

# Marco Island Writers



## June 2017 Newsletter

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Dear Judy

First - a HUGE apology for not getting the May newsletter out. I don't know where the time went and all of a sudden the month was over. So very sorry. And I am a day late of this one as well.

At least I did publish the notice out about the 1500 word critiques for the May meeting. It made for a very interesting meeting, to here the feedback from other writers. Michael Meguid, our VP, conducted the meeting in Liz's absence. One thing that really sticks with me that he said during that meeting is; "As tempted as we may be to change the story with our helpful suggestions, we must always remember, it is the author's work. Our job as critique partners is to enhance the story that is already there; not to change it." Thank you Michael.

I personally want to thank everyone that gave a critique to my piece. I had some great comments that I have taken to heart and corrected in my manuscript.

### **YOUNG WRITERS**

This year, we had two schools participating in our Young Writers Program.

Tommy Barfield Elementary School 2nd graders are competing for the best essays. Three of the top talented writers will read their pieces at a special event on Thursday, April 20th at the school at 4 p.m. and receive certificates from Marco Island Writers. Help support our young writers by attending.

Marco Island Academy invited two sophomore classes to participate in the essay writing. Young writers will be rated according to the Cambridge International Examination rubric, and receive comments in lieu of a contest.

We are proud of our young writers and excited for their participation in our Marco Island Writers events.



Our Three Winners and MIW President Liz Noyes  
all the 2nd Grade writers at Tommy Barfield Elementary

## **Upcoming Meetings:**

Summer means lighter crowds, but also more opportunity for everyone to get involved with their comments and suggestions. If you are in town, don't miss these meetings.

### **JUNE 14 -**

**"Help me" In lieu of a cancellation of our scheduled June speaker, we are going to give YOU, the members floor. In a round table discussion, YOU will have a chance to share what you are struggling with in your writing? Is it writer's block, insecurity in your writing, plotting your novel, marketing your finished book, finding a publisher? What ever it is - we have a plethora of talented writers to answer your questions. Come ready for a lively and information discussion.**

### **JULY 12 -**

Tentative schedule is a video to watch and discuss on marketing your books. But this may change prior to the meeting, so keep an open mind.

### **AUGUST 9 -**

**Query and Proposal Writing with Michael Meguid**

### **NO MEETING IN SEPTEMBER**

**Balance of the year to follow.**

## **2017 Anthology**

It's time to wrap up your short stories and poems for the 2017 issue. Again, max word count is 7500 words. Fiction, Non-fiction and Poetry. Please submit double spaced to Pauline Hayton by **August 31** to [pphayton@yahoo.com](mailto:pphayton@yahoo.com) Manuscripts should be well edited and print ready. Let's work hard to present our best foot forward to show the community that we are skilled writers.

## **FARMER'S MARKET**

The Farmers Market is over and it was a raving success.

Special thanks to Rich Goldhaber [r.j.golhaber@gmail.com](mailto:r.j.golhaber@gmail.com) for coordinating it all again this year. We sold a total of 497 books, including 22 anthology book sales.

## In the News

### "Living with the Scent of Danger" by MIW author, Joanne Stankievich

The book is being featured as Historical Non-fiction **June 1-4 in the Combined Book Exhibit at BookExpo America in New York City, the largest Book Fair in the United States.**

It's fun to be included in this Show; evidently a scout saw her book at one of our Florida Book Presentations.

People who want to know how it was to live behind the Iron Curtain should add Joanne Ivy Stankievich's memoir *Living with a Scent of Danger: European Adventures at the Fall of Communism* to their list.

Joanne, her husband, a Belarus-American, to Munich and then to Prague when he started a job at Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, becoming the Director of the Belarus Service.

*Living with the Scent of Danger* details her dangerous excursions into Soviet Europe, interactions with dissidents, encounters with Communist secret police, and life in intrigue-ridden Munich and Prague. In the right place and at the right time, the author witnessed the fall of Communism and the chaos and progress that followed.

*Living with the Scent of Danger* makes a compelling read in light of Russia's recent aggressions against Georgia and Ukraine."

*Living with a Scent of Danger, European Adventures at the Fall of Communism* is published by Outskirts Press and is available from [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) in paperback and Kindle.

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Still time to sell your books at the Everglade City July 1 Celebration. The MIW tents and tables are available for free to any member.



**CELEBRATE WITH US!**  
**Saturday, July 1**  
 McLEOD PARK, EVERGLADES CITY

Games ● Arts & Crafts ● Music  
 Hot Dogs ● Cold Drinks ● Raffles ● Prizes  
 "Little Miss and Mister FireCracker"  
 (Kiddies' Best-Dressed Contest)

10:00 a.m. Opening Ceremony  
 10:30 a.m. **PARADE**  
 theme: *"Star Spangled Banner"*  
 prizes for the best floats

11:00 a.m. *Booths Open, Food, Music*  
 11:00 a.m. Parade Winners Announced  
 11:30 a.m. Kiddies' Contests  
 12:30 p.m. Raffle Winners Announced  
 9:00 p.m. **FIREWORKS**

To take part in Arts & Crafts, phone Marya at 695-2905  
 To enter the parade, phone Elaine at 695-2695

**BOOK OF THE MONTH**





Beryl, the unfriendly bee, chases other bees away from flowers that have the most pollen. "Get off this flower!" "Get lost! This flower is mine!" she shouts.

Beryl doesn't care if she has no friends. She wants to win Queen-Bee's merit badge for collecting the most pollen for the hive.

The other bees are annoyed and teach Beryl a lesson - that life is much better if you are a friendly bee.

[Buy on Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

Interested in starting a new sub-group? Talk to our President about what sub-groups you would like to see. [enoyes5856@gmail.com](mailto:enoyes5856@gmail.com)

HAVE NEWS? - Won a reward or contest? Doing a book signing or promotion? Let us know before the 1st of each month so it can be included in our monthly newsletter.

If you have a newly published book, or are a new member to MIW, we would like to feature your book on the "Book of the Month" to the left. Send .jpg of book front cover, a short synopsis, short bio and where they book can be purchased to [marcoislandwritersinc@gmail.com](mailto:marcoislandwritersinc@gmail.com). Please put "Book of the Month" in the subject line. If we

do not have any new books, we will rotate promoting previously published books of MIW members.

Sincerely,

Joanne Tailele, Secretary  
Marco Island Writers

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