up for the Pitch Pit** (MIKE PARKER, WordCrafts Press Acquiring Publisher, will take 5-minute pitches from writers with manuscripts about the possibility of publishing your book.)

9:45 – 5:00 p.m. – Vendors Atrium – **Meet the Authors** book sales & signing

9:45 -10:00 a.m. – Conference Room – **Welcome** by ED STANFORD, President, West Florida Literary Federation; SUSAN LEWIS, President, Gulf Coast Authors

10:00-11:00 a.m. – Conference Room – **Romancing the Word: Writing Romance Novels** LENORA WORTH, New York Times & USA Today best-selling author. Worth has written more than 80 books, with more than 3 million in print. Titles include, *Deep Undercover*, *Survival Mission*, *Closing the Deal* and *Christmas Rescue*. She is also a **2019 Romance Writers of America RITA© Award** finalist.

11:15-12:15 p.m. – Conference Room – **So You Want to Write — How to Begin: Creating Writing Spaces, Outlines, Writing Page One**; LARRY WILLIAMSON, author of *Tallapoosa* and *Muskogi Sunset: The Second Creek War of 1836*, and Auburn University Professional & Continuing Ed novel-writing instructor.

12:15 -1:00 p.m. – Vendor Atrium – Lunch (must order at Registration).

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. – Conference Room – **So You've Written Your Story: Now What? How to Edit, Publish & Copyright Your Book** MIKE PARKER, WordCrafts Press editor & acquiring publisher; the publisher's perspective; PAULA K. PARKER, playwright/author/freelance writer of over 1000 articles, plays, novels, non-fiction and more; agent query letters and publishing from an author's perspective; M.M. Le BLANC, JD, 7-time award-winning author/screenwriter of 14 books; copyrights.

2:15 – 3:15 p.m. – Conference Room – **Honoring Our Veterans in Books: Thrillers, Memoirs, History** MICHAEL BYARS LEWIS, # 1 Amazon International Best-selling Author, 2016 Military Writer's Society of America SILVER MEDAL WINNER, Thriller, ex-U.S. Air Force Special Ops; DR. SANDRA DAVIS, author of *So What's a Nice Girl Like You Doing in a Place Like This: Seoul to Saigon*, ex-U.S. Army Special Services Club Director & Librarian; RACHEL COGGINS, author of *Gateway to Iraq: A Chaplain's Story*; ex-U.S. Army Chaplain

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. – Conference Room – **Lions & Tigers & Humor, Oh My! How to Write Funny Stuff!**; ANDY MARLETTE, *Pensacola News Journal* editorial cartoonist, journalist and author

4:30 – 5:00 p.m. – Conference Room – **Door Prize Bonanza Giveaway! (must be present to win)**

KIDS KORNER ACTIVITIES (all in Atrium Lobby)

9:45 – 10:00 a.m. – Welcome by LISA RAWSON, West Florida Literary Federation Board Member

10:00-11:00 a.m. – **Children's Puppet Storytelling Hour** (ages 4-9); LAURA RICHARDS as "The Queen"

11:15-12:15 p.m. – **Children's Collage and Story Hour** (ages 4-9); LAURA RICHARDS as "The Queen"

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. – **How to Write Fantasy Stories: Teen/Tween Expand Your Imagination, Part I** (ages 10-17); VICKI SHANKWITZ, author of the *Dragon Master Series*

2:15 – 2:55 p.m. – **Illustrating Dragons & Other Fantastic Creatures: Teen/Tween Expand Your Imagination, Part II:** (ages 10-17); ROBERT SHANKWITZ III, *Dragon Master Series* illustrator

2:55 – 3:00 p.m. – **Kids' Korner Door Prize Bonanza Giveaway! (must be present to win)**

Email for more info: writingandbookfest@gmail.com

Visit: wflf.org or gulfcoastauthor.com

The event is FREE, but we are asking that you register on EventBrite (link below).

[2019 Pensacola Writing & Book Festival by WFLF and GCA](#)

POETRY

Worry, me?

Charlotte Crane

Of course, I worry
Why not?
There's Trump in the White House
Beside him there's Pence
And Giuliani behind the fence
(Honey, where's that Hershey bar?)

I worry about the weather,
Climate Change and all.
And if weather might send us a typhoon this year.
But more immediately I'll be taking the blame,
If we miss at today's Party Boys bridge game.
(There's money on the table, you know.)

My blood pressure is up,
The kids' report cards don't look good
Give money to charity? Would if I could.
Salvation Army may need to march another day,
'Cause I can't skip a bet in the Derby next May.

Worry? Why bother.
Don't we have Congress to take care of this stuff?

One Way or Another

Naomi Shihab Nye

She is gone, where did she go?
He can't imagine how the house will feel
when he enters it, moving room to room.
Now that the wait is over, a larger pause
will blanket the roof, softness settling
slowly down. By which window or door
may future days enter? And what about minor
questions called out, to which there was always
that lilting reply?

Fall Song

Mary Oliver

Another year gone, leaving everywhere
its rich spiced residues: vines, leaves,

the uneaten fruits crumbling damply
in the shadows, unmattering back

from the particular island
of this summer, this NOW, that now is nowhere

except underfoot, moldering
in that black subterranean castle

of unobservable mysteries - roots and sealed
seeds
and the wanderings of water. This

I try to remember when time's measure
painfully chafes, for instance when autumn

flares out at the last, boisterous and like us
longing
to stay - how everything lives, shifting

from one bright vision to another, forever
in these momentary pastures.

My God May This Wonder Never End

Hannah Senesh

My God, may it never end
the sea and the sand,
the splash of the water,
the brilliance of the sky
the prayer of man.

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More Literary Things To Do

First Wednesday of each month – Say the Word open mic in Niceville. Check it out on Facebook.

Second Tuesdays – open mic poetry and music jam, 6 p.m. – 7:30, Crestview Public Library, 1445 Commerce Drive, Crestview, 32539. Contact Esther @ 682-4432.

First and third Saturdays – In Our Write Minds is a writers' group that meets 1st & 3rd Saturdays of every month in Navarre. We are published and unpublished authors who explore topics of interest to writers. Critiques of works submitted are shared in an atmosphere that encourages and supports. We believe that writers of all levels and publishing experience can increase their skills, "with a little help from their friends." For more information, contact Claire Massey at cmd3929@gmail.com.

Every Tuesday from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Pensacola Poetry Constant Coffee & Tea, 615 Scenic Highway.

Tuesday, November 5, 6 p.m.-7:30 Poetry presented by Pen Women at Artel.

Friday, November 8, 5:30 p.m. ECR XX book launch, Bodacious Bookstore and Café, 110 E. Intendencia St.

Saturday, November 9, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Pensacola Writing and Book Festival, 220 W. Garden St.

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West Florida Literary Federation ~ Join or Renew ~ 2019

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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