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The Tallahassee Writers Association Newsletter

Wild Adventure Tickets to be Raffled Off

We will have a special fundraising event for TWA at the October 21 meeting. Thanks to the hard work of our executive director, **Anne Holt**, Wild Adventures Water and Theme Park in Valdosta has donated four single-day admission tickets, valued at \$45.99 each. We will raffle the tickets off in pairs at the general meeting.

For \$2, you get one chance on a pair of tickets. For \$5, you get three chances. A trip to Wild Adventures would make a great surprise for your children or grandchildren.

Tickets must be used by January 2, 2011.

So bring your cash or checkbook to the October meeting to support TWA and you just might win a fabulous adventure for your family.

Bruce Gamble, who just published his fourth non-fiction book, *Fortress Rabaul, the Battle for the Southwest Pacific*, will be our speaker. His topic will be how to take raw research data and turn it into compelling prose.

Gamble first spoke to TWA over three years ago, shortly after the publication of his third book, *The Darkest Hour*. All his books are based on military events. At the end of the Cold War, Gamble logged nearly 1,000 hours as a navigator in EA3B-Skywarriors, while completing deployments aboard aircraft carriers in the Pacific and Indian Oceans.

After that he instructed student naval flight officers for two years. Then a malignant spinal cord tumor resulted in a medical retirement from the Navy.

Starting over as a wheelchair user, Gamble served as a volunteer at the National Museum of Naval Aviation, and later worked as historian at the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation, where he began writing articles. In addition to writing, Gamble has become a recognized military historian. He has been featured in documentaries produced by the History, Military, and Fox News Channels.

Officer Elections Scheduled For November Meeting

The slate of officers to be presented at November's meeting includes **Marci Elliott**, President; **Agnes Furey**, first Vice-President; **Vicky Laurienzo**, second Vice-President; **Jenny Crowley**, Secretary; and **Lucy Turner**, Treasurer.

Those running as Members-at-Large are **Bonnie Armstrong**, **Roberta Burton**, **Claire Maturro**, **Sandra Sherrard**, **Ted Simmons**, and **Michael Whitehead**. **Donna Meredith** will remain on the Board of Directors as past president. Members are welcome to write in the names of other candidates.

TWA's current Vice-President, **Marci Elliott**, is running for President of our organization despite plans to move at the end of April. We anticipate that the first Vice-President will assume the President's role in May.

We still seek a poetry chair. This person would coordinate the Penumbra poetry and haiku contest.

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If you are willing to help, please contact Donna at meredithds at comcast.net. (Replace the at with @ and remove spaces.) Penumbra will be using free software that manages the entries for us next year. The chair will not be responsible for laying out the *Seven Hills Review*. Donna will continue to coordinate the prose contest and lay out the literary magazine.

TWA Members Published In Life Lessons: Writings

Several TWA members had works published in *Life Lessons: Writings*, put out by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at The Florida State University.

Included in the anthology are **Bonnie Armstrong, Roberta Burton, Jenny Huston Crowley, Agnes Furey, Kate Kerr, Charles Nam, Nancy O'Farrell, Judy Hansen Ray, Louise Rill, Sandra Spatz-Wiszneaukas, Eileen Sperl-Hawkins, and Linda A. Wright.**

The collection can be purchased on amazon.com.

Interested in Critique Groups?

If you have been longing for feedback on your writing and want to step it up a notch from our informal critiques after meetings, **Michael Whitehead** has devised a new way to put you in touch with other TWA writers who are looking for connection.

Click on the "Future Events" menu of our website (www.tallahasseewriters.net) and choose "Critique Groups." You will find a form you can fill out. Michael will then see if an existing critique group can accommodate a new member. If not, we



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will save your name until enough members sign up to form a new group.

Don't forget, you can always bring six copies of two or three pages of your work to a meeting. **Laura Garrison** organizes the after-meeting critiques, so just find her when our speaker finishes.

Thanks to Laura and Michael for offering our members these valuable services. All writers need readers who can help them find out if they really communicated their ideas well.

Briefs

Florida Writers Association Conference will be October 22–24 in Lake Mary, Florida,

Rhett DeVane and **Senator Robert McKnight** will sign books at **My Favorite Books** 2–4 p.m. on Saturday, October 30. They co-authored a book of political intrigue, *Accidental Ambition*.

Other Words Conference will be November 4–6 at Flagler College campus in St. Augustine. Theme: "Writing About Something." Contact Rick Campbell atrc2121@tds.net5 for details. (Remove the 5 at the end of the address before sending.)

Rhett DeVane and **Larry Rock** will be at **My Favorite Books** on November 13 for a signing of *Evenings on Dark Island* from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Carol Hair Moore will read her books at **The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens** Saturday,

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ABOUT TWA

The Tallahassee Writers Association is a diverse, dynamic group of writers, published and unpublished, who reside in the greater Tallahassee area. The purpose of the Tallahassee Writers Association is to provide education, connection, and encouragement for professional and novice writers.

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MONTHLY PROGRAM NOTES

Program Meetings begin at 6:30 and run until 8:00 P.M. From 8:00–9:00 P.M., various workshops, writing exercises and critique sessions will be held. This will balance the professional development segment and the hands-on help writers have requested. Note: On nights events are planned off-site, the option of group critique or writing workshops may be held at usual meeting time and place. Watch *Markings* for notice.

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November 20, from 12 to 4 p.m. Meet your favorite Jacksonville authors and illustrators at this book festival. Shop for storybooks, picture books and graphic novels. Enjoy hands-on art activities and scavenger hunts.


Donna Decker will read at **Butterfield's Roadhouse** in Sopchoppy Saturday, November 20, at 7 p.m. She'll be performing poems and stories about Key West and our little piece of the Panhandle. More details will be forthcoming as we get closer to the date.

If any writer is interested in having a manuscript translated from English to German, contact **Lee Raymond** (lraymond@nettally.com, 850-576-8820) and he'll put you in touch with a translator with extensive experience.


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