



9th Annual

Venice Book Fair

**March 21, 2020
Saturday 9AM - 3PM**

A Book Lover's Event
in West Blalock Park

Writers Festival

**March 20, 2020
Friday 2PM - 7:30PM**

An Author's Event
at William H. Jervy, Jr.
Venice Public Library

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2020 Venice Writer's Festival and Book Fair Newsletter- Oct 2019

The Venice Writers Festival and Book Fair Committee is pleased to confirm the 9th annual Venice Writers Festival & Book Fair dates and locations.

The Writer's Festival will be held on March 20, 2020 at the Venice Library on 300 S. Nokomis Ave. Plans are underway for a wonderful panel of presenters. More information will follow.

The Book Fair committee would like to thank Pam Johnson for her many years of volunteer service, organizing the Venice Book Fair. She has done a superb job and is moving on to other projects and commitments. We thank you, Pam and wish you well! Pam has asked me to assume her responsibilities for the Venice Book Fair and I have agreed. Please bear with me as these are big shoes to fill!!

The Venice Book Fair is scheduled for March 21, 2020 in Blalock Park. The City of Venice will not move the Book Fair back to

Centennial Park as the Farmers Market has been permanently moved to a new location. The eight years we were able to use Centennial Park were wonderful but we must move forward in our new location. Blalock Park has ample parking and allows us to offer tent space to 15 additional authors.

Having said all of this, the committee has read and discussed all comments related to the 2018 Book Fair. We heard you and are planning the following improvements:

- We have increased our advertising budget to further market the event.
- 3x6 foot banners announcing the Book Fair will be hung in two places entering the Venice Island.
- Signage on adjacent streets will be placed to help patrons find their way to the Book Fair.
- Flyers announcing the Book Fair will be distributed to mobile home parks, assisted living facilities, churches etc.
- The event will be announced in both the Venice Gondolier and the Herald Tribune and included it on all Community Calendars.
- Two food trucks serving sandwiches and cold drinks will be on the premises.
- An area with picnic tables will be available for patrons to enjoy lunch.
- Portable restrooms will be available on site.

We will be able to host 60 authors on a first come first served basis. The first tent deadline is Nov 1, 2019. Registering before this deadline assures you are assigned to the same booth you had the previous year if you request it. Tents reserved between Nov 1, 2019 and Jan 31, 2020 will cost \$150.00. Tents reserved Feb 1, 2020 and later will cost \$175.00 if there are tents still available. Each 10x10 foot tent may be used by one or two authors. Each tent will include an 8-foot table and 2 folding chairs. Authors will provide their own table covering and booth identification. As in the past, we plan to have students available to help move books to and from the tents.

Mission Statement: To present a sustainable cultural event in Venice, with the net proceeds going to Venice Heritage Inc.

Committee Members:

Andy Britton, chairman
 Don Hay
 Kim Cool
 Alex Glanville
 Dorothy Korwek
 Sheila Renfro

Ann Hall
 Camille Cline
 Beth Donofrio
 Pat Gleichauf
 Nancy Pike
 Jean Trammell

Proceeds from the fair go to Venice Heritage Inc, the 501(C)3 fundraising organization that supports the extension of the Venice Museum and Archives and the restoration of the oldest existing home in Venice, the Lord-Higel pioneer home.

The book fair website will also carry event details at www.venicebookfair.com.

We look forward to seeing your talents once again at the Venice Book Fair in March 2020! Please register early to ensure your spot.

We welcome all volunteers willing to help with the Writers Festival & Book Fair.

I am happy to answer any questions at

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