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Upcoming Events – November, 2024

Date	Time	Event	Location
Friday, 11/1	1:00 – 2:00 pm	NaNoWriMo Meet up Penny Thomas	Panera Bread, Sumter Landing
Mondays, Nov. 4,11,18, 25	1:00 – 2:00 pm	NaNoWriMo Meet up Penny Thomas	Panera Bread, Sumter Landing
Thursday, 11/7	6:30 – 8:30 pm	Wine & Words Sue O'Halloren, Frank Lancione	Riverbend Rec Center
Saturday, 11/2	2: 00 – 3:00 pm	B&N Author Showcase Dianna Braddom, Casel Burnett, Ellen Nofi, Ken Van Camp, Paul Yakes.	Barnes & Noble, Sumter Landing
Tuesday, 11/12	11 am – 2: 00 pm	All Booked Up Author Signing Dottie Klein, Fran Szarnicki and Curtis Chocholous	All Booked Up, Colony Plaza
Wednesday, 11/13	9:00 – 11:00 am	WLOV Monthly Meeting 'Illustrating Your Story with AI Graphics: A Case Study' - Frank Lancione	Laurel Manor

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President's Message

WLOV's slate of elected officers for 2025.

President: Jeanne E. Rogers
Vice-President: Phyllis Walters
Secretary: Carrie Murgittroid
Treasurer: Paula Howard

WLOV's heart and soul are volunteers and we always need more. There's a 'Volunteer Sign Up' sheet at the back of the meeting room. Or you can Email wlovwriters@gmail.com, talk to a board member, or reach out to one of the volunteers manning the tables at the meeting.

Some of Volunteer Positions:

MEETING RELATED:

- Sign in members
- Refreshments
- Greeter
- Sell 50/50 raffle tickets
- Nametag sales

PROMOTIONAL OUT-REACH

EVENT SUPPORT (Expo and Special Events)

SUPPORT BOARD

Committees: Hospitality, Programs, Website, Scholarship, Newsletter, Communications, Membership, All Booked Up, Barnes & Noble.

EDITOR'S Message

November is National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo), and though WLOV is not officially sponsoring a group, I plan to brainstorm and write as much as I can towards the 50,000-word goal. So...I will be at Sumter Landing Panera Bread to start off the month on Friday, November 1, at 1:00, I'll stay until 2:00 pm. Then, on the following 4 Mondays, November 4, 11, 18, 25, I'll be there at Panera from 1:00 to 2:00. Come and talk about writing or write with me.



Writer Beware is an excellent resource to stay on top of scams targeting writers. This article, The Impersonation List by Victoria Strauss, has some good tips on what to look out for. <https://writerbeware.blog/2024/03/15/the-impersonation-list/>

Writer UnBoxed is another good resource for scams.

<https://writerunboxed.com/2024/10/25/just-for-authors-writer-bewares-go-to-online-resources/> Victoria Strauss writes about Go-to Online Resources.

Special Guest at the Village Poets at Paradise

We have a special guest speaker coming to our Nov 12 meeting of the Village Poets at Paradise. I'm delighted to announce that Michael Czarnecki, a nationally known poet and publisher, will be giving a poetry reading and discussion. He has traveled all over America giving readings and workshops. As our featured speaker he will share a little about himself and read from his books of poetry, which will be available for sale. We hope you can attend this special event. Donations are welcome but not required. If you know of any other Villagers who may want to attend, please let them know about this special Nov 12 event at Paradise at 10 am. Hope to see you there, Marc Rissman.

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. **Barbara Rein's** story, *The Halloween Hook* is featured in the October edition.

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.



BOOKEXPO 2025

Rita Boehm, BookExpo Chair

If you've signed up for BookExpo2025 you should have received a WELCOME email from me. If you haven't, please check your spam filter. I'll be sending emails on a regular basis to keep everyone apprised of the latest Expo information.

SPEAKERS: As I noted last month, "Rocky" of Rocky and the Rollers fame will be our keynote speaker! He'll be sharing behind-the-scenes stories from the world of rock and roll, drawing on his lengthy and storied career.

Our second speaker, Mike Bowling, is a successful entrepreneur and the inventor of the Pound Puppies toys. he is also a children's author and motivational speaker. Mike's talk is especially important to Villagers. He'll share his insights on why you should always say "**I'm Not Done**".

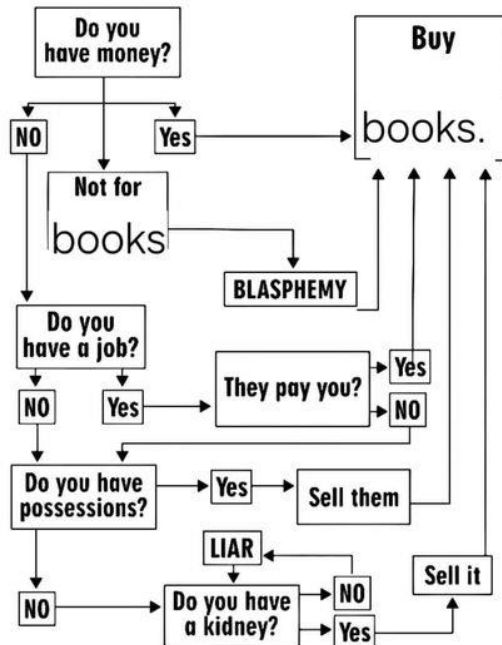
This year we've doubled the size of the speakers' room, with about 80% more seats than in past years. Spread the word. The more people who come to hear our speakers – the more potential customers for your books.

TRAINING CLASSES: Laurel Manor Recreation Center 2:30 – 4:30

Wednesday, December 4th – Paula Howard, **Secrets of Successful BookExpo Sales** (credit card sales, table set-up, etc)

Friday, December 13th – Mark Newhouse, **Promoting your Books: before, during, and after Expo**

MARKETING: The success of BookExpo 2025 depends on marketing and publicity. We need at least 12 volunteers on our marketing committee. Please sign up at our next meeting, reach out to Dave McKeon, BookExpo2025 Vice Chairperson, or send an email to wlovwriters@gmail.com



COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

Rita Boehm

BARNES & NOBLE:

Our October 26th Kick-off Event was a great success. **Please join us at Barnes & Noble at 2:00 on Saturday, November 2nd** when the remaining 6 of our twelve featured authors will present their books.

If your books have **never** been featured as part of our Barnes & Noble promotion, please send me via an email at WLOVwriters@gmail.com and I'll add you to the list. Those members whose books have already been featured are automatically on the schedule for a future rotation.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Your featured book must be available on the Barnes & Noble website. Accomplishing this has been more difficult than in the past. We're trying to get help from the website. More detail to follow.

Our featured book selections offer a wide array of wonderful books across a range of genres. In the last 3 quarters, sales have been down significantly from. If we want the store to continue this relationship, we need to sell books. **Please visit the store, buy books from our WLOV display, and encourage your friends and neighbors to do so as well.**

The WLOV display can be found at the far end of the local author shelf facing the café.

ALL BOOKED UP BOOKSTORE: Thanks to the hard work of Bill Pullen, the books of six WLOV authors are featured in this wonderful independent book store for two-month periods, with book signings scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month from 11- 2.

Please visit All Booked Up in the Colony Plaza Shopping Center and let Jamie Goeske know you appreciate her support of local authors—and thank Bill for creating and running this event.

FACEBOOK ALBUMS

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Click on these links to find WLOV member newspaper coverage and event pictures.

AUGUST FACEBOOK ALBUM

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SEPTEMBER FACEBOOK ALBUM

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OCTOBER FACEBOOK ALBUM

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AWARDS, ACCOLADES, AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Brag a bit. Be proud. You did it! Email Penny Thomas, pt0647@gmail.com, details of your award, accolade, and accomplishment.

WLOV had three Florida Writers Association, Royal Palm Literary Awards.. Congratulations:

Jeanne Rogers book *Dressing for Dreamtime*, has won a Gold Medal and honored as the Children's Book of the Year

Susan O'Halloran, Silver Medal – Published Early Reader or Chapter Book for ***BROTHERS and SISTERS: FRIENDS AND FOES***

Barbara Rein, Silver Medal Unpublished Flash Fiction or Short Short Fiction for **SHADOW OF A DOUBT**. Rein is a past RPLA winner. Her book TALES FROM THE EERIE CANAL won RPLA Best Book of the Year in a previous competition.

“The way to get a sentence properly written is to write something and keep changing it...You can be mighty sure of one thing...if you don't write anything you won't have anything to change.”

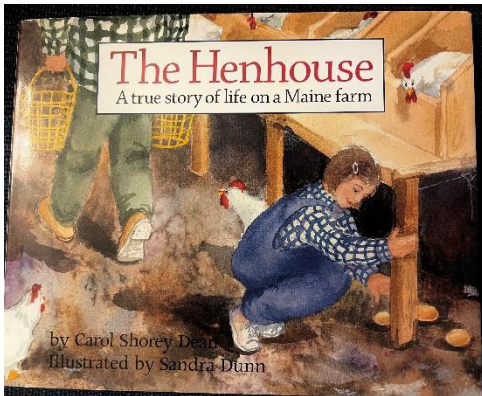
Kenneth Roberts
Reprinted from:
A Writer's Commonplace Book, Rosemary Friedman

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.

NOVEMBER BOOK PROMOTIONS

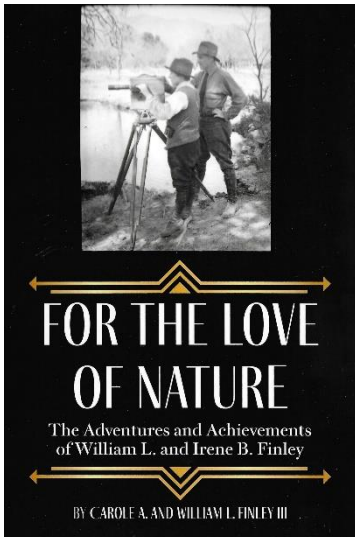


The Henhouse is a true story of **Carol Dean** growing up on a chicken farm in Maine in the 1950's. Find out what a day on the farm was like. Carol loves to follow her father around and at eight years old convinces him she is big enough to help pick up the eggs. Her brothers had teased her about this adventure being scary. She ignored them, but while helping her father with this chore, she discovers the noise, smells, and dangers they had hinted at. Many people have had a frightening experience with a rooster or a wild animal. But not to worry the story has a happy ending with Dad coming to the rescue.

The book is for children 4-10 and easy to understand with playful watercolors to entertain on every page, done by a talented artist who has her own studio

and teaches at a local elementary school.

A signed copy of the book can be purchased from the author for \$15, by writing to caroldean13@gmail.com, or it is available from Down East Books at www.downeastbooks.com, or on Amazon for the book or Kindle edition, and Barnes & Noble has the Nook Kids Ebook. You may look at a copy of the book in the Writers League of the Villages Library.

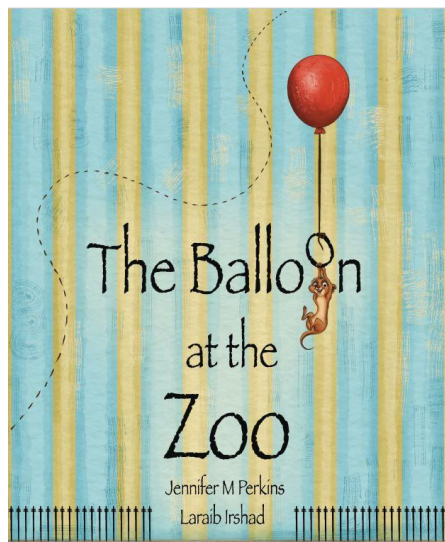


For The Love of Nature chronicles the professional work of **William L. Finley** and his wife and lifelong partner, Irene, as well as Finley's partnership with fellow conservationist, Herman T. Bohlman. For over four decades, the Finleys promoted wildlife conservation through their lectures, photography, motion pictures, articles, and books. They used these educational tools for the public and the government to protect wildlife from extinction and preserve the environment. These efforts saved Three Arch Rocks, Lower Klamath and Lake Malheur National Wildlife Refuges from the plume hunters, fought pollution on the Oregon rivers, and convinced the government to install fish ladders at the Bonneville Dam on the Columbia River. With cameras and notebooks in hand, their adventures took them to Eaton Canyon to discover a California Condor chick only a couple of hours old. They traveled through the western states, Gulf of Mexico, the coast of British Columbia, the Northern Glaciers of Alaska, and the Pribilof Islands in the Bering Sea. As Irene once said, "These adventures make life worth living."

The Finleys touched the lives of tens of thousands of individuals in the United States and abroad. Many of the issues they encountered throughout their lives are just as prevalent today as they were then. In recognition of Finley's contributions to Oregon, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service established the William L. Finley National Wildlife Refuge in the Willamette Valley in 1966.

For the Love of Nature: The Adventures and Achievements of William L. and Irene B. Finley is available on Seahillpress.com.

NOVEMBER BOOK PROMOTIONS (Cont.)



The Balloon at the Zoo, by Jennifer M. Perkins.

Step right up and join the whimsical adventure at the zoo!

Meet the camel, with a hump on its back, who chomps down on a rope trailing from a brightly colored balloon. Hang on tight as other animals join in.

From dizzying heights to unexpected twists, “The Balloon at the Zoo!” is a delightful tale of surprise and adventure that will have young readers giggling with every turn of the page. Join the lively crew as they navigate their way through the zoo, learning that sometimes the best adventures happen when things don’t go as planned.

The book can be purchased most places online

WINE AND WORDS October 3, 2024



Jeanne Rogers, Frank Lancione, Ellen Nofi

ALL BOOKED UP October 8, 2024



JJ Clarke, Barbra Rein, Ken Van Camp

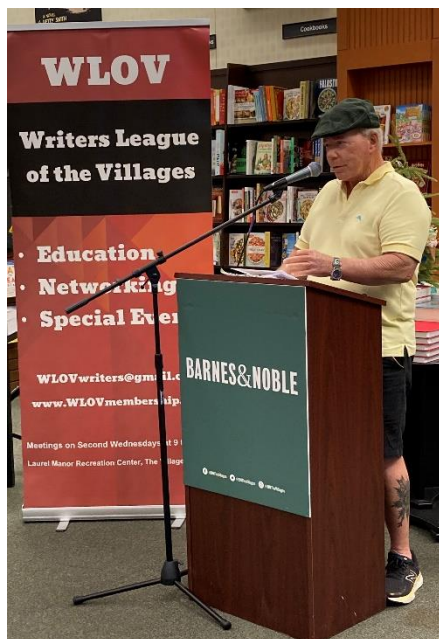
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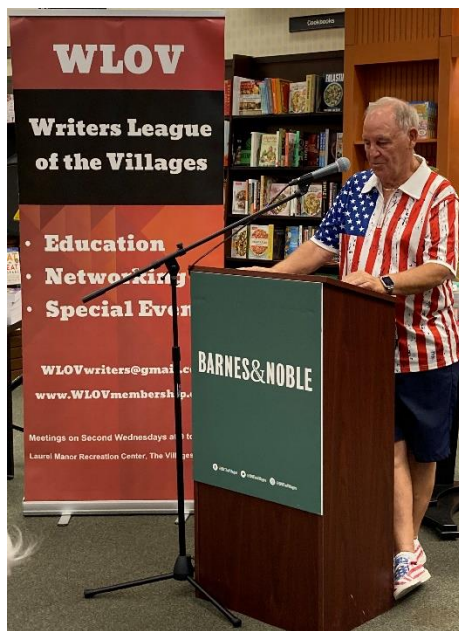
The audience waiting to hear the authors talk, and the goodies waiting to be eaten.

← W.L.O.V.'s Book Display

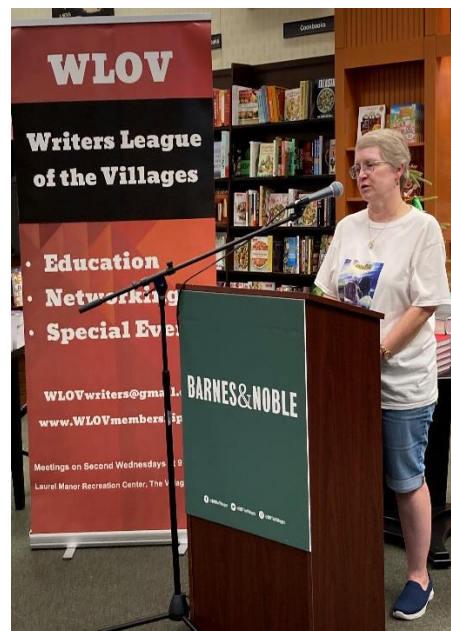
The Authors Presenting



Keith Abbot, *The Spill*

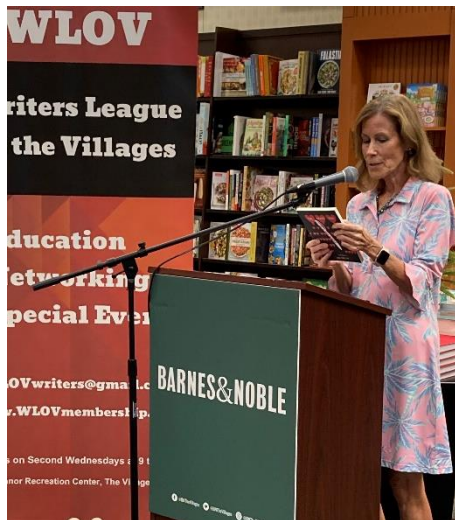


Gil Hudson, *Return of George Washington*



Rebecca Rock, *Aquarius*

The Authors Presenting (Cont)



Judi Taylor, *The Heart Pen*



Barbara Walz, *Merry Christmas Everywhere*



THE VILLAGES MAGAZINE – 2024-2025 LOCAL AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT

VILLAGES MAGAZINE AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT: If you wish to have your book featured in the magazine, send an email attachment to WLOVWRITERS@GMAIL.COM, including the following information:

(Must submit BOTH items)

a) a high-quality image of your book cover

b) answers to the questionnaire below (Note: answers may be edited by the magazine for content/space/layout purposes.)

Your Name:

The Village you live in:

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 clubs, activities and hobbies do you enjoy?

Where may readers purchase your book?

Anything else you'd like to share?

General information about The Villages Magazine:

1. Since only one author is selected per month, it may take several months before your book appears in the magazine.
2. You must remain a current WLOV member to be part of the program.
3. 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.

