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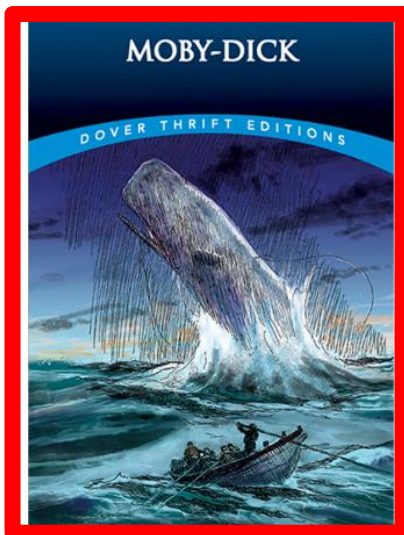
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← **Who Wrote this Book? See page 2.**

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Message from Your Newsletter Editor

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Newsletter Editorial Team

Congratulations to our newly-elected club officers. Each was elected at last month's meeting by unanimous acclamation. Their positions are in effect as of October 1.

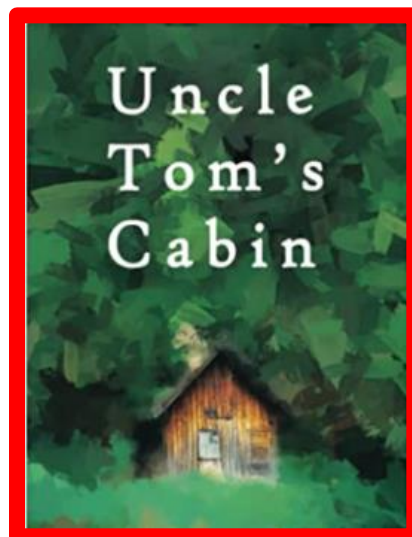
Frank Lancione, President
Larry Moran, President-elect
Judi Ciance – Treasurer
Phyllis Walters – Secretary

See President's Message, page 4, for brief bios.

Last month's newsletter trivia contest asked you to identify five different movies from just one iconic screenshot per movie. We had only one winner, fittingly the WLOV member who writes books about movies. Gary Koca's featured book is on page 10.

We worry about our books selling now, but what about next year, next decade, next *century*? Many books published in the 19th century are still in print and widely read. This month's newsletter asks you to name the author of six still-in-print 19th-century novels. Their covers are shown throughout the newsletter (starting on page 1); dates of publication range from 1818 to 1869. So they won't be confused with other books by our *living* authors, you can easily identify the six 19th-century novels by a thick red border.

The first 3 readers who send in the correct entries will have their 21st century book publicized in the next issue of the newsletter. The second of the six 19th-century book covers is below. Who wrote it?



Upcoming Writing-Related Events

Saturday, October 1, 2- 2:30 pm, Barnes & Noble – Kick-off event. New Q4 featured authors.

Thursday, October 6, 6:30-8:30 pm – Wine & Words, Riverbend Rec Center. Speakers are Larry Martin and Rose Deneen. For more info see <https://frankalancione.com/wine-%26-words-club/>

Tuesday, October 11, 11 am-2 pm. Book Signing by WLOV authors at All Booked Up, Colony Plaza. Authors are Barbara Welsh, Barbara Miller, and Barbara Rein.

Wednesday, October 12, 9-11 am – General business meeting. Program: Larry Moran will speak on “Seniors vs. Crime: Scam Case Studies.”

Saturday, October 15, 11 am – 2 pm – Wildwood Antique Mall Book Signing by WLOV authors Phyllis Walters and Barbara Rein

Thursday, October 20, 10 am-noon – Book Signing at Lofts of Brownwood, by Vincent Castell; [see page 10.](#)

October 28-30 – FWA’s Florida WritersCon 2022, Hilton Orlando, Altamonte Springs. See <https://www.floridawriters.org/florida-writerscon> for more information

Thursday, November 3, 6:30-8:30 pm – Wine & Words, Riverbend Rec Center. Speakers are John Prince and Dick Domann.

Saturday, November 5, 2:00 – 2:30 pm, Barnes & Noble – Kick-off event. New Q4 featured authors

Wednesday, November 9, 9-11 am - General Meeting, Laurel Manor Rec Center. Our program will be “Meet Your Character(s).” Learn from our guest speakers what it’s like to be in their careers, e.g., investigator, airline pilot, physician, or radio DJ.

Thursday, December 8, 6:30-8:30 pm – Wine & Words, Riverbend Rec Center. Speakers to be announced.

Wednesday, December 14, 9-11 am – General Meeting, Laurel Manor Rec Center. Enjoy our self-serve continental breakfast, then join our holiday party/game time with Ric Mitchell.

Sunday, January 29, 2023 -- 11 am-4 pm. BOOKEXPO 2023! Table registration is now open to non-WLOV members, with just a few spots remaining; [registration form on page 14.](#)

New Time for MasterClass Videos

by Paula Howard



Our Thursday Movies about Writing Better with Masterclasses has moved to a new time – **4 pm.** Simply go to your email before 4 pm on Thursdays, to get the zoom link. Watch from the comfort of your own home. If your computer does not have Zoom yet, the link will ask you to download it automatically. Then, just follow the prompts.



NEW: Message From Your New President



Hi everyone! I'm Frank A. Lancione and I have the great privilege to be the newly-elected President of the WLOV.

I am a new writer but have several projects underway. I have a book of poetry in the final stages of editing for publication by the end of this year. Last spring, I wrote a murder mystery game that turned into a successful play. Teaming with the Recreation Department, we put it on twice this past July and will repeat it twice again this fall. Finally, I've just reached agreement with a local magazine that is going to publish a year-long series of essays I've written on an RV trip around the country my wife and I took in 2021. If all goes well, this will be the basis for my 2023 book project.

Since I retired to The Villages, I've been the president of three Villages Resident Lifestyle clubs (two of which I started) and on the board of three more. My working life and my experience in leadership roles in The Villages imprinted a strong sense of appreciation and gratitude for the contributions of volunteers – people who make our clubs work. We have a terrific new leadership team to serve our members this next year and I would like to introduce them to you.



Larry Moran, President-Elect. Larry runs a popular Critique Group of WLOV club members and is working on his first book. He ran a very successful business in Virginia before retiring. In TV, he's also President of Seniors vs. Crime. His blend of business and club leadership experience make Larry a real asset to the club. Expect to see him out front, running many of our key programs over the next year.



Judi Ciance, Treasurer. Judi has published seven cozy mysteries all set in and around Boston and Cape Cod Massachusetts where she grew up worked in law enforcement. Judi finished her law enforcement career as Assistant Deputy Superintendent of Finance for the Barnstable Sheriff's Office. Judi's background will help us stay on top of our club finances this next year.



Phyllis K. Walters, Club Secretary. Phyllis previously served as Treasurer and Scholarship Chair of WLOV. Phyllis's work as a consulting Forensic Psychologist for the Court system in Ohio led her to become a successful true crime author. She has published a three-book series: *The Christmas Slayings*, *Wives Who Kill*, and *Husbands Who Kill*, and has a fourth work in progress. Phyllis' prior experience on the WLOV Board along with her author experience will strengthen our club leadership this next year.

WLOV Board Appointees

Rita Boehm, Communications; Paula Howard, Webmaster; Larry Martin, Newsletter Editor.

Under our bylaws, the President appoints individuals to carry out the Communications, Webmaster, and Newsletter Editor roles. These members also serve on the WLOV Board. I am very pleased that three WLOV past presidents, Rita Boehm, Paula Howard, and Larry Martin, have accepted my invitation to continue in their current roles and stay on the board. They are a valuable source of information on club history and operations.

Final Thoughts

WLOV is a wonderful club with talented members, strong programs, and a great set of activities planned for the next year. The new Board and I look forward to helping you develop your writing skills, market your works, and have fun socializing with other writers. Let's all work together to make this next club year successful!

Are You Interested in Serving on the WLOV Board?

Volunteers are the source of energy, ideas, and creativity that make our club an enriching and entertaining environment for our members. That's especially true for the members who serve on our WLOV Board. If you are interested in serving on the Board, this is a great time to give it a try.

All three past presidents presently serving on the WLOV Board have said they'd be interested in branching out and trying something new within the club. They can't do that unless we have someone to take over their duties.

If you are interested in serving on the Board, let me know. This is your chance. We will set up a training and transition period for you. We'll make sure that you have time to get comfortable in the role and that everything is working well for you and for the club before we make an official cutover. You can contact me anytime at flancione@verizon.net.



Important Updates by our Communications Director

**Barnes & Noble; Book Expo 2023; Antique Mall Book
Signings; Facebook Albums**

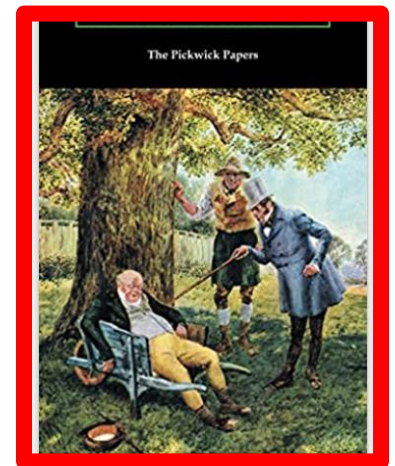
By Rita Boehm

BARNES & NOBLE

Please join us on Saturday, October 1st at 2:00 for our Q4 Meet the Author event at Barnes & Noble in Lake Sumter.

Our kick-off events have grown from an informal smattering of folks sitting in the tiny Barnes & Noble café, to a standing room only crowd of 60 or more listening with rapt attention to our featured authors present information about their writing journeys and their books.

When our Q4 grouping begins on October 1st, we will have pretty much exhausted our author list—with a small handful left for Q1 2023. If you haven't yet been featured, please send an email to wlovwriters@gmail.com, so we can make sure we have you on the list.



Once each of our authors has had an opportunity to be featured, future participants will be chosen via a random drawing at one of our monthly meetings. NOTE: Members who have not yet been featured will be given preference and will automatically be added to the B&N list.

Stop at the store and check out the Local Author Bookshelf (directly in front of the check-out registers). You'll find a fascinating selection of books written by our talented members.

BookExpo 2023

If you haven't yet registered for our January 29th 2023 BookExpo, don't delay! We already have over 80 registrations and our plan is to close registration at around 90. The registration form is the last page of this newsletter.

We are actively working on both a Keynote speaker and a secondary speaker who will entice people to visit Expo where they can then spend time visiting each author's table. Stayed tuned! Next month we'll tell you who our speakers are.

To resolve concerns about room assignments, we are also developing a contest—with prizes—to encourage people to visit each of the exhibition rooms. More details to follow.

Lots going on behind the scenes—but we need YOUR help. If BookExpo 2023 is to be a success, we need help with advertising and publicity. We’ll need plenty of folks to visit businesses to hand out golf cart/advertising signs and bookmarks. Additionally, if you have experience with ad development, please contact us at wlovwriters@gmail.com.

Thank you to our BookExpo 2023 Committee members listed below:

BOOKEXPO 2023 COMMITTEE	
Committee Chair	Rita Boehm
Sub-committee chairs:	
Registration	Manijeh Badiozamani
Facilities	Barbara Miller
Training Sessions	John Prince and Mark Newhouse
Keynote Speaker	Marti Green
Other committee members: FOCUS ON EVENT PUBLICITY	Pamela Michael, Laura Borcharding, Vince Roberts, Jack O’Brien, Paula Howard, Chris Cooper

**MORE PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES!
WILDWOOD ANTIQUE MALL BOOK SIGNINGS**

We are always on the lookout for new venues for our members to promote their books. So, when the Wildwood Antique Mall reached out, we eagerly responded.

Our initial book signings for Judi Ciance and Jack O’Brien were on September 13th. Our next book-signing event will be on Saturday, October 15th from 11 – 2 and will feature ‘scary’ books from Barbara Rein and Phyllis Walters. We plan to continue these book signings on a monthly basis.



If you are interested in being featured at future book-signing events at the Antique Mall, please contact us at wlovwriters@gmail.com

More importantly: we need your help. We can’t run events without volunteer support. In order for these monthly events to continue, we need someone to volunteer to liaise with the store, coordinate author attendance, and ensure that the store gets advertising information. Estimated monthly time commitment: 3 – 4 hours. Reach out to wlovwriters@gmail.com for more information. We’d love to have you on the team.

Store location: 364 Shopping Center Dr, Wildwood. The store is in the large shopping center on 301 at the opposite end from the Wildwood Post Office. Other tenants include the Los Magueyes Mexican Restaurant.

NEWS ARTICLES ABOUT MEMBERS – FACEBOOK ALBUMS

WLOV members continue to make news. Here are the links to news articles written about members over the last 3 months.

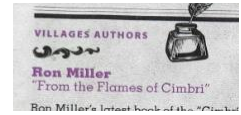
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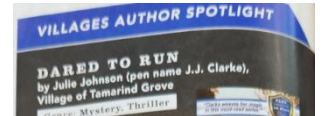
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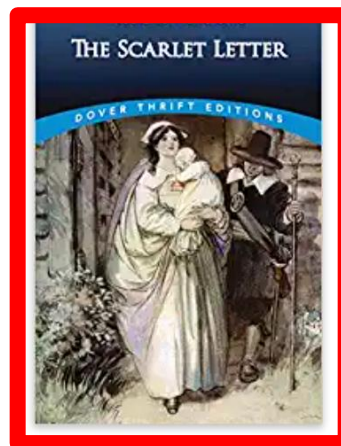
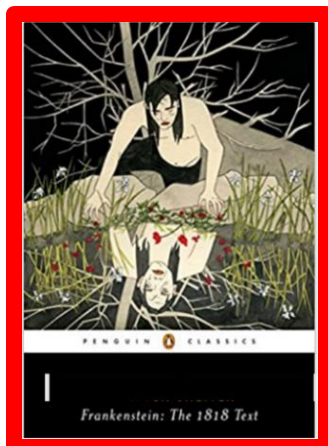
Using Social Media

We had an excellent presentation Sep 14 on using social media, by Kevin Yurasek (kevinyurasek@gmail.com) and Kayla O'Brien (kalyaobrienmedia@gmail.com), shown below.

Mr. Yurasek is Director of Strategic Communications, and Lake Sumter College.

Kayla O'Brien is a freelance videographer. Kayla's expertise is video production that can be used for social media promotion. Her website is: <https://www.storyfirstvideo.com/>. Scroll down the website section "DIY" for some tutorial videos about script writing and video content: <https://www.storyfirstvideo.com/diy>.





Annual writing competition that may interest you

Indignor House Publishing is proud to introduce year two of our annual writing competition with the second award and publication in fall of 2023. Submissions are accepted from September 1, 2022 thru March 31, 2023. All authors are encouraged to write and submit.

<https://indignorhouse.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Indignor-House-Writing-Competition-2023.pdf>

The theme for 2023 is a quote: ***Finding the good through the rain.***

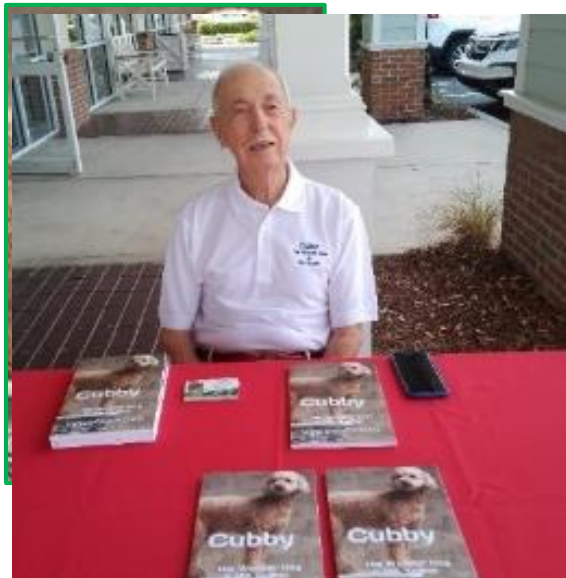
Maximum word count is up to 5,000 words. All genres accepted. Cost for submission is \$20.00 USD to cover administrative and production costs.

Three levels of award – First Place - \$500, Second Place - \$250, and Third Place - \$150. A medal and other great prizes are available for all stories published.



WLOV Author Announces Book Signing, New Villages Club

By Vincent Castell



On Thursday, October 20th at 10 am a new group, “Rescue Dog Lovers” will meet at The Lofts in Brownwood, in an effort to qualify for “club” status in The Villages. The idea for the club originates from the writing of my book, “Cubby the Wonder Dog & His Secret,” which is based on a true story of a rescue dog.

Claudia Labbe of the Humane Society at Lake Panasoffkee and Kathy Bork, who heads “Lost Pets,” a group that reaches out in emergencies to Villagers with pets, will address the group. In addition, I will sell and sign copies of my book. Twenty-five percent of all sales will be donated to the Humane Society.

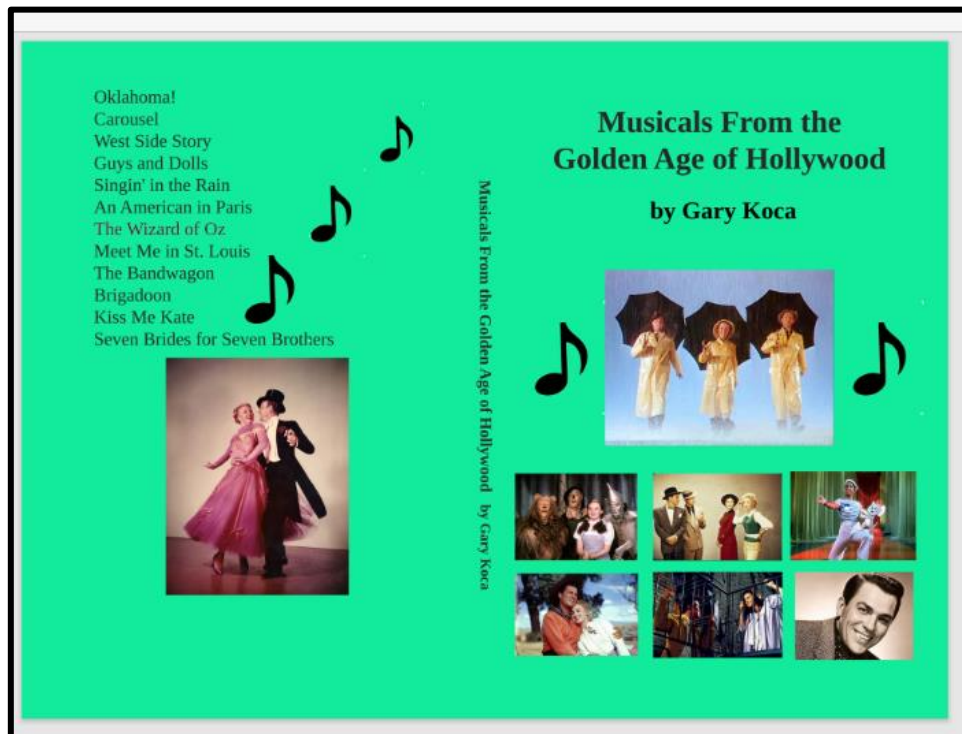
Identify the Screenshots– Answers to Sept Newsletter Quiz

L to R: Gone With The Wind; Twelve Angry Men; Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolff?; Murder on the Orient Express; Moby Dick.



Gary Koca correctly identified the 5 screenshots. His featured book is below and described on next page.

<https://www.amazon.com/Musicals-Golden-Age-Hollywood-including/dp/B0BCD4KPNC/>



Musicals From the Golden Age of Hollywood, by Gary Koca

Unlike the majority of men, I have long been a fan of musicals, and grew up in an era – the 1950s – when Hollywood musicals were really big time in popularity as well as in making money. Composers like Cole Porter, George Gershwin, Irving Berlin, Jerome Kern, Rodgers and Hammerstein, and Lerner and Lowe were particular favorites of mine, and why not? Their melodies are beautiful, their lyrics timeless, or at least they fit the mood and the era.

I have divided my new book into two categories:

- Musicals that appeared first on the Broadway stage, and after a successful run were eventually made into movies. This includes *Oklahoma!*, *Carousel*, *South Pacific*, *The King and I*, *Brigadoon*, *Guys and Dolls*, and many others.
- Movie musicals that appeared on the big screen without ever having been on stage first: movies like *Singin' in the Rain*, *The Band Wagon*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*, and all those wonderful films with Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers that immediately come to mind. I have also included five Disney animated films from this time period.

This book is a tribute to all those wonderful musicals from the late 1930s through the mid-1960s – the Golden Age of Movie Musicals, as well as to the talented stars who sang and danced their way through these films.

WLOV Authors in All Booked Up – for Oct 2022

271 Colony Blvd. 32162

For info contact: Bill Pullen, (352) 430-3006 or billanita@att.net

Fiction

Gil Hudson -- “Reviving George Washington”

Mel Harrison -- “Terror in Cairo”

Barbara Rein -- “Tales from the Eerie Canal”

Non-Fiction – Self-help

Barbara Miller -- “Keto for Life”

Non-Fiction – Other

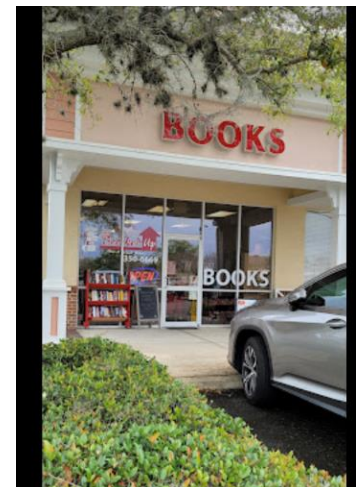
Barbara Welsh -- “One Bright Day”

Children’s Book

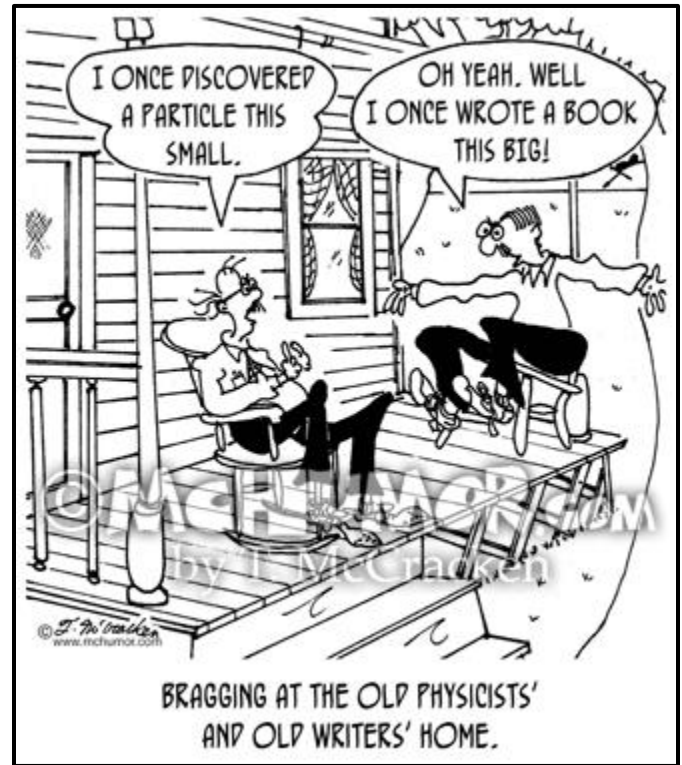
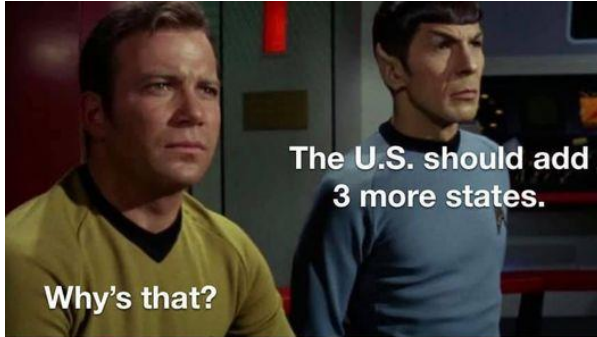
Janet Zahorian -- “The Day the Sun and the Moon Got Stuck”

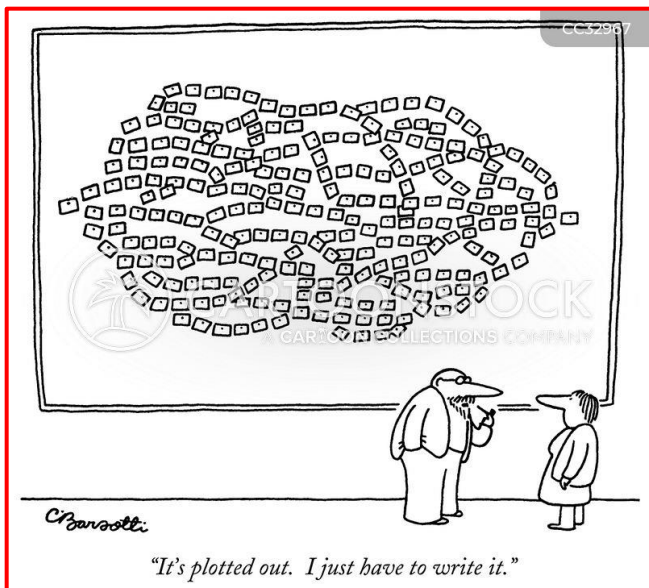
Book Signings at All Booked Up:

Tuesday, October 11: 11 am - 2 pm: Barbara Welsh, Barbara Miller, Barbara Rein



Cartoons





Appendix – BookExpo 2023 Table Reservation Form



Sunday, January 29, 2023 • 11am-4pm
Eisenhower Recreation Center

AUTHORS • BOOKS • FUN

Writers League of The Villages & The Villages® Recreation

Table Reservation Form

- Print the form, complete it and mail with your check payable to “WLOV” to: **WLOV BookExpo2023, 3170 Delk Drive, The Villages, 32163. No cash or credit cards.** Please note registration deadlines. Pass on to a friend.

Name: _____ Pen Name?: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Genre/s: _____

Phone: () _____ Email: _____

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY – ESPECIALLY EMAIL ADDRESS

HOW IT WORKS:

- Exclusive registration for current **WLOV Members** begins on July 1, 2022 and continues until August 31, 2022. WLOV 2023 membership dues must be paid prior to January 20, 2023 for your table to be released.
- Registration for **non-WLOV authors** begins on September 1, 2022 and continues until December 15, 2022. After September 1, 2022 registrations for both WLOV Members and non-WLOV members will be accepted on a space-available basis. After registrations are filled, there will be a waiting list based on postmark date.
- Books for sale must be published before December 31, 2022 and have an ISBN number. No other merchandise, goods, or products may be sold.

TABLE FEES (Note that fees have not increased!)

___ Full table (6-feet): WLOV Members: \$50 (No limit on number of books)

___ Half table (3-feet): WLOV Members: \$35 (Limit: to two books). Share with: _____

___ Full table (6-feet): non-WLOV Members: \$70 (No limit on number of books)

___ Half table (3-feet): non-WLOV Members: \$55 (Limit: to two books). Share with: _____

___ Publishers/Agents/Editors (6-feet): \$85 (regardless of WLOV affiliation)

___ Electrical outlet needed? (Subject to availability)

___ Please note any special needs: _____

- Your registration will be confirmed by email. No refunds will be made after December 15, 2022.
- Tables will be assigned in mid-December 2022. No table pre-assignments available.
- Publicity for the event will begin in September and will include social media boosts for authors, webpage information, media releases and announcements, advertising, signs, and handouts.
- **QUESTIONS? Email: wlovbookexpo@gmail.com**