

Annual Writer's Festival & Book Fair



FRIDAY, MARCH 22
SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024

West Blalock Park, Venice

February 2024 Newsletter

We are only 6 weeks away from the 12th annual Venice Book Fair and Writers Festival. We can't wait to see you all on Saturday, March 23, 2024 from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Our Writers Festival plans are well underway to a dream day for authors. What could be better than

spending a day listening to authors, chatting with authors and making new author friends?

Writers Festival Friday, March 22 2024

The Authors Committee plans a full day of writing and publishing panels packed with writers and editors sharing their hard-won knowledge. The panels will appeal to fiction and nonfiction readers interested in understanding more about the genres they love and for rising authors wishing to hone their craft. The schedule of events is listed below. *All programs will be held in the Gulf Coast Community Foundation Community Room at the William H. Jervy Jr. Venice Public Library, 300 Nokomis Avenue South, Venice, FL 34285.*

We are offering optional box lunches for your convenience. The price for the day including a box lunch is \$35.00. Brewburgers will deliver cold turkey, ham or chicken salad sandwiches, homemade chips, a piece of fruit, cookies and a drink for \$15.00. Lunch orders should be paid with your registration. We will email you for your sandwich preference closer to the event. The full day cost without lunch is \$20.00 per person.

Itinerary for Writers Festival

10:30–11:30 a.m. Paths to Publishing Your Crime Novel: A Sisters in Crime panel

Mystery publishers, editors, and readers have certain expectations: writers should use the figures of speech, analogies, and images associated with each genre and subgenre of crime fiction. Another major consideration is which audience or publisher is the best fit for the author.

Members of the local Florida Gulf Coast Sisters in Crime discuss ways of making sure your manuscript hits the bull's eye of publishing expectations. Followed by a half-hour book signing.

Noon–1:00 p.m. Hermitage keynote speaker Elisa Bocanegra, 2022–23 Fulbright recipient, Puerto Rican artist, actor, critic, and the founder of HERO Theatre will encapsulate the current world of storytelling and the future of books.

2:00–3:00 p.m. From Passion to the Page: The Nonfiction Journey, about special interests, history, travel, and the Gulf Coast. Featuring *Gondolier Sun* Features Editor Kim Cool, local historian Larry Humes, and moderated by Venice Theatre's Camille Cline. Followed by a half-hour book signing.

3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Children's Book Authors: Donna Boock, Carrie Koontz, Pat Gleichauf, will share their publishing journeys with you. *Champion's Way* author, Beth Donofrio, moderator. Followed by a half-hour book signing.

The **12th annual Venice Book Fair** will commence on Saturday, March 23 from 9:00 AM 3:00 PM in Blalock Park, Venice, FL.

Registration is going well. We have more than half of our 60 tents reserved. The registration form is attached at the bottom of this page. The current cost of registering is \$175.00 while space is available. Refunds will be made for cancellations prior to February 28, 2023 subject to an admin fee of \$25.00.

Each 10x10 ft tent may be used by 1-2 authors (if 2 authors, the registration fee would be shared) and will include an 8 - foot table and 2 chairs. Authors provide their own table coverings.

Blalock Park has ample parking. As in the past, we plan to have students available to help move books to and from the tents. Please plan to stay until 3:00 PM. It affects the sales of other registered authors when people around them leave early.

For your convenience, we will again arrange to have food trucks, picnic tables, and portable restrooms on site. Free coffee (high test and decaf) and donuts will be available during set up.

We are hoping to have some of our registered children's authors read their books to children throughout the day as well as face painting, a balloon animal creator and music with speakers throughout the park. A fun day is planned and increased advertising will be done. We anticipate a large crowd coming to browse your books and enjoy our festival atmosphere.

Any registered children's author interested in reading your book at an assigned time in our Story Time tent, should email Pat Gleichauf to be assigned a time slot. It will be first come first served.

We are posting all book covers with a short synopsis to the Venice Book Fair Facebook page. If interested, send a cover picture /short synopsis to Laura Dean. (laura@runjikproductions.com) Please share when you see our posts.

We will add every author to our website under your preferred genre. The post will include your website address and most current book title. Please check our website for accuracy. Occasionally we can't read your handwriting and enter what we think you have written. Our final newsletter will be available in mid-March. It will include tent assignments, directions, maps and more!

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

Committee Members:

Andy Britton, chairman	Camille Cline	Kim Cool
Beth Donofrio	Pat Gleichauf	Ann Hall
Dorothy Korwek	Nancy Pike	Jean Trammell

Proceeds from the fair accrue to Venice Heritage, Inc, the 501(C)3 fundraising organization that supports the Venice Museum & Archives and the Lord-Higel House, the oldest existing home in Venice, as an early settler museum.

Special thanks to our sponsors, *Venice Gondolier Sun, Gulf Coast Community Foundation.*

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

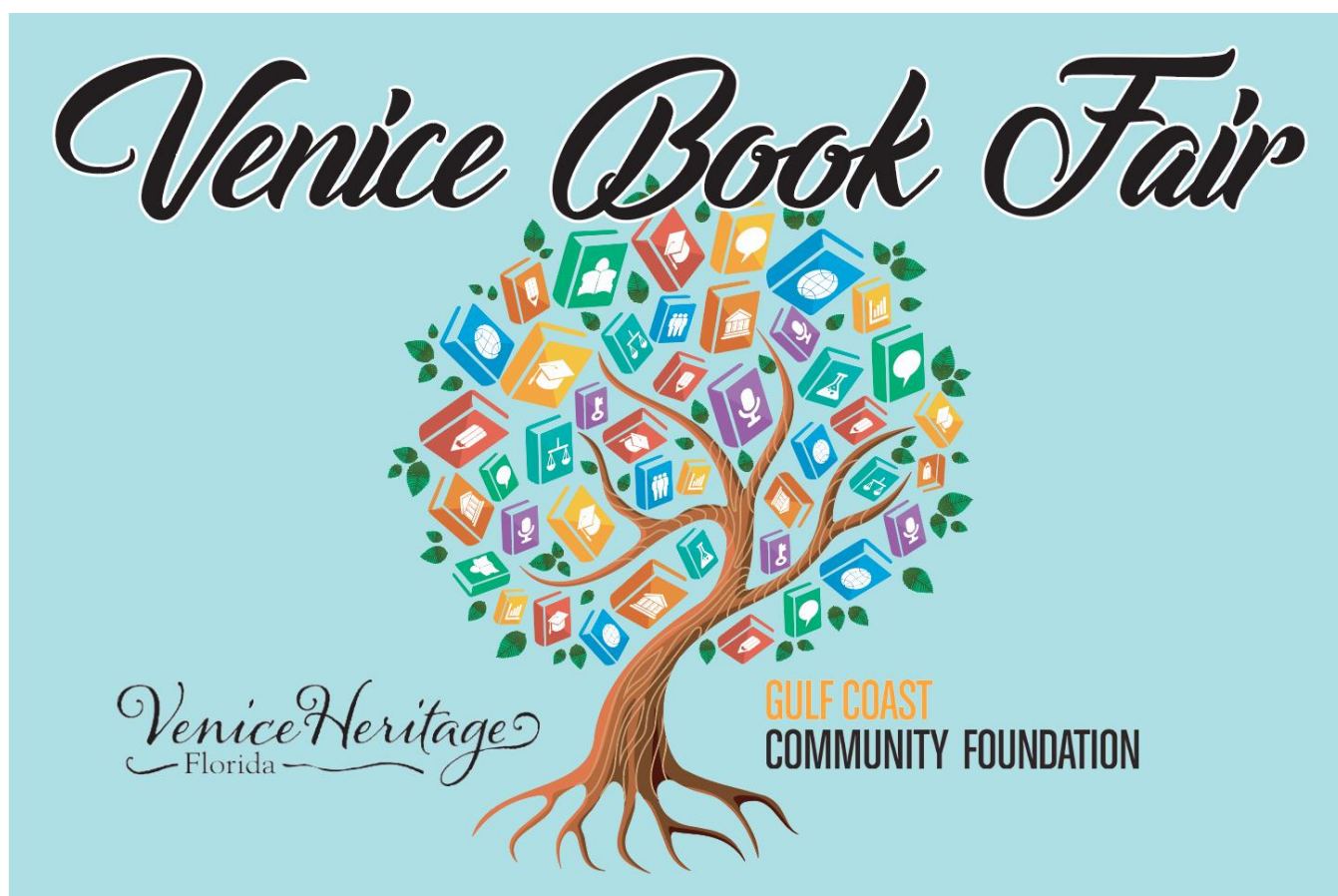
I am happy to answer any questions at

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

Best regards,

Pat Gleichauf, Venice Book Fair



VENICE BOOK FAIR - SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024 - BLALOCK PARK, VENICE, FLORIDA

We welcome authors to display and sell their work at the 2024 event. Booth spaces are limited, and the **First Deadline is January 1, 2024**. Registration before this date guarantees your early registration. Each 10x10 foot space includes a tent, table and 2 chairs. Vendors provide their own table coverings and signage. Each tent is limited to 2 authors. All participants will be listed on the VBFWF website www.venicebookfair.com, and Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/veniceheritage.org/>. Refunds for cancelled vendors may be requested up to February 22, 2024.

To reserve your space, fill out this form and mail with **check to: Venice Heritage Inc., PO Box 1190, Venice, FL 34284** Make checks payable to **Venice Heritage Inc.** and be sure to mark "Book Fair" in the lower left corner.

Please Print:

Contact (person coordinating the booth): _____

Company name (as it should appear on printed material, including listings):

Daytime Phone: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Important: Almost all correspondence is by email. Please include the email for up to two authors sharing a tent:

Author 1: Name: _____

Email: _____

Website: _____

Facebook: _____

Author 2: Name: _____

Email: _____

Website: _____

Facebook: _____

Please check all appropriate categories to describe what you are selling:

_____ Fiction _____ Children's Books _____ Science Fiction _____ Nonfiction _____ Religious or Inspirational

Book related merchandises (please specify below):

Name of your latest publication you will sell at the book fair for use on the book fair website:

Please enter the number of booths you wish to register for: _____

Registration received before 1/1/24	Registration received on or after 1/1/24
\$250 Book Store	\$275 Book Store
\$150 Author	\$175 Author
\$100 Non-profit	\$125 Non-profit
Total	Total

Signature: _____