

# Marco Island Writers



If you haven't been to our website lately, take a look. It has been updated.

[VISIT OUR WEBSITE](#)

## February 2018 Public Newsletter

Dear Judy,

Marco Island Writers extends a heartfelt handshake and thank you for those of you that were past member and supporters. We certainly miss your input at our meetings but realize the circumstances in everyone's lives change the way they must allocate their time. Your past contribution of time and money were instrumental in launching the career of untold comrades. We urge you to become active members. It would be wonderful to have you a part of our group. 2018 membership is \$50.00 for single membership and \$75.00 for family memberships. Membership entitles you to all the regular meetings, promotion of your books, short stories and poetry on the website and member rates to any event requiring admission. Also, if you have a new publication or announcement about your writing career, we will share it on the newsletter and website. Membership also gives you reciprocity with GCWA, Gulf Coast Writers Association to attend their meetings at their member rates.

We are continuing in your footsteps of encouragement and help to budding writers and hope that even if you can't attend the meetings you may consider supporting our efforts with a donation. We are continually striving to bring quality speakers and workshops to our members. Honorary contributors will receive the exclusive Member Only newsletter that is not available to the general public.

Please make checks to Marco Island Writers Inc. and mail % Connie Gaertner, Treasurer, 380 Seaview Ct. #1105, Marco Island, FL 34145.

Sincerely,  
Joanne Tailele, President

# HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Due to Valentine's Day falling on our normally scheduled meeting day, Wed. Feb.14, we are moving our meeting by one week to

**Wednesday, February 21, 2018**

Same place, same time, 6-8 PM, Center for the Arts.

1010 Winterberry Drive. Marco Island, Fl

For the February meeting we will be focusing on writing in genres different from our norm. Follow the instructions on the link below.

Bring 5 copies of your piece.

## [Writing Outside of the Box](#)

**ANY MEMBER WHO WISHES TO SUBMIT A QUERY LETTER FOR REVIEW BY OUR MARCH SPEAKER, LAURA DRAKE, EMAIL TO [joanne.tailele@gmail.com](mailto:joanne.tailele@gmail.com) BETWEEN FEB 1 - FEB 21. PLEASE PUT "QUERY LETTER" IN THE SUBJECT LINE.**



*Laura Drake*

**LAURA DRAKE: MARCH 14**

**REMINDER -**

**send your Query Letters between**

**Feb 1-Feb 21! [members only]**

LAURA DRAKE, 2014 RITA (Romance Writers of America) Award Winner will be here from 6-8 p.m all the way from Texas to bring us "[The Tortoise Story](#)," how she made it in the traditional publishing world after years of struggle and disappointment. She will also conduct a Query Letter workshop from 8-9 p.m.. If you would like your query letter critiqued, please

email it to [joanne.tailele@gmail.com](mailto:joanne.tailele@gmail.com) between Feb. 1-Feb. 21. Laura will choose 2 or 3 member letters to critique at the workshop.

**WE MUST HAVE THEM AHEAD OF TIME.**

Guests are encouraged to attend at a nominal charge of \$10. Members are free. Come early. We are expecting a big crowd. Announcements will be at 5:45 p.m. Guests are welcome to stay for the workshop, no additional charge, but only member query letters will be critiqued. Learn more about Laura. [Laura Drake's Website](#)



## **Marco Island Poets**

Our next meeting will be on **Monday, February 19**, at 4 PM again at Liz Noyes' house on Marco. Come and bring something to read, share, critique, yours or another's. Please RSVP beforehand as we like to know how many to plan on, and I will give you directions to her abode. [Sara Medeiros](#) 239-394-1728



## **Marco Center For the Arts**

**Meet and greet with lots of locals.  
2nd Tuesday of every Month**

Don't let this chance pass you by! This is a well attended affair and we need authors to take advantage of this great, free opportunity to promote their books. Many spots for 2018 are open at this time. The events create a ready-made and receptive audience with our visually artistic brethren. Don't miss it. Email Joanne at [joanne.tailele@gmail.com](mailto:joanne.tailele@gmail.com) and let her know what month you want. Marco Arts Schedule link:

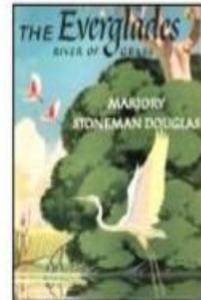
**[2018 Center for the Arts Tuesday Events](#)**

# ART-IN-THE-GLADES

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2018



10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
McLeod Park  
Everglades City

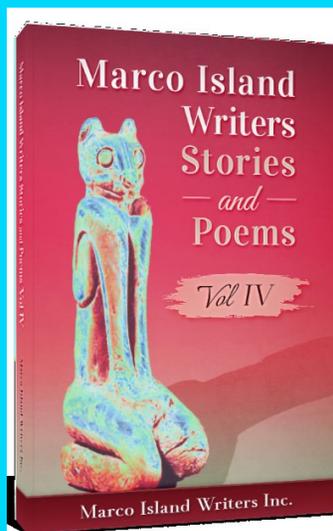


Arts & Crafts sale

*Marjory Stoneman Douglas Festival*

For info, phone Marya at (239) 695-2905

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## Marco Island Writers Stories and Poems Vol. IV

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& available at the Farmer's Market.

Members Price \$8.00 Or a set of all four books for  
\$29.00

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## IN THE NEWS!



**Feb. 23-24 Estero, Fl**  
**Hearts in the Sand Writers Conference**  
**Hearts in the Sand Registration**

## BOOK OF THE MONTH

Project Starlight by Rich Goldhaber



The brutal strangulation of a high-priced call girl proves to be much more sinister than a typical murder case. Detective Dan Lawson and the FBI are now involved in a superpower's attempt to steal the military's most secret advanced technology. The loss of Project Starlight's technical knowledge could cut a decade off the lead-time required to duplicate the advanced weapons system.

About the author: Rich Goldhaber spent forty years in the medical products industry, mainly research and development, in Belgium & Minneapolis. He also served as Vice President and Chief Technical Officer at Aksys Corporation in Chicago. He has received more than twenty United States patents, many helping to advance the fields of Dialysis and Cardiosurgery. Since retiring he has leveraged his knowledge of science and technology into a second career as a Mystery / Thriller writer. Rich splits his time

between Naples, Florida and Chicago, Illinois

[buy here on Amazon](#)



**FARMER'S MARKET**  
MAKE USE OF THIS  
OPPORTUNITY

Rich Goldhaber is chairing the Farmer's Market again this year (Thank you Rich). If you are interested in participating please contact Rich

[R.J.Goldhaber@gmail.com](mailto:R.J.Goldhaber@gmail.com) There are still a few opportunities remaining.

[Farmers Market Schedule](#)

Interested in starting a new sub-group? Talk to our President about what sub-groups you would like to see. [joanne.tailele@gmail.com](mailto:joanne.tailele@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." Send .jpg of book front cover, a short synopsis, short bio and where the 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.

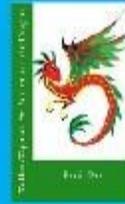
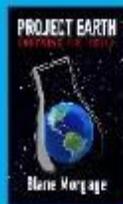
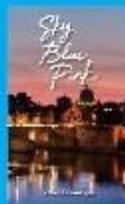
Sincerely,

Joanne Tailele, Secretary  
Marco Island Writers

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Monthly Meeting Update: Patricia Sands, Author  
Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2018 6-8 pm  
1010 Winterberry Dr. @ Center for the Arts



We are so excited to announce a change in our February meeting agenda. With the help of Michael Meguid, we have the pleasure of having Patricia Sands, Author speaking to us.

Topic: Writing, Publishing ~ How you can make it happen.

Patricia Sands shares her writing journey and lessons learned along the way, from indie publishing to a contract with Amazon's women's fiction imprint, Lake Union Publishing. Providing inspiration and some answers to your questions is her goal.

Patricia Sands lives in Toronto, Canada, when she isn't somewhere else, and calls the south of France her second home. She is the award-winning author of *The Bridge Club* and the best-selling *Love in Provence* trilogy. Her fifth novel, *Drawing Lessons* which is also set in the south of France, was released by Lake Union Publishing on October 1, 2017.

Find out more at Patricia's [Facebook Author Page](#), [Amazon Author Page](#) or her [website](#). There are links to her books, social media, and a monthly newsletter that has special giveaways, photography from France, and sneak peeks at her next book. She loves hearing from readers.

Follow her on Instagram [@patricialsands](#).

Represented by Pamela Harty of The Knight Agency  
Under contract to Lake Union Publishing



Members: If you already wrote your short story for this meeting, please hang on to it. We will reschedule "Writing Outside of the Box" at another time.

See you the 3rd Wednesday - Feb. 21, 2018.

Connect with us

