



Editor, Penny Thomas

May 2024

Upcoming Events – May 2024

Date	Time	Event	Location
Thursday, 5/2	6:30 – 8:30 pm	Wine & Words Rita Boehm, Julie Feingold	Riverbend Rec Center
Wednesday, 5/8	9:00 – 11:00 am	WLOV Monthly Meeting Mary Ann Weakley, Diane Dean “Tips for Writers Giving Public Presentations”	Laurel Manor Rec Center
Saturday, 5/11	2: 00 – 3:00 pm	B&N Author Showcase Curtis Chocholous, Kathy deMaCarty, Brenda Hiatt, John Mallon, Larry Martin, Wendy Weaver	Barnes & Noble, Sumter Landing
Tuesday, 5/14	11 am – 2: 00 pm	All Booked Up Author Signing Judi Ciance, Robert McElroy, Barb Walz	All Booked Up, Colony Plaza

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MAY 2024 – PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

I won't be with you at the general meeting this month as I will be in Connecticut celebrating my daughter's wedding.

May is a wonderful month to be in Connecticut as the trees are dressed in their best. One of my favorites is the Dogwood. Many towns surrounding the area where I lived, have dogwood festivals. They are truly beautiful.



The month of May typically symbolizes new life and new beginnings, thus mirroring the journey of newlyweds as they embark on their lives together. May weddings encapsulate the spirit of love, renewal, and joyous celebration. I am sure that many of you have experienced the joy that I will in the month of May.

I hope the month of May not only brings new life to the nature around us, but to your imagination.

Write on!

Jeanne E. Rogers

“A good marriage puts us in touch with the transcendental.”

Jack Dominion

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SHARING A LITTLE SUNSHINE

Know of a member recuperating from surgery, down with the flu, suffering from the loss of loved one – or facing some other traumatic event? Please contact us at wlovwriters@gmail.com and share the member's name and situation. We'll forward the information to Our Sunshine Committee chair, Kathy deMaCarty, who will send them a card with a caring message to show WLOV's support.



WLOV Member Benefit

BE FEATURED IN VILLAGE NEIGHBORS MAGAZINE

Contact Mark H. Newhouse at mark@newhouse.net if you would like to be a guest columnist or be featured in a future **Writing Bug** column promoting WLOV authors and their books via mail to more than 30,000 homes.

WLOV's heart and soul are volunteers and we always need more. So, watch this space for our volunteer job descriptions. However, if you feel like stepping forward right now, contact Penny Thomas pt0647@gmail.com, and we'll find a great place for your talents.

FACEBOOK ALBUMS

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Check out these links for WLOV member newspaper coverage and event pictures.

FEBRUARY FACEBOOK ALBUM

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MARCH FACEBOOK ALBUM

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APRIL FACEBOOK ALBUM

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COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

Rita Boehm

DAILY SUN Author Spotlight Column: If you open the Daily Sun on Sunday mornings looking forward to reading about one of your fellow local authors in the Author Spotlight column, you will have been disappointed for the last couple of weeks. The newspaper doesn't currently have a reporter handling this column.

If you'd like to see this feature continued, please let them know how much you enjoy the column and their support of local authors. Telephone: 352-753-1119 and ask for Andrea Davis – or leave a message. The newspaper has always been very supportive.

BARNES & NOBLE: As of April 2024, WLOV has been featuring members' books in Barnes & Noble for three years! So far, we've featured 148 authors and sold 671 books. The relationship continues to be a worthwhile one for our members—and the store.

2nd Quarter: April 1 – June 30: A group of twelve WLOV authors are featured in the store. Six of the featured authors presented their books to a welcoming audience at our kick-off event on April 13th.

Please join us at Barnes & Noble on May 11th at 2:00 when the remaining six will be presenting their books. **Invite your friends and neighbors!** Refreshments will be served, and you'll get to support your fellow members.

NOTE: If you haven't yet been featured at Barnes & Noble, please sign up at one of our general meetings, or send me an email at wlovwriters@gmail.com. If you've been featured once, you're already on the list for another rotation.

ALL BOOKED UP BOOKSTORE: Six WLOV authors have their books featured in the store for two month periods, with book signings scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month from 11- 2. Our next book signing is on May 7th. Your support of this wonderful independent book store – and your fellow authors is important. Visit the store in the Colony Plaza Shopping Center and tell Jamie how much we appreciate her support.

THE VILLAGES MAGAZINE: Author Spotlight Column – It's time to solicit new authors for this column. If you haven't been featured within the last 12 months, complete the questionnaire provided as an attachment to this newsletter and forward to Francesca Boroden along with all of the requested information. WLOV authors usually get space in about 10 of the 12 monthly issues, so we'll accept applications through June 2024 to cover us through 2025.

“...writing is but a different name for conversation.”

Laurence Sterne
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THE VILLAGES MAGAZINE – 2024-2025 LOCAL AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT

Below are the items needed for the **Local Author's Spotlight** in *The Villages Magazine*.

Reminder: The magazine may edit your answers in accordance with the style of their magazine and for space/layout purposes.

Names will be selected at random from submissions received by June 30, 2024.

Since only one author is selected per month, it may take several months before your book appears in the magazine. You must remain a current WLOV member to be part of the program.

NOTE: If you've been featured in the magazine's "Villages Author Spotlight" in the last 4 years, your name will go to the end of the list behind newcomers.

Thank you, Francesca Boroden.

Send the following to franceboroden@gmail.com

(Must receive all three items)

- 1. A high-quality image of your book cover**
- 2. An author headshot**
- 3. The completed questionnaire below:**

- Name:
- Book title and genre:
- A brief synopsis of your book (approx. 1 -2 paragraphs):
- What prompted you to write your book?
- What do you hope readers take away from your book?
- What Village do you live in?
- What clubs, activities and hobbies do you enjoy?
- Where may readers purchase your book?
- Anything else?

AWARDS, ACCOLADES, AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Julie Feingold was given a five star rating from **Readers' Favorites** for *An Island Long Ago*
Congratulations Julie



Suzy Dwyer and **Rita Boehm** are both waiting to hear if they are Winners in the **Chanticleer International Book Awards (CIBA)**. They are both finalists in different divisions. There are 24 divisions, and have so far released awards for 8 of them. They are releasing 2 per day starting last Wednesday. Rita checks every day. Fingers crossed.

Dressing for Dreamtime by **Jeanne Rogers** has been honored with three awards.

BookFest Award: Second Place - "Children's/Animals Category"

American Writing Awards: Finalist

Literary Titan: Gold Book Award

Way to go Jeanne (WLOV's President)

Send your notice of an award, accolade, or accomplishment to:

Penny Thomas, WLOV Editor pt0647@gmail.com

“Research is the policeman who holds up the plot.”

Source unknown

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What Happens to Your Royalties When You Die?

You still get royalties from your book sales for seventy years after your death. But where do those royalties go? The bank account registered with the bookseller gets frozen upon your death (assuming it isn't a joint account), but deposits can be entered. But, after probate, the account gets closed.

In the US, royalties go to your heirs. But do your heirs know about all your books and what to do to keep the proceeds of your hard work from going into legal never-never land?

Here's what you, the author, can do right now.

- Make a list with the title of your books, your name or pen names, and the ISBN numbers.
- List all the platforms where your book can be bought. Include web address and account numbers. Include your login and password information.
- If you publish through a traditional publisher, list the name, person you deal with, address, and any other pertinent information.
- If you have more than one bank account, make sure you indicate into which account your royalties go.
- File all of this with your estate documents.

Here's what your executor needs to do upon your death.

- They will need the following:
 - Death certificate
 - One of the following court-issued letters indicating that you own the rights to the account:
 - Estate Owner
 - Executor
 - Next of kin
 - Will

Then, contact each platform where the author's books are sold and any publisher or agent associated with the author. They will help to close, merge, or take ownership of the account.

Warning: DO NOT be tempted to access or change anything in the account(s) of the deceased, even if you have the password(s). This breaches the terms and conditions of the deceased's account(s).

I hope none of our executors need to do this soon, but it is best to be prepared.

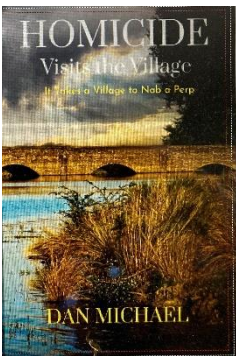
Penny Thomas

FUTURE BOOK PROMOTIONS

Quill de Ville would like to promote your book. We'll do it by a lottery system. At every WLOV monthly meeting, Penny Thomas will be there with a box. You will put in that box a card containing your book title, your name, and email address. This can be on a 3" x 5" index card, your social/business card, or your promotional bookmark. Every month, Penny will pull out a few cards (she promises to close her eyes as she dips into the box). Penny will then contact you for a photo of the book cover, the back cover blurb, and purchase info to put in the next *Quill de Ville*.

You have to be at the WLOV monthly meeting to put your card in the box.

MAY BOOK PROMOTIONS

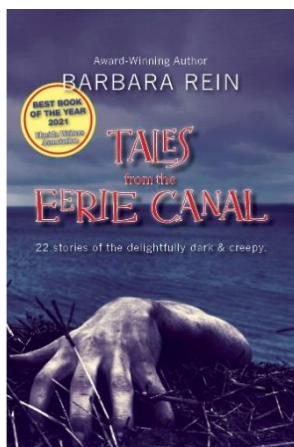


HOMICIDE VISITS THE VILLAGE, by Dan Michael is the 6th in his series featuring investigative reporter Bart Dobbins and his sidekick, Homicide Detective Lt Trent. Their home base is Washington DC, but this fast paced thriller soon sweeps the pair away to a booming retirement community next to Wildwood, Florida.

Trent is supposed to be quietly recovering from a gunshot wound at the home of his newfound love interest and host in the idyllic community. Bart's job is basically to provide transportation duties for his friend, the wounded cop. But soon all three get caught up in a swirl of events as two killers infiltrate the Village on unrelated missions to kill.

The assault on their utopian village by ruthless interlopers is a catalyst for the bravest Villagers among them to spring into action.

What will you do when the next travesty knocks on the door of your Village?!



Tales from the Eerie Canal: 22 Stories of the Delightfully Dark and Creepy
Barbara Rein

Winner "Best Book of the Year 2021"—Florida Writers Association

A floodgate of gentle-horror short stories (goosebumps, not gore) drenched with deliciously wicked twists. For fan-atics of Twilight Zone and psychological thrillers. An eddy of fantasy, horror, sci-fi, suspense, with a splash of wit.

Tales from the Eerie Canal weaves the sinister mystery of Edgar Allan Poe with the dark humor of Edward Gorey. No canal. No Lake Erie. Just a stream of the disturbing doused with bits of the absurd.

"Rein's 22 tales spin fantastical, creatively sinister webs and conjure the dark artistry of horror fiction. A spooky, creepy collection; certain to bewitch fans of the dark side."

— *Kirkus Review*

Quick reads. Lingering chills. Take a dip.

May Book Promotions, Cont.



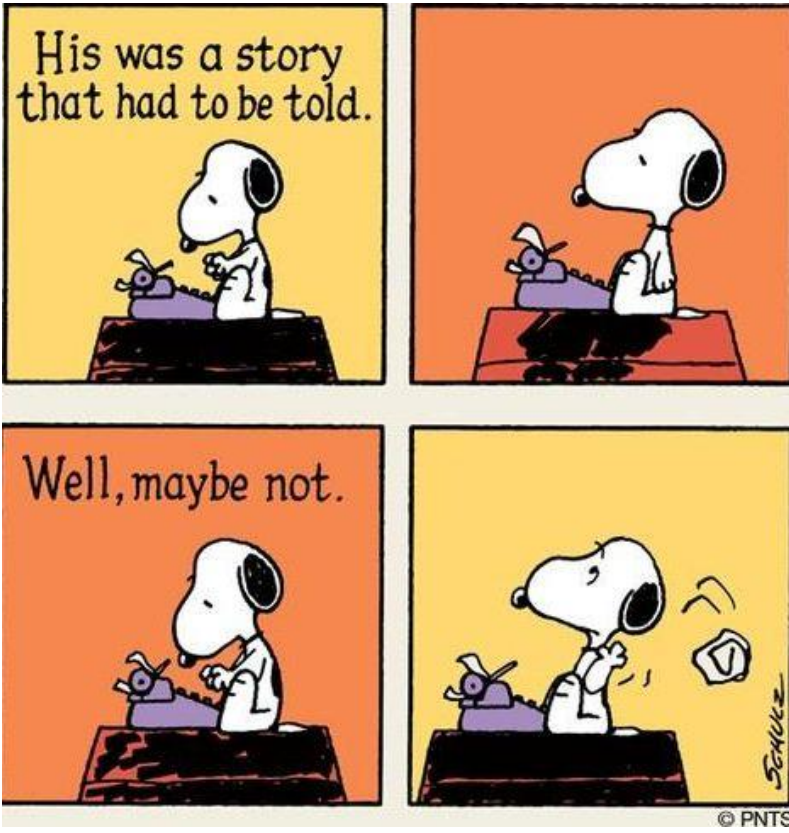
The Stranger Next Door. When Jackie Olsen’s next door neighbor is found murdered after a holiday party, Jackie has no intention of trying to find the killer. After all, she’s a busy widow with a teenaged son and a demanding career as a mystery writer. Finding the killer is up to the police, as far as Jackie’s concerned. There’s no question, however, that the murder has shattered the calm of her beloved town of Summer Hill, Virginia, and Jackie can’t get the murder off her mind. She is dismayed when it appears that the police are focusing solely on the victim’s daughter and estranged husband as potential murderers. Jackie knows them well and is convinced of their innocence. When the pair begs Jackie to investigate, she can’t say no, although she has no idea where to start or how to solve a mystery other than the ones she writes. Jackie enlists her friends, an African American

super model turned college math professor, a high-powered executive, and an eccentric stay-at-home mom with ever-changing hair color, to assist. Together they squeeze into spandex to invade a high class spa and crash a business conference while still managing to enjoy the delights of Chesapeake Bay. As they interview suspects and delve into the case, they repeatedly run into lead police detective Riley Furman. He thinks Jackie’s annoying. She finds him intimidating. In spite of this, the attraction between them can’t be denied. It keeps getting stronger even as Jackie and her group of Summer Hill Irregulars move closer to the truth and Riley tries to keep them out of harm’s way. As Jackie and her friends edge closer to the identity of the murderer and closer to danger, they learn that the victim wasn’t the person they believed her to be and that some family secrets can be deadly.

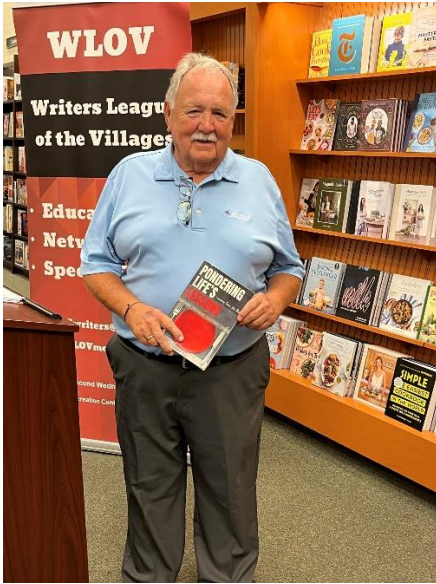
“Nothing can injure a man’s writing if he’s a first-rate writer.”

William Faulkner
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Barnes & Noble Author's Kick-Off Event April 13, 2024



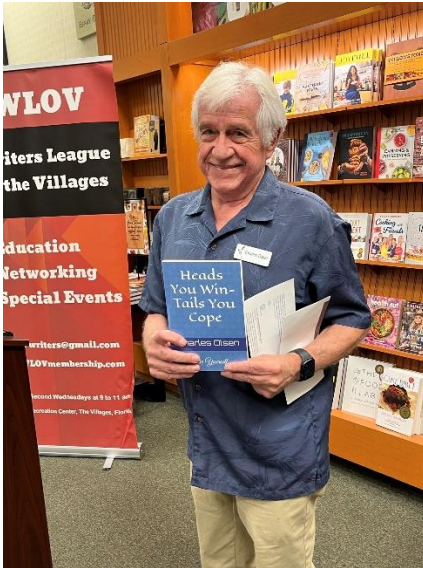
Bob Tebo, Pondering Life's Lessons



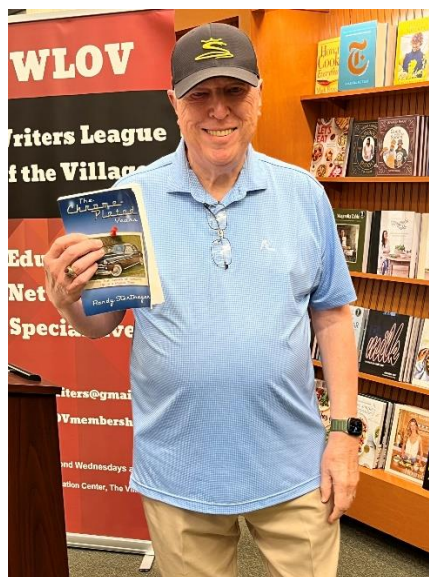
Annie Meehan, Choose to Soar



Penny Thomas, As The Prop Turns



Charles Olsen, Heads You Win, Tales You Cope



Randy Stertmeyer, The Chrome-Plated Years



Geraldyn Vilar, One Spring Day