



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 Book Fair and Writer's Festival Newsletter- Jan 2020

We are only two months away from the **Venice Book Fair and Writers Festival** and the plans are developing very nicely.

The Writer's Festival will be held on March 20, 2020 at the Venice Library, 300 S. Nokomis Ave. For the first time, the Festival will be an all day event. The committee has worked hard to put together a stellar program of speakers and panelists. The program will start at 10:30 AM and conclude at 6:00 PM with a wine and cheese reception. This is your opportunity to chat with the journalists, publishers and authors, including a Pulitzer prize winning author!

You can register online at:

venicewritersfestival@gmail.com

Friday, March 20 Itinerary

10:30-11:30 Writing about Family with Alex Marzano-Lesnevich, Writer -in-Residence at the Hermitage Artist Retreat.

11:30-noon book signing

12:00 – 1:30 lunch on your own at any of the fine Venice island restaurants.

1:30-2:30 Raising a Writer: A Conversation with a Pulitzer Prize-winning Journalist and Her Author-Mom Clarissa Thomasson (mom) and Lane DeGregory (daughter) will start promptly at 1:30. *Venice Dreamers: Bios of 41 Men and Women Who Impacted Venice* author and loyal book festival panelist, Clarissa Thomasson

(www.saltmarshpublications.com) and her daughter, Lane DeGregory, a Pulitzer Prize

recipient, will offer insights on raising readers, kids who write, write well and win awards. Maria Carrillo, Deputy Editor of the Tampa Bay Times, will moderate.

2:30-3:00 book signing

3:00-4:00 How to Turn Your Expertise into a Book, moderated by Venice High School teacher, Beth Donofrio, is a new panel aimed at helping authorities in their fields become authors. At 3:00, *61 Motivational Stories for Every Coach of Every Sport* authors Craig Faulkner, Ray Sinibaldi and *Your Mind: An Owner's Manual for a Better Life* author Chris Cortland will speak.

4:00-4:30 book signing

4:30-5:30 So, You Wanna Write a Book? featuring the best minds in the business. Panelists will share insights on finding and maximizing literary representation, editing, publicizing, marketing, and selling your book. *Turtle Tales* author Kim Cool (www.historicvenicepress.com), *Shark Fin Soup* author Susan Klaus (www.susanklaus.com), literary agent Amanda Leuck (www.spencerhillassociates.com), and Venice Books-A-Million Store Manager Myra Turley (www.booksamillion.com) will be the panelists. Panel will be moderated by Camille Cline.

5:30-6:00 book signing

6:00-7:30 Wine-and-Cheese Reception, Tribute to the late NYT bestselling author David Hagberg

The **Venice Book Fair** is scheduled for March 21, 2020 in Blalock Park. Soon, we will start assigning tent spaces. If you registered early, you are guaranteed your space from last year.

Our registration is two thirds full with a fantastic assortment of children's, sci-fi, fiction and non-fiction authors. This is the last chance to register for the early bird price of \$150.00. After Jan 31, 2020 the registration fee will be \$175.00. Get your forms in this week to get the discounted price.

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.

We have added the following amenities to this year's book fair:

- 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

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 Hall

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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